



# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST

DECEMBER 18 - 2016

## SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

**Martyr Sebastian and others**

### *Troparia and Kontakia*

*Troparion:* Angelic powers were upon Your tomb\* and the guards became like dead men;\* Mary stood before Your tomb\* seeking Your most pure body.\* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.\* You met the Virgin and granted life.\* O Lord, risen from the dead,\* glory be to You!

*Troparion:* Great are the achievements of faith!\* In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest,\* and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep.\* Through their intercession, O Christ God,\* save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit., now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*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:* For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

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### *Epistle*

*Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40*

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Abraham he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham, when

put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, "bowing in worship over the top of his staff." By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

**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.**

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403-249-4818, press 9

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Office@Protomartyr.ca

### **Parish Website:**

www.saintstephencalgary.ca

### **Eparchy Website:**

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.

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## CLERGY and RELIGIOUS

### Priest and Administrator:

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### Pastor (on sabbatical):

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## PARISH OFFICE

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Director, Parish Centre Management  
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<blebernak@gmail.com>

## HALL KITCHEN

403-249-4818, ext. 204

## Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: O God, we have heard with our ears,  
and our fathers have told us the work You did  
in their days.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: You saved us from our oppressors and  
put to shame those who hate us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 1:1-25

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen

generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



## 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.



## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE:

"In a world of people who couldn't care less, be someone who cares more."  
Author Unknown



## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS... Prayer Shawls ...

### What is a "Prayer Shawl"?

The knitting of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice which embodies thoughts and prayers for the person who will ultimately receive it. The shawl brings to the recipient blessings, prayers, and warm wishes.

### Who can receive a prayer shawl?

A prayer shawl is for everyone – baby to senior. We have larger and smaller ones. We have some that are suitable for someone in bed or a wheel chair. We have different colours for males or females.

A recipient is anyone who could use blessings, prayers, and a warm hug: a new bride, a pregnant woman, a new mother, a sick child, a child fighting for life after a premature birth, a student leaving home for the first time, a person dealing with debilitating, worrisome health issues.

The person does not have to be a St Stephen's parishioner, a Catholic, or a Christian.

Prayer shawls never lose their effectiveness and thus can be passed on from person to person.

### How are they presented?

You will receive a presentation bag and a letter to the recipient explaining what a prayer shawl is. We have bags with the following poem available as an insert explaining what a prayer shawl is:

Prayer Shawl by Joan Schneider

*"Just a simple prayer shawl, made with prayers for you  
To cover you in blessings, for times you're going through.  
I pray that wrapped around you, you will feel our Saviour's arms  
Holding you and loving you, and keeping you from harm.  
"...and lo, I am with you always..." Matthew 28:20*

### What do I do to order a prayer shawl?

You cannot order a prayer shawl. They are not made to order. They are not for sale. They can never be purchased but are freely given. The volunteer craft persons wish to remain anonymous.

To request a shawl, call Sharon Oryschak 403-242-5105 and she will arrange for a prayer shawl for you. Since the program began just over a year ago shawls have been presented of just under 100 people!

You can request a certain colour and if we have it we will give it

to you, and if not we will give you what we have. Mostly we rely on the Holy Spirit to make the selection.

You can contribute to the prayer shawl ministry by donating to St Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church and noting that your donation is to go to the Prayer Shawl Fund.

### What do I have to do in order to become one of the volunteers?

Contact Sharon Oryschak so that you will be on the volunteer mailing list (see her number above).

Select a pattern – they are readily available on line or in wool shops.

Use yarn that is very soft and washable – we recommend Lion's Homespun – Michael's has good deals.

Start to knit or crochet – colour, pattern, fringe or no fringe are all your choice.

Bring yours and place it on the table under the icon of St Stephen for blessing on the 4th Sunday of every month.

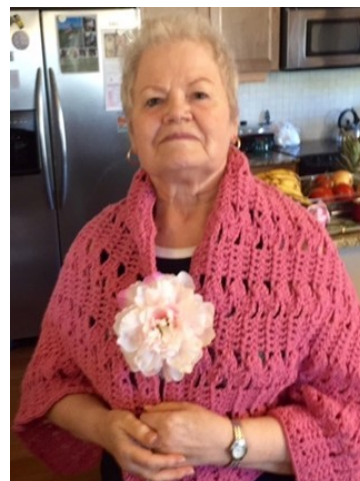
After the shawls are blessed, the committee will store them along with presentation bags and presentation letters ready to be given away.

### What recipients have had to say about the ministry:

*"With much prayerful thanks and love to you for ministering to me and all whom you touch with these beautiful prayer shawls. I wish everyone could feel so wrapped in love and caring."*

*"...when words and gestures are not enough, the shawls speak of love and comfort..."*

*"...my friend is taking her shawl with her to comfort her during her treatments..."*



*\*Many thanks to Rose Storoshenko for allowing us to share this photo.*

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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.

