



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 26TH, 2017

4th Sunday of the Great Fast:

Leave-taking of the Feast of the Annunciation;
Sunday of St. John Clamacus &
the Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel

Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy:

At the Little Entrance

Proclaim from day to day* the good tidings of our God's salvation.

Troparion: Today is the crown of our salvation,* and the unfolding of the eternal mystery;* the Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son,* and Gabriel brings the good tidings of grace.* With him let us also cry to the Mother of God:* Rejoice, Full of grace! The Lord is with you.

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

Kontakion: To You, O Mother of God,* the invincible leader,* we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns* in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil.* With your invincible power free us from all dangers* that we may cry out to you:* Hail, O Bride and pure Virgin!

Prokeimenon: Proclaim from day to day* the good tidings of our God's salvation.

verse: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. (Psalm 95:2,1)

Epistle Hebrews 2:11-18

Brothers and Sisters, the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by

the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Alleluia

verse: He will descend like rain on a fleece, and like drops dripping on the earth.

verse: Let His name be blessed through the ages; His name exists before the sun. (Psalm 71:6, 17)

Gospel Luke 1:24-38

At that time, Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people." In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of



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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

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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Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me

according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Hymn to the Mother of God

O earth, announce good news of great joy; praise God's glory, O heavens. and the Irmos: Let no hand of the profane touch God's living ark,* but instead let the lips of those who are believers* sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel,* crying out with great joy to the Mother of God:* Hail, O Full of Grace! The Lord is with you.


**Congratulations Deacon Andrij on
your upcoming Ordination!**

We are very pleased to announce our wonderful Deacon will be Ordained. Save the date! May 27th, 10 a.m. at St. Josaphat's Cathedral in Edmonton. We anticipate having the newly ordained priest celebrate his first Liturgy with us in Calgary on June 4th at 10:30 am.

MNOHAYA LITA!



JOB OPENING

Would you like to work for the church?

We are looking for a new **Sacramental Coordinator**, which helps with publishing this weekly bulletin, organizing things related to Sacraments, to help with parish programs and communications, and to generally help the parish be a vibrant God centred place. Detailed job descriptions are available on the bulletin board next to Fr. Bo's office or by email. This is a 3/4 time position (27 hours a week) with a reasonably good wage. A successful candidate will have good computer skills, good communication skills, and an understanding of the faith and traditions of this Byzantine Catholic Church. Please email FatherBo@protomartyr.ca your resume and to set up your interview. This posting will end once a good candidate is found, so apply today!

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE- FOR ADULT CONFESSION

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.

1. Have I committed adultery?
2. Have I committed self-abuse? (masturbation)
3. Have I willfully consented to impure thoughts?
4. Have I engaged in prolonged and intense kissing or petting?
5. Have I listened to or engaged in impure conversation?
6. Have I read books or gone to places of entertainment which I knew to be obscene or immoral?
7. Have I committed sins of lust with others of the same sex?
8. Have I exposed or incited others to grave sin by immodest gestures, actions, or dress?
9. Have I performed the marriage act in an improper way without being open to new life?
10. Have I neglected to treat my spouse as an equal?

Type to enter text **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
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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.
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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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2017 UCWLC Easter Bazaar



Sunday, April 9th

9:30am – 1:00pm

Now Accepting Registrations from Crafters/Vendors

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 Includes one table & chair

Additional Tables available for \$25 each

Registration Forms available at the entrance to the church

Or by emailing sboby1@telus.net

Deadline to Register is April 2nd, 2017

Limited Space and Tables Available

This Ain't Your Baba's Zabava!

(Baba = grandma / zabava = party)



Welcome! Ласкаво Просимо! Bienvenido! Please join us in a night of fun and Ukrainian flare Cinco de Mayo style.

YES, YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT!

The young adults (18-35) of St. Stephens Parish are excited to invite you to come and enjoy a night of dancing, live music, cheap drinks and a great excuse to kick-off the summer.

