



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST

NOVEMBER 13 - 2016

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Holy Father John Chrysostom (the Golden-Mouthed), Archbishop of Constantinople

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

Troparion: Grace shone forth from your mouth like a fiery beacon* and enlightened the universe,* bestowing on the world not the treasures of greed,* but rather showing us the heights of humility.* As you teach us by your words, O John Chrysostom, our father,* Intercede with the Word, Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion: You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raise the world.* All humanity acclaims You as God.* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:* "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: From heaven you received divine grace;* your lips have taught us all to worship the Triune God,* O blessed John Chrysostom.* It is fitting that we praise you;* for you are a teacher clarifying things divine.

Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:9-19

Brothers and Sisters, live as children of light for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.

At the end of the Epistle parents may send their children to the back of the church to get candles for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: The mouth of the just man shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak judgement.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sundays:

8:30am – Ukrainian [chanted]
10:30am – English [choir]
1:00pm – Arabic / English [Melkite]
5:00pm – English [recited & incense free]

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat

9:00am – English

Fridays:

10:00am at Westview—English

Feast Days: (subject to change)

9:00am – English
7:00pm – English

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confession:

Saturdays at 4pm, occasionally on
Sundays from 10—11am, and by
appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

Baptism-Chrismation-Eucharist:
Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

Anointing of the Sick: For emergencies
call 403-249-4818, press 9.

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verse: The law of God is in his heart, and his steps will not falter.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:16-22

THE Lord told this parable: "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to consider, saying, 'What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many good things laid up for many

years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool, this very night, you must give up your life; and the things you have provided, whose will they be?' So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God." After he had said this, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear*.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



FIRST OF MANY TO COME!

TODAY we have the honor of witnessing Deacon Andrij in his FIRST EVER PREACHING OF THE DIVINE LITURGY in a parish on a Sunday! Let's all be supportive, and try not to make him more nervous than he already is, as he preaches today. We know he will be a wonderful spiritual leader!

Please pray for him and may God guide him in guiding all of us!



KIDS CORNER

Hey Kids—let's have some fun!
Try to solve the puzzle...

The Anaphora

After we recite the Creed, Father invites us to "lift up our hearts" to Heaven. We will think only about God and how much we love Him. We thank Him for all He has done for us, and we praise Him singing:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth, Heaven and Earth are full of Your Glory. Hosanna in the Highest."

We remember a time long ago in a large upper room where Jesus gathered with His Apostles for the Last Supper on the night before He was crucified. Because of His great love for us, He took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to His Apostles saying:

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8 = C	1 = T	13 = E	12 = L	20 = U
5 = K	6 = H	15 = A	18 = R	14 = N
2 = B	3 = W	11 = M	21 = H	16 = I

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which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Then Jesus took a cup of wine and, after He had given thanks for it, He gave it to His Apostles saying:

"Drink of it, all of you. This is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

We hear Father repeat these same words that Jesus spoke.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS ... Lest We Forget



As your editor I am always planning ahead with articles that you, the parishioners of St. Stephen's, trust me to share through VIEWS FROM THE PEWS. This article was not in the plan but was an inspiration from the Remembrance Day Service at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy. I was so moved, so emotional, so filled with all the blessings that St. Stephen's Parish had brought to my life over the last 9 years. All I had to do was look around at all of you who attended to see you echo my feelings.

After meeting with Bishop David (in September after Praznyk), and discussing briefly our 25 Year Pastoral Plan for the Eparchy of Alberta, your parish counsel members were given a Handbook for Pastoral Planning titled "A Vibrant Parish", a place to encounter the Living Christ". Our Pastoral Plan involves all parishioners of St. Stephen's. The first of four sections of this handbook, talks to "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS – How are we already fulfilling our Mission as a Church?" Simply put, an awareness of the blessings we already have in our parish. We need to acknowledge and celebrate these blessings.

Last Sunday November 6th both St. Stephen's parish and St. Basil's parish commemorated Remembrance Day each in a special way.

