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DIVINE LITURGIES

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES: See Lenten Schedule inside

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 12TH- 2017

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

St. Gregory of Palamas

Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy:

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.

Troparion: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

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

Kontakion: The time for action is now revealed;* the Judge is at the door.* Let us rise and keep the fast,* offering tears of contrition with alms and crying aloud:* our sins are more numerous than the sands of the sea.* but forgive us, O Maker of all, that we may receive incorruptible crowns.

Prokeimenon

You, O Lord, will guard us* and will keep us* from this generation* and forever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. (Psalm 11:8,2)

Epistle Hebrews 1:10-2:3

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." But to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, how can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Please gather your children at the altar to hold candles and meet with their Sunday School teacher.

Alleluia

verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. (Psalm 19:2,10)

Gospel Mark 2:1-12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum after some days, and it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there. questioning in their hearts,

Confessions:

Saturdays at 4pm, occasionally on Sundays from 10-11 and/or by appt.

Marriage:

Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism-Chrismation-**Eucharist):**

Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

Anointing of the Sick:

For emergencies call 403 249-4818, press 9

Funerals:

Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

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Kitchen Phone: 403-249-4818, ext. 204 "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them: so that they were

all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Hymn to the Mother of God

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider that all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of +Marvey Zwarich, March 7th, 2017. PARASTAS to be held Monday, March13th, at 1:00 pm with reception to follow. Marvey is survived by wife Patricia. Our deepest condolences to his family. Vichnaya Pamyat.



In sorrow we announce that Wednesday, March 8th +Nancy Korchinski passed away. PARASTAS to be held Monday. March13th, at 7:00 pm with reception to follow, survived by husband Merl. Our deepest condolences to her family. Everlasting memory.

Lectures and Seminars: These events are available at cpcassoc.ca (Christian Pastoral Caregivers Association)

"Christian perspective on **Medical Assistance in** Dying" (MAID)

Monday, March 13, at 5:30 at Colonel Belcher, dinner included, \$35.00 Dr. Falk will be speaking from a "Christian perspective on Medical Assistance in Dying" (MAID)

·"May I Sit With You Awhile?" \$65.00 Friday, April 21st evening and Saturday, April 22nd all day, location: TBA •"Love At Last Breath" \$65.00

Friday, May 26 evening and Saturday, May 27 all day, location TBA.

GOD SQUAD CANADA - 2017 Annual Men's Conference, March 17 - 18, 2017

The 20th Annual God Squad Men's Conference will be held this year at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Any man who is grandfather, father, son should attend this event. There is also a youth stream for teenagers, young adults.

For more information and online registration please visit https://godsquad.ca/



EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE- FOR ADULT CONFESSION

- 4. Honour your Father and your mother.
- 1. Have I refused to obey morally sound commands from those who have authority over me?
- Have I neglected to love my parents? Have I refused to care for them properly in sickness, advanced age, or helplessness?
- Have I, as a parent, been unjust to my children? Have I failed to provide a Catholic Education? Given them a bad example? Selfishly interfered with their vocation? Failed to provide adequately for their physical and emotional needs?

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! LITURGICAL HELP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

	TODAY, March 12th	NEXT WEEK, March 19th
EPISTLE READERS	8:30 am - Knights of Columbus 10:30 am - Knights of Columbus 5:00 pm - Knights of Columbus	8:30 am - Knights of Columbus 10:30 am - Knights of Columbus 5:00 pm - Knights of Columbus
HOSTS/USHERS	8:30 am - Knights of Columbus 10:30 am - Knights of Columbus	8:30 am - Knights of Columbus 10:30 am -Knights of Columbus
ROSARY	10:00 am - Knights of Columbus	10:00 am - Knights of Columbus
ARK STORE	Dwulit Family	Bobyn Family

Prayer & Catechesis

Sunday School Today
There will be Sunday
School next week too!

For the duration of lent weekday Divine Liturgies will be replaced by the Presanctified Gifts Service on Wednesdays and Fridays.

CONFESSIONS

at 4:00 pm every Saturday. However, there will be no confessions on March 18th.

GREAT VESPERS

at 5:00 pm every Saturday

CARDS & DIVINE LITURGY

If you know someone in our Parish Family who the Love & Care Committee should be attending to, please contact Anne Lozinski at 403-241-8905.