When/ Where: May 5th 7:30pm at St. Stephen Protomartyr Church Hall.

Live Music by: **ABSOLUTE Dance Band**

Check out our Facebook page for details. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1817639011894066/>

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
**KIDS
SUMMER
CAMP 2017**



JULY 10TH 14TH
WITH WRAP UP SUNDAY JULY 16TH

SEE THE TV IN THE ATRIUM OR OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR A COOL VIDEO THEN PLEASE CONTACT LYNSEY LOWEY TO REGISTER AND/OR FOR MORE INFO:

lklowey@hotmail.com



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>



**CHARITABLE COMMITTEES,
ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS**

Charity Subcommittee: Coordinate & 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
403-815-6055;
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
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UCWLC: Responds to parish and community needs through volunteerism, pastoral works, Ukrainian culture & aid.

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

Contact: Ed Tysowski
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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 & 3rd world countries.









Contact: Gene Woychyshyn
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St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church

March & April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
26 Fourth Sunday of Lent: Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel & St. John Climacus (of the Ladder) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy No FSC Classes 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  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eparchial Youth Retreat Spring Break for CCSD 4:00 pm Newman College Course 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic No Bible Study 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Break for CCSD 11 am Plus 50 Meeting 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Art Committee
2 Fifth Sunday of Lent: Mary of Egypt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy No FSC Classes 10:30 am Divine Liturgy with no Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy English 	3  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am open iconography studio 4:00 pm Newman College Course 5:30 pm Baptismal Prep 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic Yes, Bible Study 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1:00 Newman College Course * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm PPC Meeting
9 Palm Sunday: Triumphal Entrance into Jerusalem Blessing of Pussy Willows at all liturgies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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  Holy Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 pm Newman College Course 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Baptismal Prep 7:00 pm Pre-sanctified No Bible Study 	11  Holy Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up the tomb/flowers 1:00 Newman College Course 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Baptismal Prep 7:00 pm Pre-sanctified 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Choir Practice
16 PASCHA - EASTER The Resurrection of our Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 8:00 am Resurrection Matins * 8:30 am Resurrectional Divine Liturgy * 10:30 am Resurrectional Divine Liturgy * 1:30 pm Matins (Rush), with Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, Arabic* 	17 Bright Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm Newman College Course No Bible Study 	18 Bright Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

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

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break for CCSD • 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English • 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break for CCSD • Babka Boot Camp #2 • 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic 	31  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 1:00 pm PLAST • 4:00 pm Confessions • 5:00 pm Vespers
5  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English * 7:00 pm Ukrainian language Class 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 7:00 pm Knight's of Columbus 3rd Degree • 7:00 pm Great Complines in Arabic 	7  Last day of Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: Westview Community • 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy in English 	8 First day of Holy Week Lazarus Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • Hall set-up for Easter Bake Sale • 1:00 pm PLAST • 4:00 pm Confessions • 5:00 pm Vespers
12  Holy Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 pm Confessions • 6:00 pm Anointing of the sick • 7:00 pm Pre-sanctified Liturgy in English • 7:00 pm Ukrainian language Class 	13  Holy Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, washing of feet • 6:00 pm Matins of the Passion: Twelve Gospels • 7:00 pm Knight's of Columbus 3rd Degree • 8:30 pm Confessions 	14  Good Friday Day of Fasting: No Meat & No Dairy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00 pm Shroud Good Friday Service, English • TBD time Melkite Good Friday Service 	15  Holy Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am Altar Guild Votive Cleaning • 10:00 am Jerusalem Matins • 5:30 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets • 6:00 pm Vespers and Resurrectional Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great • 6:30 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
19 Bright Wednesday	20 Bright Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 	21 Bright Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Westview Community 	22 Bright Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 am Baptism • 9:00 am Divine Liturgy • 3:00 pm PLAST post-Easter Event • 4:00 pm Confessions • 5:00 pm Vespers

Family Support Trust Fund:

Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to parishioners in need.
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Calgary Pro-Life Association:

Raises funds for educational awareness programs.
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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
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Knights of Columbus: Provide financial aid & support for members & their families, and help the sick, needy & disabled in our parish, city & abroad.