The Knights of Columbus participate in many events every year, one event being highlighting patriotism. The Knights, together with the parish community, presented the Canadian flag and the memorial wreaths in respect of the many thousands of Canadians that gave their lives and continue to put their lives at risk for our freedom. The wreaths are symbolic as they do show that we remember and will not forget. The choir's singing of Veechnaayaa Paamyaat, (Ukrainian for "remembrance forever), during the wreath presentation brings tears to your eyes. Poems were read, our resident bugler, Brett played enhancing the mood, and Father Bo gave a beautiful blessing. I thought that standing to sing "O Canada" was the finale when the men of our choir stood together to sing "Last Night I had the Strangest Dream". Father Ephrem shared that he was in the confessional and stopped to hear the men singing. He loved all the music and thanked the choir for their gift. I left the church feeling so uplifted and appreciative of all of God's Blessings that we experience daily at St. Stephen's.



St. Basil's parish celebrated Remembrance Day in an equally moving display. Father Ephrem said they took all the wreaths back into the gathering place outside the doors into the church, and at the end of their Divine Liturgy their young people carried the Canadian flag and the wreaths back into the church and laid them where they were before. This was followed by the singing of "O Canada". They are new Canadians and wanted to experience the ceremony of a Remembrance Day.

Today, as we celebrate another beautiful Divine Liturgy, let's be mindful of all the blessings we have. We need to look no further than to our own parishioners who dedicate their actions to serving the needs of our St. Stephen's Parish.

Special thanks to our Knights of Columbus, Father Bo, Father Ephrem, John Siroiska, Tim Popel, Brett Bernakevitch, Connor Chelack and our choirs for a heartfelt and powerful message.

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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE:

"We all say 'Lest We Forget' ... perhaps it would be better said 'We must always Remember'." Anonymous

**ST. STEPHEN CHARITABLE
COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES &
ORGANIZATIONS**

Charity Subcommittee: Coordinate and market the efforts of all parish charitable activity.

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Pass It On: Donates clothing to needy families in Calgary.

Contact: Theresa Lewchuk
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Men's Dinner: Annual major church fundraiser for capital expenses plus Inn From the Cold endeavours.

Contact: Greg Bobyn
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The Helping Others Network:

Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy.

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Art Committee: discusses religious artwork for parish.

Contact: Jim Ochitwa
<jim.ochitwa@maryngroup.com>

UCWLC: Responds to parish and community needs through volunteerism, pastoral works, Ukrainian culture & aid.

Contact: Stacey Bobyn
403-860-2185
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Knights of Columbus: Provide financial aid & support for members and their families, and help the sick, needy and disabled in our parish, city and abroad.

Contact: Earle Kowalewich
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Plus 50 Club: Provides social interaction for parish seniors, promotes Ukrainian cultural events, and raises funds for the parish.

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NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>SAINT: Our Holy Father John Chrysostom (the Golden-Mouthed), Archbishop of</p>			
<p>13 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Choir CD Launch & Celebration after 10:30 Divine Liturgy 12:00pm M.A.F.I.A. Meeting 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 	<p>15 BEGINNING OF NATIVITY FAST (ADVENT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00am Cabbage Roll Workbee 1:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 6:30 & 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Art Committee Meeting 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>20 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. With Sunday School PARISH SAGM after 10:30 Divine Liturgy K of C Pancake breakfast after each Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. <p> SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE</p>	<p>21 FEAST DAY: ENTRANCE OF MOTHER OF GOD INTO TEMPLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal DLiturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 7:00 pm Festal DLiturgy 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>27 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. With Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. <p>UCWLC SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR</p> <p></p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal DLiturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 7:00 pm Bible Study 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Plus 50 Mtg 1:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 1:00 pm Regnum Christie 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>4 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 3:00pm Ukrainian Carol Festival—Bella Centre (Mount Royal) 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. <p>ST. NICHOLAS EVENT</p> <p></p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal DLiturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions <p>← PARISH ADVENT MISSION with Fr. Michael</p>	<p>6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 1:00 pm Regnum Christie 6:30 & 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Property Management Meeting 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Choir Practice	17 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 2:00pm Malanka Committee Meeting	18 (DAY OF FASTING) ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	19 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 3:00pm M.A.F.I.A. Meeting ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Choir Practice	24 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	25 (DAY OF FASTING) ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge ♦ 6:00 pm FAITH FRIDAY and POTLUCK DINNER	26 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 10:00 am Decorating for Christmas ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Choir Practice	DECEMBER 1 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting	2 (DAY OF FASTING) ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	3 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 1:00 pm Wedding ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	8 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting	9 (DAY OF FASTING) ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge ♦ 6:00 pm FAITH FRIDAY and POTLUCK DINNER	10 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
Michael Planchak →			

