



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST

NOVEMBER 27 - 2016

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Martyr James of Persia

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: Today the Virgin stands before us in the church* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,* Apostles exult with prophets,* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokeimenon

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. .

Epistle

Colossians 3:12-16

Brothers and Sisters, As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in

perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

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: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:16-25

The Lord told this parable, "A certain man gave a great supper, and he invited many. And he sent his servant at supper time to tell those invited to come, for everything is now ready. And they all with one accord began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; please hold me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am on my way to try them; please hold me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' And the servant returned, and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the crippled, and the lame, and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Sir, your order has been carried out, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant,

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www.edmontoneparchy.com

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.

Funeral: Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

CLERGY and RELIGIOUS

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HALL KITCHEN

403-249-4818, ext. 204

'Go out into the highways and hedges, and
make them come in, so that my house may be
filled. For I tell you that none of those who
were invited shall taste of my supper. For
many are called but few are chosen."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him
in the highest.*

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

*Ms. Delores Oucharek of Yorkton, SK and Mr. Ernest Whym of Yorkton, SK along with
Mrs. and Mr. Paula and Douglas Inglis of Calgary, Alberta
are proud to announce the marriage of their children:*



*Karen Anne Stella of Calgary, Alberta, formally of Yorkton, SK
to
Evan James of Calgary, Alberta.*



*The couple will be married December 3, 2016 at St. Stephen's Protomartyr Church
in a private celebration.*

May God grant them Many Happy and Holy Years. Monohaya Lita!

ANNOUNCEMENT



Linda Buck



Violet Bird

Please join us in welcoming Linda Buck and Violet Bird as the
new parish Office staff. Linda will officially start her role as
Office Administrator effective December 1st, 2016 and Violet
will be our new Sacramental Coordinator effective January 1st,
2017. With these additions/changes we will have new office
hours effective January 1st as follows:

Monday—Thursday: Open 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Open 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Sunday: Open between Divine Liturgies

We are excited to have these ladies on board and are certain
that together they will provide the support necessary to meet
the needs of our parish. Monohaya Lita!



From the 10:30 a.m. CHOIR....

OUR CD LAUNCH WAS SUCCESSFUL! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
PURCHASED THE SET. WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY LISTENING TO
THE MUSIC ON THE CD AS MUCH AS WE ENJOYED RECORDING IT.

CDs are still available for purchase each Sunday in The Ark or in the office during office
hours.

Until Christmas, CDs will also be available for purchase in the Narthex after all three
liturgies. PLEASE NOTE: the CD will also be available at a table at the Snowflake Bazaar
TODAY!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS—OUR ST. STEPHEN'S CHOIR LAUNCHES 2ND CD

How fortunate we are to have our own “Angels” singing from the heavens (choir loft), every Sunday. And we are even more fortunate to be able to take those angelic voices with us wherever we go. Our Choir has launched its second CD, *MAGNIFY the LORD*. Many of us were fortunate enough to attend the launch of this CD and to hear Linda Dudar speak to its creation. For those of you who did not attend and for those of us who did, I think a picture tells the best story. So here are the pictures (story) from the CD launch. . The CD will make a perfect stocking stuffer. Be sure to stop by the Ark Store or office to purchase your copy.



Editor's note: Parishioners of St. Stephen's I am asking you to share your stories and your “VIEWS FROM THE PEWS”. I need content to publish this every Sunday and I am asking for all of you to share. I am happy to craft a story for you with any information you wish to send to me.

Contact me: laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca or 403-614-5581.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE: We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations”. Chuck Swindoll (Christian Quotes)

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

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

Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn
587-891-9898;

<eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com>

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

Contact: Theresa Lewchuk
403-208-0850;
<lewchukt@hotmail.com>

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

Contact: Greg Bobyn
403-271-0011; <greg.bobyn@mnpc.ca>

The Helping Others Network: Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy.