Contact: Earle Kowalewich
403-831-5503
eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com

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Religious Art Committee: discusses & plans new religious artwork for our church.

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LITURGICAL HELP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

	TODAY, March 26th	NEXT WEEK, April 2nd
EPISTLE READERS, HOSTS/USHERS ROSARY	Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus
ARK STORE	Chubaty Family	Longfield Family

Prayer & Catechesis



No Sunday School
today nor next week,
due to SPRING BREAK

2017 EASTER SCHEDULE

on last page of this bulletin.

GREETING CARDS & DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

YOUNG ADULT'S

Hold the Date: Friday May 5 Young Adults Party "This Ain't Your Baba's Zabava". See the third page of this bulletin for details.

An Evening with Bishop David

Get excited for Friday, June 9th! More details below.

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, Oct. 1, Sort Day is Monday October 2nd.

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.

PLUS 50 LUNCHEON and MEETING

March 28th: A video titled "New Home in the West", about a Ukrainian settlement in Western Canada, will be shown at 11:00am.

JOB OPENING

We are looking for a new **Sacramental Coordinator**. Please see page 2 of this bulletin.

Divine Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 26: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +John VanDyk

10:30am – for blessings for the kindness of Bill and Theresa Lewchuk

10:30am – in memory of 50 years of the repose of the soul of +Alice Dudar

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

Monday, March 27:

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 28:

No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 29:

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

Thursday, March 30:

No Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 31:

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

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

Saturday, April 1:

9:00am – for blessings for comfort and strength for Michaeline Luzney

Sunday, April 2: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Nancy Korchinski

10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Joe Ewanchyna

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

An Evening with Bishop David

On Friday June 9th, join Bishop David and your fellow parishioners for an evening of conversation and fun! Event timing is 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. In true Ukrainian style we will feed you with Chef's delights (come hungry) and there will be a cash bar. Check out the Silent Auction tables and try outbidding your friends!

For tickets (\$75 per person) and more information please contact Laurie Kindrachuk: laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca or 403-614-5581 (St. Stephen's), Andrew Ilnyck: ilnycky@telus.net (Assumption) or 403-510-5290; Ron Gnyra: rongnrya@shaw.ca 403-239-5555 (Assumption).

We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction (to be valued at no less than \$50).

Some suggestions: artwork, paintings, pottery, home décor items; Icons, paintings, decorative crosses; gift baskets, gift certificates, gift cards; Ukrainian folk art items, embroidery, Easter eggs. We also welcome financial support. Please be as creative and generous as you can!

Please contact Eugene or Marilyn Nahirney emnahirney@telus.net or 403-276-5722 for further information about the silent auction or to provide your support.



MORE ROMA CHRONICLES ... Update from Father Mark

Rome is the BLACK HOLE of the universe when it comes to diversity! At least, that's the way I'd put it. The city attracts everyone and everything. I've been here now three months plus a week, and have taken in the churches, people, academics and street culture in a way not possible with a simple tour. Twenty minutes away I met a group of jazz musicians - accordion and bass player jammin' in front of Santa Maria Church!



Academics: Professor Dr. Fr. Robert Gahl teaches bioethics, with a particular specialization to the human brain and cybernetics. See a power point slide from his class. If you have a hard time understanding it, welcome to the club. We're still trying to figure it out. But his point was that there are exciting developments in the study of ethics and understanding what goes on in the brain. Tools now exist to measure, in real-time, the chemical reactions in our heads when faced with important decisions, with the possibility of eliminating bad decisions. Absolutely fascinating, as were the other classes on St. Paul and the letter to the Romans, Women Mystics in the church, Causes for the Declaration of Saints, Imagination in Pastoral Preaching, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and much more. I've been very impressed with the presenters. They are the "heavyweights" of academic circles.