St. Stephen's Choir: Provides music ministry to the parish for liturgical services and other events.
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Support Network: Provides support, encouragement & help for parishioners facing various difficulties/situations with referrals to services or help they need.
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International Trust Fund: Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2nd and 3rd world countries.
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Calgary Pro-Life Association: Raises funds for educational awareness programs.
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Snowflakes for Zambia: Raises funds to build schools for orphaned/at risk children in developing countries.
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Parish Library: A great place to borrow great books about our faith.
Contact: Olga Kizlyk Scarpari
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ARK Store: Looking for the perfect religious item? Check it out at the entrance to our hall. Open most Sunday mornings after Liturgy.
Contact: Donna Chelack
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Mothers and Fathers in Action

(M.A.F.I.A.): A group for parents and little ones from 'in utero' to Grade 6.

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Sunday School: A program run on most Sundays during the 10:30am Divine

Liturgy for preschoolers age 4 through grade 2 children.

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First Solemn Communion (FSC):

Sacramental Classes for children around GRADE 2 who are ready to approach for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own.

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Children of Mary & Altar Servers:

Elementary school children who have completed their FSC, are encouraged to get involved by serving at the Altar, learning, playing and growing together.

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Junior Youth & Senior Youth: This is an active group of Jr. & Sr. High School students who work, play and grow together in Christ.

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Young Adults: Those aged 18 - 35 are encouraged to gather as a community and learn, embrace and celebrate their faith.

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Adult Catechism (RCIA): This program is open to Adults and Teens who want to receive the sacraments or just understand the faith.

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Bible Study: On many Mondays we study our faith through Sacred Scripture. Join us.

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Glory be to Jesus Christ!

LITURGICAL HELP

EPISTLE READERS

8:30am - Gerald Strashok

10:30am - Craig Pichach

5:00pm - Christine Knights

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30am - Gerald Strashok

10:30am - Craig Pichach

ROSARY (10:00am): David McMillan

ARK STORE— Lewchuk Family

PRAYERS & CATECHESIS

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY during

10:30am Divine Liturgy.

BIBLE STUDY: tomorrow and most Mondays at 7:00pm in the hall. Please check your calendar and join us in this wonderful journey.

ST. PHILLIP'S FAST (ADVENT): begins on Tuesday, Nov. 15. See back page of bulletin for more description.

MAJOR FEAST DAY: ENTRANCE OF MOTHER OF GOD INTO TEMPLE is on Monday, November 21. Festal Liturgies will be held at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

CONFESSIONS at 4:00pm every Saturday.

GREAT VESPERS at 5:00pm every Saturday. Please join us in this lovely hour of prayer.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Begin in January, but you can sign up your child today. Just call or email the office.

CARDS AND DIVINE LITURGIES: The Pastoral Care Committee sends cards and makes requests for Divine Liturgies on behalf of St. Stephen's parishioners for all of our parishioners. If you know of someone in our Parish Family who the committee should be attending to, please contact Anne Lozinski at 403-241-8905.

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

CHOIR PRACTICE: on ALL Wednesdays in the month of November at 7:00pm in the loft.

CHOIR CD LAUNCH: TODAY after 10:30 Divine Liturgy in the hall. Please join the choir as they unveil their newest musical masterpiece!

M.A.F.I.A. MEETING: TODAY at noon in the Knight's room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

****NEW** CABBAGE ROLL WORKBEE:** on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 9:00am in the kitchen. We have had an overwhelming number of pre-orders for cabbage rolls being sold at the Snowflake Bazaar so have had to add another workbee to fill them (because they are so good!). PLEASE, if you can come lend a hand we could really use your support!