ALL SOUL'S SATURDAY

Coming up March 18th. We will celebrate Divine Liturgy followed by a sorokousty.

NEXT BAPTISMAL PREP

COURSE will take place on Saturday, March 25th. If you know of anyone who would like to present their child for the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist, please have them call the office.

CHOIR PRACTICE

We love to sing! Next practice is Tuesday March 22nd at 7:00pm.

LENTEN MISSION

The next Lenten Mission begins at Assumption March 24th with Father Gregory Hrynkiw. More on this pg. 6.

Parish Meetings & Events

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Participate in your parish! Sunday March 19th. Knight's of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast after 8:30am and 10:30am Divine liturgies.

YOUNG ADULT'S

Hold the Date: Friday May 5 Young Adults Party "Ain't Your Baba's Zabava". Details to come.

PASS IT ON

(St. Stephen's Clothing Giveaway) is happening this year on October 14th. Please start saving your winter clothing and footwear! Clothing Collection Day is Sunday, 0ct. 1, Sort Day is Monday October 2nd.

ST. BASIL'S SANDWICHES

Can you turn down a hot lunch? I'd be hard pressed! March 12th, after all Divine liturgies, dine in at the hall, courtesy of our Melkite women's league. Prepared with love, Falafel Sandwich \$5.00 and soft drink \$1.00.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For your parish as of December 31, 2016 are available in the atrium. Prepare for the AGM!

SUMMER CAMP We are looking for parent volunteers. Join us after

the 10:30am Divine Liturgy
March 12th in Classroom
#1 to investigate our starter
kit and brainstorm ideas.

ARK STORE

For the Lenten journey, prayer ropes and Lenten reading material including copies of "The Way of the Pilgrim/The Pilgrim Continues his Way", "The Lenten Spring", "Journey through the Great Fast " as well as "Christ our Pascha: Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church" are available for purchase in the Ark. Supplies for making pysanky are also in stock.

YOUTH RETREAT

To be held at Camp Oseila! Check it out; March 24-27th. There will be ziplining. See last page of bulletin for details.

Divine Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 12: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am – for health and wellbeing for Walter Mucz

10:30am - for blessings for comfort and peace for Victoria Burlack

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

Monday, March 13:

1:00pm – Funeral Parastas for +Marvey Zwarich

7:00pm – Funeral Parastas for +Nancy Korchinski

Tuesday, March 14:

No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 15:

7:00pm - Pre-sanctified Liturgy – for the repose of the soul of +Joe Luzney

Thursday, March 16:

No Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 17:

10:00am (Westview) – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

7:00pm – Pre-sanctified Liturgy – for the repose of the soul of +Adrien Bourgeois

Saturday, March 18: ALL SOULS SATURDAY

9:00am – for blessings and keeping you in our prayers for Harry and Annette Kozicki

Sunday, March 19: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am – for Happy Birthday Blessings for Fr. Rendy Yakimec – Mnohaya Lita!

10:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +John Maduck

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

CHARITABLE COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Charity Subcommittee:

Coordinate & market the efforts of all parish charitable activity.

Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn 587-891-9898

eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.c om

Pass It On: Donates clothing to needy families in Calgary. Contact: Theresa Lewchuk 403-815-6055;

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@mnp.ca

The Helping Others Network:

Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy. Contact: Des Peplinski 403-271-0804 dlp238@shaw.ca

UCWLC: Responds to parish and community needs through volunteerism, pastoral works, Ukrainian culture & aid. Contact: Stacey Bobyn 403-860-2185 sbobyn1@telusplanet.net