Contact: Des Peplinski
403-238-0804; <dlp238@shaw.ca>

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
<sbobyn1@telusplanet.net>




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
<earlekoko@shaw.ca>


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

Contact: Ed Tysowski
403-547-3226; <tysow@shaw.ca>

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Saints: The Holy Martyr James of Persia			
27 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <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. 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal DLiturg 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 7:00 pm Bible Study 	29 <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 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none">
4 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <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.  ST. NICHOLAS EVENT	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal DLiturg 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 	6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 6:30 & 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">
11 FOREFATHERS <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. 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 & 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 Parish Council Meeting 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">
18 SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD <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.  SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 7:00 pm Bible Study 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 Art Committee Meeting 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">

← **PARISH ADVENT MISSION with Fr. Miha**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 7:00 pm Choir practice?	8 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 6:00 pm UCWLC AGM	9 ♦ 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
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No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Property Management Meeting Choir Practice?	15 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ Men's Dinner Meeting	16 (DAY OF FASTING) ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	17 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
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St. Stephen's Choir: Provides music ministry to the parish for liturgical services and other events.
Contact: Linda Dudar
403-238-0461; <linda.dudar@stmu.ca>

Prayer & Support Group: Accepts prayer requests for the confidential needs and intentions of parishioners.
Contact: Marilyn Comchi
403-220-9624;
<marilyncomchi@shaw.ca>

Support Network: Provides support, encouragement & help for parishioners facing various difficulties/situations with referrals to services or help they need.
Contact: Marilyn Comchi
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International Trust Fund: Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2nd and 3rd world countries.
Contact: Steve Groch
403-239-4699; <swgctc@aol.com>

Family Support Trust Fund: provides temporary financial support to parishioners in need. Donations to this fund are always welcome.
Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn
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<eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com>

Calgary Pro-Life Association: Raises funds for educational awareness programs.
Contact: John Siroishka
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<johnsiroishka@shaw.ca>

Parish Library: A great place to borrow great books about our faith.
Contact: Olga Kizlyk Scarpari
<ststephens.library@gmail.com>

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
403-764-0811; <dchelack@shaw.ca>



Mothers and Fathers in Action

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

Contact: Zenon Berg

<zenonberg@gmail.com>

Sunday School: A program run on most Sundays during the 10:30am Divine Liturgy for preschoolers age 4 through grade 2 children.

Contact: Lynsey Lowey

<lklowey@hotmail.com>

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.

Contact: Karen McMillan

<s.david.mcmillan@gmail.com>

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.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

<fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com>

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

Contact: Philip Bird

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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 - Knights of Columbus

10:30am - Knights of Columbus

5:00pm - Knights of Columbus

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30am - Knights of Columbus

10:30am - Knights of Columbus

ROSARY (10:00am): Knights of Columbus

ARK STORE— Longfield Family

PRAYERS & CATECHESIS

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY during 10:30am

Divine Liturgy. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL next week, December 4th

BIBLE STUDY: tomorrow, Nov. 28 at 7:00pm in the hall.

NATIVITY FAST continues (Winter Pascha, Week 3) See back page of bulletin for more description.

REGNUM CHRISTI: prayers: on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 1:00pm in the church.

NATIVITY FAST MISSION: with Fr. Mihajlo Planchak will run from Monday, Dec. 5 through Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 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 SOLEMN COMMUNION CLASSES: Begin Sunday, January 15 at 9:30am. Please contact teacher Barb Carpay <bcarpay@shaw.ca> or Karen McMillan at 403-257-6910 <s.david.mcmillan@gmail.com> for more details or to register. Registration forms are also available in the Atrium or on our website at www.saintstephencalgary.ca

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

UCWLC SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR: TODAY from 9:30am—1:30pm 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! Hope to see you there!

CHOIR PRACTICE: on Wednesday, Nov. 30 in at 7:00pm in the loft.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3RD DEGREE MEETING: on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:00pm.

ST. NICHOLAS EVENT: on Sunday, December 4 after Divine Liturgy.

UCWLC AGM: Thursday, Dec. 8th at 6:00pm in the hall. PLEASE NOTE the date change from Dec. 1st as originally scheduled.

FAITH FRIDAY: next event will be Friday, December 9 at 6:00pm. See you there!

