



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST

DECEMBER 11 - 2016

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS

Venerable Daniel the Stylite

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion: By faith You justified Your ancestors* and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations.* The saints exult in glory;* from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed.* By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

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

Kontakion: Armed by the Being that defies description,* you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:* "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,"* for You can do whatever You will.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Prokeimenon

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. .*

verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.*

Epistle

Colossians 3:4-11

Brothers and Sisters, when Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you

must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: They called on the Lord and He heard them .

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:16-24

Jesus told this parable, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled,

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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.

Funeral: Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

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the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



The Nativity Fast

(The Winter Pascha—Week 5)

*An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds
keeping night watch over their flocks. The
shepherds were frightened as they saw the glory of
the Lord around the angel and heard him say:
Rejoice, for Christ is born. Blessed are You, O
God of our Fathers.*

Circumcision

God's covenant with Abraham was sealed with the ritual of circumcision. All the male children of the promise were circumcised and named on the eighth day after their birth with the appropriate sacrifice made to God at the temple. As Christianity grew in the empire many wanted to move away from the Jewish roots of Jesus. Against this trend we see Matthew preserving this story in his Gospel. Jesus was named into the covenant of Abraham on the eighth day with his circumcision. Jesus' parents keep the traditions of their ancestors and follow the law. The law demands that all the male children be circumcised and that the first born male be redeemed by a sacrifice at the temple. We note that Jesus embraced the law of God for the Jewish people. He did not turn his back on the law but lived under it.

Paul tells us in the letter to the Romans chapter 2 that Jesus is a Jew both inside and out. Here we see that Jesus follows the prescriptions of the law, outside observance in Paul's parlance. Throughout his life and ministry Jesus is an observant Jew. He follows the Law. But just as important for Paul is the inside observance. The prophets of old scolded the people for keeping the letter of the law but ignoring the spirit by allowing injustice to exist in the land. Paul and other Christian preachers seize on this idea and claim membership in the chosen people for those who are not physically circumcised but are circumcised in their heart. The ritual of circumcision is an empty practice if the heart is not on the path towards God.

We can take this same warning to heart. One of the dangers of the Orthodox and Catholic approaches to God was highlighted by the Protestant Reformation. We can easily take ritual as the end rather than the means to salvation. When we accept communion are we performing an outside ritual or taking the food of God into our hearts? When we attend a Baptism, are we celebrating a new baby or awed by the power of God to reach out and save another life?

The concept of the eighth day connects us again with Pascha. Resurrection Sunday is the eighth day of creation. The first seven days God created this world. On the eighth day, the day of Resurrection God makes the New Creation in Christ. We live a new life that will last forever. On this Feast of the Circumcision the eighth day begins Christ's earthly life. On the eighth day of the resurrection we begin our new life.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS... Parishioners thoughts ...

The feast day for St. Nicholas is on December 6 and last Sunday we were blessed with a visit from St. Nicholas. After he greeted the children, he took them over to the Nativity Scene and asked them why Baby Jesus wasn't there. All the children knew the answer: "Because Baby Jesus was born on Christmas Day". St. Nicholas was a generous and faith-filled man who always helped the poor. To show the children how important it is to give to those less fortunate, he had a bag with groceries to put in our food donation box. Each child received a gift from St. Nicholas and the children clearly understood that Christmas is more about giving than receiving.

Thank you to our St. Nicholas who shared the important message with our children and to Stan K. for the photos.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE:

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used every bit you gave me".
Erma Bombeck

Laurie Kindrachuk, Editor

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Send me your information so we can craft a story together!

**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 at
403-831-5503, <earlekoko@shaw.ca>

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

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DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
TODAY'S SAINTS: Venerable Daniel the Stylite			
11 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. With Sunday School 12:15 am 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting 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 Studio 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. <p>SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE</p> 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio 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">
25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD <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 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. 	26 SYNAXIS of THEOTOKOS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Divine Liturgy 	27 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Divine Liturgy 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none">
JANUARY 1 FEAST OF CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS <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 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">
 - denotes day of fasting	▲		

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>No Divine Liturgy</p> <p>5:00 pm Choir Practice & Party</p> <p>7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class</p> <p>7:00 pm Property Management Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Men's Dinner Meeting 	<p>16 </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge 6:50 pm Youth Event (Movie: Rouge 1) at Eau Claire Theatre 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Vespers
<p>No Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Choir Practice?</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 	<p>23 </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge 	<p>24 EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal Liturgy 4:30 pm Festal Liturgy 10:00 pm Festal Liturgy 
<p>No Divine Liturgy</p> <p>R. BO AWAY</p> 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Divine Liturgy 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge 	<p>31 NEW YEARS EVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 pm Vespers
<p>No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>5 EVE OF THEOPHANY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 pm Theophany Liturgy with Water Blessing 7:30 pm Theophany Potluck Dinner 	<p>6 THEOPHANY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Vespers

St. Stephen's Choir: Provides music ministry to the parish for liturgical services and other events.
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 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.
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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 Woychysyn
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Calgary Pro-Life Association: Raises funds for educational awareness programs.
 Contact: John Siroishka
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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

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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.

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

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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.

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.

Contact: Philip Bird

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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.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

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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— Dwulit Family

PRAYERS & CATECHESIS

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY during 10:30am Divine Liturgy.

BIBLE STUDY: tomorrow, Dec. 12 at 7:00pm in the hall.

NATIVITY FAST continues (Winter Pascha, Week 5) See other page of bulletin for more description.