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

St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church March & April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
12 Second Sunday of Lent: Sunday of St. Gregory Panamas 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class 10:30 am Divine Liturgy with Sunday School Summer Camp Meeting after 10:30 am Liturgy in Classroom #1 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy English 6:15 pm CHALICE Dcn. Ron Jenkins speaking	No Meat Classes and complines cancelled to accommodate two funerals.	14 • 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Clas • 7:00 pm Art Committee Meeting • 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class
19 Third Sunday of Lent: Sunday of the Holy Cross KofC Pancake Breakfast after 8:30am + 10:30am DLs PARISH AGM • 8:30 am Divine Liturgy • 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class • 10:30 am Divine Liturgy with Sunday School • 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy • 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy English SANDWICHES FOR DROP-IN CENTRE	20 No Meat 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio 4:00 pm Newman College Course 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm 50th Parish Anniversary Meeting	21 • 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Clas • Regnum Christi 1-3pm • 7:00 pm Choir Practice
26 Fourth Sunday of Lent: St. John Climacus (of the Ladder) • 8:30 am Divine Liturgy • 10:30 am Divine Liturgy with no Sunday School • 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy • 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy English • Eparchial Youth Retreat • Lenten Mission at Assumption Parish	27 No Meat Eparchial Youth Retreat Spring Break for CCSD 4:00 pm Newman College Course 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic No Bible Study	28 • Spring Break for CCSD • 11 am Plus 50 Meeting • 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Clas
2 Fifth Sunday of Lent: • 8:30 am Divine Liturgy • 10:30 am Divine Liturgy with no Sunday School • 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy • 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy English	3 No Meat 10:00 am open iconography studio 4:00 pm Newman College Course 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic No Bible Study	1:00 Newman College Course 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm PPC Meeting
 9 Palm Sunday Easter Bake Sale 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class 10:30 am Divine Liturgy with Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy English 	10 No Meat • 4:00 pm Newman College Course • 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic • No Bible Study	* Setting up the tomb/flowers * 1:00 Newman College Course * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Choir Practice

For the most up to date calendar please go our website; www.protomartyr.ca

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Property Management Meeting 	 10:00 am South RC Pastoral Zone Meeting at Holy Spirit Church 7:00 pm "Evening with Bishop" Fundraiser Meeting 7:00 pm UCWLC Meeting 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic 	17 St. Patrick's Day 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: Westview Community Wedding Rehearsal in Banff 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English 8:00 pm Akathist to the Mother of God in Arabic	All Soul's Saturday • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy With Sorokousty 9:00 am Eparchial Youth Meeting • 1:00 pm PLAST • Wedding in Banff • NO CONFESSIONS • 5:00 pm Vespers
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Spring Break for CCSD 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	30 • Spring Break for CCSD • Babka Boot Camp #2 • 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic	 Spring Break for CCSD 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: Westview Community 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English 8:00 pm Akathist to the Mother of God in Arabic 	April 1 • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 1:00 pm PLAST • 4:00 pm Confessions • 5:00 pm Vespers
* 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English * 7:00 pm Ukrainian language Class	6 * 7:00 pm Knight's of Columbus 3rd Degree • 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic	7 • 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: Westview Community • 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English	8 • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • Hall set-up for Easter Bake Sale • 1:00 pm PLAST • 4:00 pm Confessions • 5:00 pm Vespers
* 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English * 7:00 pm Ukrainian language Class	13 Holy Thursday * 7:00 pm Knight's of Columbus 3rd Degree • 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic	14 Good Friday • 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: Westview Community • 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English	Holy Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm PLAST 4:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Vespers

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 marilyncomchi@shaw.ca

International Trust Fund:

Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2nd & 3rd world countries.

Contact: Gene Woychyshyn 587-891-9898

Family Support Trust Fund:

Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to parishioners in need.
Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn 587-891-9898
eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com

Calgary Pro-Life Association:

Raises funds for educational awareness programs. Contact: John Siroishka 403-271-2128; 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 ststephens.library@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus:

403-831-5503

Provide financial aid & support for members & their families, and help the sick, needy & disabled in our parish, city & abroad.

Contact: Earle Kowalewich

Mothers and Fathers in Action (M.A.F.I.A.): A group for parents and little ones from 'in utero' to Preschool. Contact: Zenon Berg zenonberg@gmail.com

Sunday School: A program run on most Sundays during the 10:30am Divine Liturgy for preschoolers through grade 2 children. Contact: Lynsey Lowey lklowey@hotmail.com

First Solemn Communion (FSC): Sacramental Classes for children in and 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 philipdbird@gmail.com

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

Contact: Philip Bird philipdbird@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 fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com

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

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com

Шевченківській Концерт

March 12 березня, 2017 о 15:00 Залі Успення Пресвятої Богородиці Assumption Church Hall 704 6th Street NE Calgary



The Calgary Branch of the Ukrainian
Canadian Congress
cordially invites you to the
Annual Taras Shevchenko Concert
Sunday March 12th 3 pm at the
Assumption Parish Hall
704 Sixth Street NE

Калґарський Відділ Конґресу Українців Канади запрошує Вас на Концерт Тараса Шевченка в неділю 12-го березня о 3-ті годині

Would you like to learn about the Holodomyr, the Ukrainian Holocaust? "Bitter Harvest" is showing until Thursday the 16th at the Eau Claire Cineplex downtown



Check out these great summertime opportunities!