Finance Committee Meeting: Monday, Dec. 12 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

Parish Council Meeting: on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7:00pm in the Knights room.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT MEETING: on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7:00pm in the Knights room.

MEN'S DINNER MEETING: on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE: will be collected on Sunday, Dec. 18.

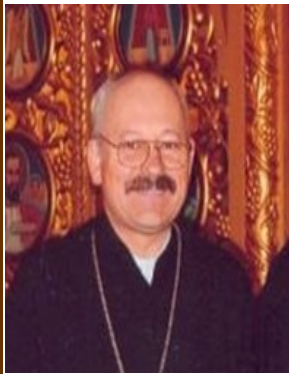
ART COMMITTEE MEETING: on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY INITIATIVE:

Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul Society

During the Nativity Fast (and possibly afterwards), we will be collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring in your donation of non-perishable food items (not past expiry date!) and place them in the boxes provided in the atrium. These items will be picked up for distribution to many hungry families in Calgary.

Your generosity is appreciated in helping those less fortunate. Thank you!



NATIVITY FAST MISSION

"How to Pray"

December 5—7, (Mon—Wed.) at 7:00pm

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Mihajlo (Michael) Planchak to lead us through this year's Parish Nativity Fast Mission. The topic is "How to Pray" and we are certain it will be educational, spiritual and rewarding.



UCWLC ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2016

Please note we will start our evening at 6:00 P.M. with refreshments and catered dinner followed by meeting. Join us as we bring the year to a close and discuss the coming new year.

Please RSVP via e-vite or to Donna Chelack @ 403-764-0811.



**ALWAYS
WANTED TO BE
AN
ARCHIVIST?**

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!!

St. Stephen's is currently looking for a person / persons willing to become our parish archivist. With such a full and wonderful history to our parish, we are recognizing the need to preserve all these memories for generations to come. If you have any interest or would like more information, please contact the parish office at 403-249-4818.

Liturgy Intentions

for this week:

Sunday, November 27 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

8:30am – for blessings for good health and healing for Sam Bulych

10:30am- for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

5:00pm – for blessings for a successful surgery and healthy recovery for Ann

Monday, November 28:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Stephen Ruff

Tuesday, November 29:

9:00am – for health and healing for Carolyn Taillon and the wellbeing of the Sakundiak family

Wednesday, November 30:

No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 1:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Stephen Ruff

Friday, December 2:

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

Saturday, December 3:

9:00am– blessings for health and well being for "Friends of the Suffering Souls Assoc." (living souls)

Sunday, December 4 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls +John and +Elsie Wawruch

10:30am- in memory of the repose of the soul of +Nick Franko

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

ST. STEPHEN'S MALANKA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

ST. STEPHEN'S CULTURAL CENTER
4903 – 45 Street, S. W., Calgary
(Sponsored by St. Stephen's Plus 50 Club)

TIME: COCKTAILS: 6:00 PM
BUFFET: 7:00 PM
DANCE: 8:30 PM

COST: \$65 / Person

RESERVATIONS ONLY FOR TABLES OF 8 OR 10: \$520 / \$650

TICKETS Ed Tysowski: 403-547-3226
Ed Demchuk: 403-239-0871
Ambrose Comchi: 403-862-3269

ENTERTAINMENT: UKRAINIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE

The Ukrainian Canadian Professional & Business Association of Calgary and
Echoes of Ukraine ShawTV Program presents:

20th Annual Calgary Ukrainian Carol Festival
20ий Калґарський Фестиваль Колядок

December 4 грудня, 2016 - 3:00 pm



Bella Concert Hall
Mount Royal University
4825 Mt Royal Gate SW Calgary

For more information:
403.612.2237 or info@calgaryucae.ca



At St. Stephen Protomartyr we know that we are not perfect, but we strive to grow closer to God in all that we do.

Our faith is Christ-Centered, saturated with sacred scripture, holy Tradition, authentic, profound, and ancient - yet completely relevant.

As a community we understand that we must know, love and serve God and all people in order to become balanced and complete. This call to profound personal intimacy is beautiful and real; both solemn and joyful at the same time.