ART COMMITTEE MEETING: on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:00pm in the Knight's room.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT MEETING: on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7:00pm in the Knight's room.

MALANKA COMMITTEE MEETING: on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 2:00pm in the boardroom.

M.A.F.I.A. CRAFTING: on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 3:00pm in the hall.

PARISH SAGM : on Sunday, Nov. 20 after 10:30 Divine Liturgy in the hall. Please plan on attending (see next page).

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAK-FAST next Sunday, Nov. 20 before the AGM.

SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE: will be collected next Sunday, Nov. 20. Thank you for your generosity!

UCWLC SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR: on Sunday, Nov. 27 after the 10:30pm Divine Liturgy. Please come and see what's new and exciting for 2016. We hope to have many new vendors this year, so come and check it out! Deadline for registering your craft/vendor table (and submitting your \$30 table fee) is November 21. Registration forms are available at the entrance to the church. For more information, please contact Stacey Bobyn at <sbobyn1@telus.net.> . Hope to see you there!



**ST. STEPHEN'S
SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Are you interested in our parish's well-being? Do you have questions or comments about our ministries, financials, or how and why we do what we do (or don't do)? Then we urge you to attend the **SAGM after the 10:30 Divine Liturgy next Sunday**. You might learn something you didn't know about St. Stephen's!

At the meeting the **2017 Budget** will be presented and discussed for approval.

We need a quorum of **70** eligible parish members in order to conduct this meeting, so please come, listen, and be heard.

Every voice counts!

**ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
ANNOUNCING**

**OFFICIAL LAUNCH
AND RECEPTION
CELEBRATION**

November 13, 2016
CHOIR'S LATEST 2-DISC CD
"Magnify The Lord"

**CDs will be available for purchase
after all liturgies**

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit
rejoices in God my Saviour."
Luke 1:46,47*

**Liturgy Intentions
for this week:**

**Sunday, November 13 – TWENTY-
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

8:30am – for the intentions and
needs of all parishioners

10:30am – for blessings for good
health and healing for Harry Kozicki

5:00pm – for the intentions and
needs of all parishioners

Monday, November 14:

9:00am – in memorial (1 year) for
the repose of the soul of +Gen
Berezny (nee Sakundiak)
w/ panakhyda

Tuesday, November 15:

9:00am – for blessings on a special
day for Julie Bayrock

Wednesday, November 16:

No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 17:

9:00am – for blessings for good
health for Sylvia Gazdewich

Friday, November 18:

9:30am (Westview) – for the
intentions and needs of all
parishioners

Saturday, November 19:

9:00am – for the intentions and
needs of all parishioners

**Sunday, November 20 – TWENTY-
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST:**

8:30am – for the intentions and
needs of all parishioners

10:30am – in memory of the repose
of the soul of +Olecia Chobych

5:00pm – for the intentions and
needs of all parishioners



SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE

We would like to thank all of you that have tirelessly made and/or transported sandwich loaves for the Drop-In Centre every month. Your acts of kindness and generosity do not go unnoticed!

"People aren't born on the street. Nor do lives have to end there. With help, the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre is where some lives begin." Taken from: <http://www.thedi.ca/>

WHEAT WEAVING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOV. 19, 9:30-12:00 p.m.



Participants will learn basic wheat weaving skills from Instructor Maria Shysh and have the opportunity to make and take home 3 projects. Cost: \$20.00. Space limited so register soon! Workshop limited to participants age 13 and up. Contact Donna Chelack at dchelack@shaw.ca or 403-764-0811.

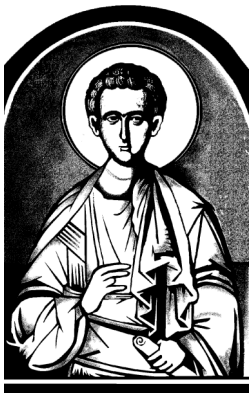
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to all applicants for the two new office positions. We are hoping to fill the Office Administrator position by end of the week, and the Sacramental Coordinator position shortly thereafter. If you are interested in either of these positions and haven't done so yet, please submit your resume ASAP!