1. High School Upgrading - July 24th to Aug 1st

We are offering English 30-1 and Math 30-1 equivalent courses that may be used for post-secondary admission. Given our late admission deadline, a student could take one of these upgrading courses this summer and use it for September admission at STMU.

2. University Transition Programs - August

These are non-credit booster classes aimed at students looking to hone their math and english skills. All students headed to any and all institutions are WELCOME! http://www.stmu.ca

LENTEN MISSION 2.0!

Parish Great Fast Mission – Assumption
Parish Calgary
March 24 to 26, 2017
By Father Gregory Hrynkiw
ALL WELCOME!

Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw, ASTH, has been a Byzantine-Catholic monk since 1989. While serving as Protohegumenos of the Basilian Order in Ukraine from February 2004 to July 2007, he fought on the front lines against systemic corruption. After suffering threats to his life, he was ordered to return to Rome, and in 2010 professed his solemn monastic vows into the Hermitage of the Three Holy Hierarchs. In 2014, Hieromonk Gregory obtained a doctorate from the Pontifical University of

Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He now lives in Saskatoon, preaching and teaching, and publishes *The Asketerion*, the journal of the Hermitage of the Three Holy Hierarchs.

2017 LENTEN GREAT FAST MISSION SCHEDULE

Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church

704 6th Street NE, Calgary

<u>Friday, March 24, Fore-feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God</u>

6 pm Confessions

6 pm Liturgy of the Prescanctified Gifts and Sorokoysty (Ukr/Eng), homily to follow, "Jesus Christ - The Apostle of the Eternal Father"

<u>Saturday, March 25, Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God</u>

9:30 am Confessions

10 am Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng), homily, "Mary - Full of Grace"

5 pm Confessions

5 pm Vespers (Ukr/Eng), homily to follow, "Family - An Icon of the Trinity"

<u>Sunday March 25, Fourth Sunday of Lent St John</u> Climacus

8:30 Confessions

9 am Divine Liturgy (Ukr)

10:30 Confessions

11 am Divine Liturgy (Eng), homily "The Life of Christ - Our Life"

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS ... ST. STEPHEN'S UCWLC

From the very early days, the ladies of St. Stephen's have had an active role in the spiritual life of the parish. Originally when the parish was starting, the ladies organized themselves as a "Ladies Auxiliary". They took on the task of organizing various fundraising events (such as the annual Chinook Charity Bazaar) and other "kitchen" related activities that helped to maintain their culture and faith and provide some financial support for the new parish. In 1989 the decision was made to become a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada and the St. Stephen's Branch was formed with 35 Pioneering women, many of whom are still active members of our Parish.

By becoming a part of the National UCWLC, the women of our parish took on an expanded role by adopting the Mission Statement of this diverse organization:

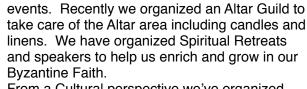
"The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, in its ongoing commitment to the mission of the Church, is dedicated to providing the resources that allow its members to realize their own true vocation, and live an authentic Christian life as contributing members to the Church and society."

St. Stephen's Branch of UCWLC continues to work towards the 4 Pillars set out by our National Organization:

- CATHOLIC FAITH: to develop and enrich the religious and spiritual life of each member and each parish, thereby strengthening the Ukrainian Catholic Church, its liturgy, theology, practices and traditions.
- 2. **CULTURE:** to preserve, promote and develop Ukrainian culture.
- SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (Social Justice): to become fully aware to the needs of family, community and country. To initiate and support local social action programs which strengthen our faith and our values as women in Canada.
- 4. **CHARITY:** to participate in service to all persons; to initiate and support programs of charitable action within our community as a whole (local parish and city).

For the past 35 years, the members of our local group have worked tirelessly both in the background and front and centre to provide support, encouragement and opportunities for all women of our parish.