NATIVITY FAST MISSION: with Fr. Mihajlo was a huge success. Thanks to those that took time out of their schedules to attend.

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 at bcarpay@shaw.ca or Karen McMillan at 403-257-6910 or 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: If you know of someone in our Parish Family who the Love & Care Committee should be attending to, please contact Anne Lozinski at 403-241-8905.

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING: TODAY at 12:15pm in the boardroom.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE & PARTY: on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 5:00pm in the hall.

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

MEN'S DINNER MEETING: on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:30pm in the boardroom.

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT (Rouge 1): on Friday, Dec. 16 at 6:50pm at Eau Claire Movie Theatre. For more information please contact Philip Bird at <philipbird@gmail.com>.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Inglis and Karen (Uhryn) Inglis who were joined together in Marriage on Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 in our church. May God grant them many, many happy years together! Mnohaya Lita!

**** NOTICE ****

2017 donation envelopes and / or special envelope packages for PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit) users are ready for pickup in the atrium. If you are a new parishioner in need of an envelope number or would like to switch to the PAD system, please contact the office.

Please come visit the **ARK GIFT STORE** for some of your Christmas shopping needs.!

Recently released choir CD, prayer books, Ukrainian orna-ments, candles and great ideas for stocking stuffers are in stock for gift giving. Check out the items that have marked down to sell!





PROSPHORA MINISTRY CHANGE-OVER

We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Dave and Judy Shewchuk** who have selflessly prepared the prosphora for St. Stephen's for the past 20 years. Their dedication to this important ministry has been so appreciated! They have recently decided to retire and spread their angel's wings. As such, we have a new group taking over. Welcome to this incumbent team as they learn the skills necessary to master this ministry together. May God grant you all many happy years! Mnohaya Lita!



THANK YOU to Donna Chelack and her team of volunteers who so graciously gave up their time and worked so hard to make our church, hall, and atrium so festive and beautiful as we approach Christmas! Also to John Kowal and the maintenance staff for their assistance with pew removal and in preparing the newly painted Nativity icon for outdoor installation. Many hands contributed (and too many names to name but you know who you are) to creating the Christmas beauty surrounding us inside and out, and for that we are so grateful! May God bless you always!


SEEKING HOST FAMILY! The Calgary Friends of UCU and St. Mary's University are pleased to announce that two female exchange students from the Ukrainian Catholic University in L'viv, approved to attend the winter semester at St. Mary's University, will be arriving in early January, 2017. We are seeking a family or families to accommodate the students during their stay in Calgary between January and April. The hosting can be split into two periods, January-February and March-April. Access to the LRT Red line is desirable. If you have an interest please contact Dr. Linda Dudar of St. Mary's at (403) 238-0461 or (587) 998-8566.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY

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. **If your family is in need of items for yourselves, please help yourselves to what you need!**

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



ST. STEPHEN'S
MALANKA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

COCKTAILS	6:00 PM
DINNER	7:00 PM

TICKETS \$65.00/person


Reservations only for tables of 8 or 10 - \$520.00/\$650.00

St. Stephen Cultural Centre
4903 - 45 Street, S. W.

Music by **ABSOLUTE**

Entertainment - featuring
ABSOLUTE UNPLUGGED
SUZIRYA (Ukrainian Dance Ensemble)

For tickets or information contact
Ambrose Comchi 403-862-3269
Ed Demchuk 403-239-0871
Ed Tysowski 403-547-3226



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Liturgy Intentions for this week:

Sunday, December 11 – SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +Terry Wright and +Mary and +Walter Malowany

10:30am- in memory of the repose of the soul of +Bill Pashulka

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

Monday, December 12:

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

Tuesday, December 13:

9:00am – for blessings for health and healing for Gail Hamilton

Wednesday, December 14:

No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 15:

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

Friday, December 16:

10:00am (Westview) – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Michael Procyk

Saturday, December 17:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the souls within "Friends of the Suffering Souls Assoc."

Sunday, December 18 – SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Joe Karapinka

10:30am- in memory of the repose of the soul of +Katherine Puls

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

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.

Celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord

"For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

Please join us as we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord. This year's Nativity Season Liturgical Schedule is outlined below. Copies are also available in the atrium.



CHRISTMAS --- NEW YEAR 2017 --- THEOPHANY DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE 2016 - 2017



Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Vigil:

4:30pm – Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of Our Lord (children's service – no choir)
10:00pm – Christmas Compline
10:30pm – Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of Our Lord (with choir)

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day:

8:30am – Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of Our Lord (Ukrainian)
10:30am – Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of Our Lord (English)

Monday, December 26 – Synaxis of Theotokos: No Divine Liturgy – Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27 – Feast of St. Stephen: No Divine Liturgy – Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28: No Divine Liturgy – Office Closed

Thursday, December 29: No Divine Liturgy – Office Closed

Friday, December 30: 10:00am – Divine Liturgy (Westview) – Office Closed

Saturday, December 31 – New Year's Eve: 5:00pm – Vespers

Sunday, January 1, 2017 – Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – New Year – Sunday before Theophany:

8:30am – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
10:30am – Divine Liturgy (English – with choir)
5:00pm – Divine Liturgy (English – spoken)

Monday, January 2: 9:00am – Divine Liturgy – Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3: 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 4: No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 5 – Eve of Theophany: 6:00pm – Theophany Liturgy with Water Blessing
7:30pm – Theophany Potluck Dinner

Friday, January 6 – Feast of Theophany: 8:00am – Theophany Liturgy
10:00am – Theophany Liturgy (Westview)
7:00pm – Theophany Liturgy