Office Administrator – This role will work 4 days/week, 7.5 hours/day. The primary responsibilities include general office and parish administration, and accounting duties.

Sacramental Coordinator – This role will work 27 hours/week, with some regular office hours, and some evening and weekend hours as needed. The responsibilities include assisting with documentation and administration for Sacraments, communicating with parishioners by preparing the weekly bulletin and updating the website, and assisting with various parish programs.

Further details on these roles can be obtained by contacting Father Bo at (403) 249-4818 or FatherBo@Protomartyr.ca, and also Mark Ewanchyna, PPC Chair at (403) 880-0905 or mark.ewanchyna@gmail.com.



The Phillipian Fast

(more commonly known as Advent or the Nativity Fast)

Origins of the Fast

The Feast of the Nativity was added to the calendar by Rome in the fourth century. By the end of this century it had been accepted by the east as well. Likewise, the fast before the Nativity began in the west, the second council of Tours (France) in 567 advocates a fast from the Feast of St. Martin (November 11) until the Nativity, for Monday, Wednesday & Fridays. The practice is ascribed to St. Perpetuus Bishop of Tours who died in 491. Pope Gregory established the current four week Advent Season in the eleventh century for the west. In the east, the Coptic Church (Egypt) mentions the forty day fast before the Nativity in the eighth century. The Council of Constantinople in 1166 officially set the fast for the Byzantine tradition.

The forty day fast imitates the period of preparation for Pascha. The feasts of Nativity/Theophany and the Resurrection are the alpha and omega of Christ's ministry on earth. The mystery of the incarnation opens the door for our salvation and the mystery of the Resurrection brings us forth to the New Life. The oldest Typicons (Litururgical Rule Book) we have designate the Nativity as a three day Pascha. Very early Christians made this connection between the two feasts.

We are surrounded by Advent in the United States, that is if there is any spiritual preparation for the Nativity at all. Advent is anticipation of the coming of Christ. Over time in the west this came to be a dual anticipation, the Christ Child in Bethlehem and the second coming of Christ at the end of time. Here the focus is on the appearance of Christ in the world, in both the past and the future forms.

Phillip's fast is not advent. The focus is on incarnation of Christ and the role of Mary as the representative of the human race. We do not see the future coming of Christ but we see the plan of salvation of God. We see the shadow of the Cross in the manger of Bethlehem. The focus of our meditations is the self emptying of God to take the form of a slave, a human being. How much God loves us to do this great deed. How marvelous that we too can become sharers in the Divine nature by the incarnation of Christ.

"Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

Isaiah 30:19-21

Mary the Temple

During the first week of the Phillipian Fast we have the Feast of the Entrance of Mary into the temple. Here we make the explicit connection between the Nativity and this feast by singing the canon of the Nativity on this day. Mary is the central human character in the Nativity and the means by which the God is made flesh, the incarnation. Mary's participation in the Divine plan to save the human race is our model. We must cooperate with the plan of God in our lives the same way that Mary does.

In this feast we make the explicit connection between Mary and the temple of God built by Solomon. At vespers on the feast we read Ezekiel 43:27-44:4. This is the description of the Glory of the Lord descending on Solomon's temple in a vision. The Lord takes around the temple and passes through east gate of the temple. He then orders Ezekiel to keep that gate shut and none are to use this gate because the Lord has used it. This image of the gate has been applied to Mary and the miraculous birth of the Christ child. Just as God's presence came to rest on the temple of old, God came to rest in the person of Mary. Just as God used the east gate of the temple and none can now use this Holy gate, Christ is born of Mary and none can use this Holy gate of birth. Mary is the temple of God par excellence.

St. Paul also teaches us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit by virtue of our baptism. While Mary is the first, and best, temple of God, she is also the example for us. We receive the Spirit of God in our Baptism and must act as the "royal nation, and Holy priesthood" that Peter calls us to in his letter. The events surrounding Christ's incarnation are not history but examples to follow and promises of help.

Exerpt taken from: <http://pulukka.com/home/assets/documents/WinterPascha1.pdf>

Please note that this year the Phillipian Fast starts on Tuesday, November 15 and the Feast of the Entrance of Mary into the Temple is on Monday, November 21st .