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

# DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>TODAY'S SAINTS: Holy Fathers , Martyr Sebastian and others</b>			
<b>18 SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr.</li> <li>10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. With Sunday School</li> <li>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy</li> <li>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.</li> </ul> <b>SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE</b> 	<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>10:00 am Open Iconography Studio</li> <li>7:00 pm Bible Study</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Funeral (NO 9:00 am Divine Liturgy)</li> <li>7:00 Art Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>
<b>25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</li> <li>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy</li> </ul> 	<b>26 SYNAXIS of THEOTOKOS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>27 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>JANUARY 1 SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</li> <li>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy</li> <li>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.</li> </ul> <b>FR. BO AWAY</b> →	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>8 SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr.</li> <li>10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</li> <li>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy</li> <li>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>10:00 am Open Iconography Studio</li> <li>6:00 pm Newman College Course</li> <li>7:00 pm Bible Study</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>1:00 pm Newman College Course</li> <li>7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>
 <b>Abstention from meat</b>			

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No Divine Liturgy Choir Practice	<b>22</b> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>23</b>  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge ♦ 2:00 pm	<b>24</b>  <b>EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD</b> ♦ 4:30 pm Divine Liturgy ♦ 10:00 pm Christmas Complines ♦ 10:30 pm Divine Liturgy
No Divine Liturgy	<b>29</b> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>30</b> ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	<b>31 NEW YEARS EVE</b> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
<b>R. BO AWAY</b> 			
No Divine Liturgy	<b>5</b>  <b>EVE OF THEOPHANY</b> ♦ 6:00 pm Theophany Liturgy with Water Blessing ♦ 7:30 pm Theophany Potluck Dinner	<b>6 THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD</b> 8:00 am Theophany Liturgy ♦ 10:00 am Theophany Liturgy at West View Lodge ♦ 7:00pm Theophany Liturgy	<b>7</b> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Choir Practice?	<b>12</b> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 6:30 pm TUCWLC General Meeting ♦ 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th degree Meeting ♦ 7:30 pm Men's Dinner Meeting	<b>13</b>  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge  <b>MALANKA</b>  <i>Sponsored by St. Stephen's Plus 50</i>	<b>14</b> ♦ 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.  
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  
403-220-9624  
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**International Trust Fund:** Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
587-891-9898;  
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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

<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.

Contact: Philip Bird

<philipbird@gmail.com>

**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.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

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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**— ChelackFamily

### **PRAYERS & CATECHESIS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY** during 10:30am Divine Liturgy.

**BIBLE STUDY:** is finished for the remainder of the year, but will resume again on Monday, January 9, 2017. See you there!

**CONFESSIONS** at 4:00pm every Saturday. Please see schedule for any changes.

**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](http://www.saintstephencalgary.ca)

**BAPTISMAL PREP COURSE:** Next session is on Saturday, January 21 from 10:00am—4:00pm. Please call the office to sign up.

**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**

**SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE:** will be collected TODAY. Thank you for your generosity! The next collection will be Sunday, January 15, 2017.

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:00pm in the loft.

**THEOPHANY POTLUCK DINNER:** on Thursday, Jan. 1 at 7:30pm after 6:00pm Theophany Liturgy. Everyone welcome!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:00pm in the Knights room.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4th degree MEETING:** on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7:00pm.

**MEN'S DINNER MEETING:** on Thursday, Jan 12 at 7:00pm in Classroom 3.

**ST. STEPHEN'S MALANKA:** on Friday, January 13 at 6:00pm in the hall. Everyone welcome! Please see ad for more information and/or Ambrose after today's Divine Liturgy.

Please note that the office will be CLOSED the week of December 26—30 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3. **Effective January 8, 2017 the new office hours will be as follows:**

Mon.—Thurs.:	Open 8:30 am—4:00 pm
Friday:	Closed
Saturday:	Open 8:30 am—4:00 pm
Sunday:	Open between Divine Liturgies

Also note that Fr. Bo will be away the week of December 26 – January 1 and Fr. Ephrem will be preaching the Divine Liturgies in his absence. Thank you Fr. Ephrem!

**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 ornaments, candles and great ideas for stocking stuffers are in stock for gift giving. Check out the items that have been marked down to sell!





## Making Our Parish Bloom

Knowing our Mission / Defining our Vision / Developing our Action Plan / Becoming a More Vibrant Parish

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30pm Supper and Program**

For PPC Members, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Invited guests, and any parishioners who are wanting to help move our parish forward.

RSVP to the Parish Office 403-249-4818

**Tetiana Onyschenko** is a Ukrainian singer who most recently performed at the December 4th Festival of Carols. Last Saturday she underwent emergency surgery for colon cancer and her entire colon was removed. Because she is on a Canadian visitor visa she has to pay the complete cost for surgery, medication and cancer treatments, which is estimated to exceed \$50,000.

The Assumption parish is holding a fundraiser for her on Sunday December 18 at 1pm. If you want to make a donation go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/tetyana-onyschenko> or contact Kathy Bohdan at: 403-560-6800

**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  
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## Liturgy Intentions for this week:

### 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

### Monday, December 19:

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

### Tuesday, December 20:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Sue Sakundiak w/ Panakhyda

### Wednesday, December 21:

No Divine Liturgy

### Thursday, December 22:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul +John Weisbeck

### Friday, December 23:

10:00am (Westview) – for blessings for good health and wellbeing for Michael & Eva Marie Cain

### Saturday, December 24:

4:30pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

10:30pm—for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

### Sunday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY



10:30am- 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](http://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.



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### 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 Complines  
10:30pm – Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of Our Lord (with choir)

#### Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day:

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:** 9:00am – Divine Liturgy – Office Closed

**Wednesday, December 28:** No Divine Liturgy – Office Closed

**Thursday, December 29:** 9:00am – Divine Liturgy – Office Closed

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

**Saturday, December 31 – New Year's Eve:**  
9:00am – Divine Liturgy  
5:00pm – Vespers

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

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