What's a Byzantine - Ukrainian Catholic Church?

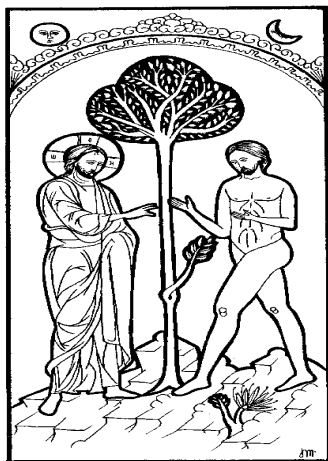
Byzantine Christians are those whose traditions, theology and spirituality flow from the early Church in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Most Eastern Christians are commonly called Orthodox.

Byzantine Catholics are those who proudly maintain their rich Eastern (Orthodox) liturgical, spiritual and theological ways, and yet are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. We recognize the leadership of the Pope of Rome, but are not ourselves Roman Catholic.

Our liturgical life is rich with meaning and actions, that speak to our whole beings. Much of our worship remains unchanged from that of our Fathers and Mothers of the early centuries of Christianity.

At St. Stephen Protomartyr, ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME who wish to live a Christian and Catholic way of life, regardless of their ethnic, economic, history or any other backgrounds. We are part of God's Holy Church, here to joyfully lead the life taught by the Risen Christ, reaching out with love and proclaiming His word to all people for the glory of God.

If you are spiritually hungry, and if you are looking for a vibrant community to grow with, we welcome you to check us out at <www.saintstephencalgary.ca> or visit us in person. We look forward to getting to know you.



The Nativity Fast

(The Winter Pascha—Week 3)

When the Creator saw the one whom He had created with his own hands perishing, He lowered the heavens and came down; He took upon himself human nature from the most holy and pure Virgin, truly becoming flesh; for this reason, we glorify Him.

Salvation History

On the two Sundays prior to the Nativity of Christ we remember all of salvation history. On the first Sunday, we recall all the faithful ones who God called and promised salvation. Next we remember the specific family line where Jesus takes his place in humanity. God created humanity as a reflection of the Divine nature. By disobedience in the Fall Adam and Eve rejected God's plan and followed their own way. But even as they were expelled from paradise God began reached out to restore our fallen nature.

Little by little over the centuries God touched individuals and called them to witness the greatness of God's plan. God witnessed the great faith of Abraham and the patriarchs. They experienced the power of God and obeyed his instructions. Moses gave the people the law, a concrete expression of God's will. Living as a nation the people had difficulty trusting in the Lord rather than the trappings of earthly power. But all the while, God continued to teach the people by chastising and rewarding them. Finally, in the fullness of time, God brought us back to paradise. God became flesh, born of a woman, born under the law to free us from the law and return us to paradise. Adam and Eve led us out of paradise, Christ and Mary lead us back. Christ is the new Adam and Mary the new Eve. Together they show us how to return to paradise. Eve dispenses the words of transgression, inviting Adam to the forbidden tree. Mary points to the way of life, "Do whatever he tells you." Eve accepts Satan's invitation while Mary accepts the annunciation of Gabriel. Eve moves from paradise to toil. Mary comes from death to life. Adam succumbs to temptation while Christ rejects the devil and all his ways. Adam leads us to toil and strife while Christ gives us peace and life. Adam makes a new law for himself. Christ embodies and fulfills the very law of God himself. The second Nativity Kontakia of Romanos has Adam and Eve expounding on the role of Mary in salvation. They acknowledge their error and rejoice in the new life that Christ brings to the human race through Mary. Even at this moment of Christ's birth in winter, they have an eye on the springtime Pascha that is to come. Christ restores the tree of life by his incarnation and resurrection.

"You are truly most blessed, O virgin Mother of God. Through the One who was incarnate of you, Hades was chained, Adam revived, the curse wiped out, Eve set free, Death put to death, and we ourselves were brought back to life. That is why we cry out in praise: blessed are You, O Christ our God, who finds in this your good pleasure. Glory to You!"

Sunday of the Holy Fathers Matins at the Praises