We support our Catholic Faith by participating with Honor Guards during Holy Festivals, funerals, and special parish



From a Cultural perspective we've organized Work Bees to teach our younger members how to make perogys, cabbage rolls and "babkas" to name a few. We organize workshops to make pysanka, "Gredany" (Ukrainian bead work), Wheat Weaving and embroidery.

With regards to Social Development (Social Justice), we've invited speakers who bring new and fresh ideas for us to understand and make us better well-rounded Christians. Recently we had a presentation by a woman of Muslim Faith. It was a chance for us to learn and understand what being a Muslim is and to see how similar our faith and beliefs were rather than basing our

views on hearsay and ignorance. We regularly participate in "Hike for Life" and similar opportunities. We make donations locally and internationally to support women's groups.

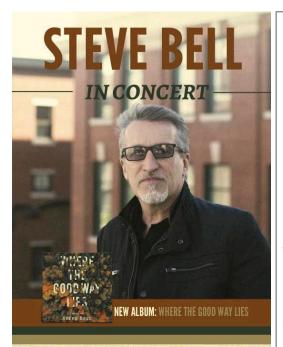
Finally our Charitable events are too numerous to list. Our Love and Care team continues to keep their eyes and ears open to those in need within our parish and our extended family and support them as we can. We continue to make financial donations to charities that are important to us as women, mothers and Christians. We continue to be the hearth and home of the parish by still "participating in the kitchen" when the need arises such as Praznyk and other special dinners.

Going forward, the goals of the UCWLC are to encourage the younger women of our parish to join and participate as a member of this special organization. Though the roles of women within the parish and society have changed since our organization was started, the need for women of faith supporting other women of faith has not. Our chapter continues to try new initiatives in an effort to attract younger women to join and bring their own unique ideas to keep our group fresh, new and relevant.

Check out the National UCWLC website at www.ucwlc.ca to see how other women of our faith across the country are involved.

If you would like more information on how you or someone you know can become a member, contact Stacey Bobyn, Past-President at sbobyn1@telus.net.
Submitted by Stacey Bobyn & Annette Kozicki

Please submit your "Views from the Pews" to Laurie Kindrachuk, editor laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca Cell: 403-614-5581



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FRIDAY APRIL 7 7:30 PM SZO

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT:

STEVEBELL.COM

or call 1-800-854-3499



Silent Auction will be held (doors open at 6:30 PM) FREE PARKING AVAILABLE

Spring Teen Retreat



March 24th - 27th, 2017

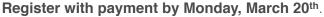
Ages; 13 - 17

Start your Spring Break right! Unwind, recharge and share some prayers and fun at this year's Eparchial Spring Break Retreat. Bring a friend and spread the word! Sunday Zip-lining at Camp Warwaw included in registration fee.

Drop off: 5:00 -7:00 pm Friday, March 24th at Camp Oselia

Pick-up: 6:00 pm Monday, March 27th at Camp Oselia

COST: \$75.00



Contact Millie Schietzsch for more information at youth@eepearchy.com, 780-424-5496 or 780-446-1061. Registration form is @ www.camposelia.com/programs.



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did you know... OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS MARCH 19TH! Next week.

Our AGM will be in the Parish Hall following the 10:30am Divine Liturgy. Election of the 2017-2018 Parish Pastoral Council will take place, as well as a review of our parish finances, directorate reports, projects and issues of concern to all parishioners. We need a quorum of 47 eligible voting members. The current Council Executives and Directors will be available to answer questions.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast. Come for the pancakes, stay for the meeting!

If you are interested in serving on Council and would like your name to be included in a list of nominees for election, please speak to Chair Mark Ewanchyna, vice-chair Jay Lalach or Nominating Committee Member Ambrose Comchi. You may also step forward at the AGM.



KIDS SUMMER CAMP: MAKER FUN FACTORY

Created by God, Built with a Purpose
Join us July 10th-14th (wrap up Sunday July 16th) this summer for our kids day camp. We are looking for parent volunteers as well, please join us after Divine Liturgy, TODAY in classroom #1. Please contact Lynsey Lowey: lklowey@hotmail.com



You Can Help Your Marriage.

- * Do you Feel Alone?
- * Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
- * Do you argue... or have you stopped talking to each other?
- * Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille haps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming weekend call 403.879.7893 or email coordinator@retrouvaillecalgary.com or visit our website at http://www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com