People: The poor of Rome are not forgotten, though many beggars shuffle through the popular streets. If you wear a cassock they will come over from three blocks away with arms outstretched. We've been warned not to support the "professional beggars." But I have taken a few to the nearby McDonalds for a meal, even though help is readily available from shelters nearby the Basilica of San Pietro.

Street Culture and Music: At my favourite cappuccino shop only one block away from the Vatican, an accordion player did his best to entertain the crowd - by playing "Beer Barrel Polka" and then music from the "Godfather" movie. Well, how can you top that? I will freely admit this has been my most surreal experience in Rome.



Churches: St Stephen Protomartyr, our church patron, is buried in a tomb at the Basilica of Saint Lawrence outside the Walls. His story, you will recall, is mentioned in the Book of Acts chapter eight. This picture shows his title, "Protomartiris", just above the entrance to his tomb, shared with St. Lawrence. According to the Golden Legend, the relics of Lawrence - placed a few hundred years earlier - moved miraculously to one side to make room for those of Stephen. I was very proud to tell my brother priests about our parish of St. Stephen Protomartyr, and how we are cooking with gas in our diverse ministries, liturgies, and personalities.

Vergine Immacolata, aiutateche!
Virgin Mary, help us!

-Fr Mark, writing from the Holy City

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2017

LAZARUS SATURDAY April 8th, 2017	9:00 am Divine Liturgy, English 4 - 4:45 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian 5:00 pm Vespers
PALM SUNDAY April 9th, 2017	8:30 am Divine Liturgy, Ukrainian 10 - 12:00 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Arabic 10:30 am Divine Liturgy, English with choir <i>1:00 pm Divine Liturgy, Arabic (St. Basil's Melkite Parish)</i> 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy, English
GREAT MONDAY April 10th, 2017	6 - 6:45 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian 7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Service, English
GREAT TUESDAY April 11th, 2017	6 - 6:45 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian 7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Service, English
HOLY WEDNESDAY April 12th, 2017	6 - 6:45 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian 7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Service, with Anointing of the Sick, English & Arabic (joint service)
HOLY THURSDAY April 13th, 2017	9 - 9:45 am Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian 10:00 am Divine liturgy with Washing of the Feet, English 5 - 5:45 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian 6:00 pm Matins of the Passion (aka: the Twelve Gospels), English <i>8:00 pm Divine liturgy with Washing of the Feet, and Twelve Gospels, Arabic (St. Basil's Melkite Parish)</i> 8:00 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian

GOOD FRIDAY April 14th, 2017	12 - 12:45 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian 1:00 pm Good Friday Service (Plaschanytsia / Shroud), English with choir 6:00 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian <i>?:00 pm (TBD) Good Friday Service, Arabic (St. Basil's Melkite Parish)</i>
HOLY SATURDAY April 15th, 2017	9 - 9:45 pm Confessions, available in English and/or Ukrainian 10:00 am Jerusalem Matins, English 2:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets, English 3:00 pm Vespers and Resurrectional Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets, English 5:30 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets, English 6:00 pm Nadhrobne
PASCHA April 16th, 2017	8:00 am Resurrection Matins, English with choir 8:30 am Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets, primarily English with some Ukrainian with choir 10:30 am Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets, primarily English with some Ukrainian <i>1:00 pm Resurrection Matins (Rush), followed by Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, Arabic (St. Basil's Melkite Parish)</i> NOTE: NO 5PM SERVICE
BRIGHT WEEK April 17 - 22, 2017	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 9:00 am Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, English Wednesday, No Service Friday, 10:00 am Resurrectional Divine Liturgy at Westview Lodge, English
THOMAS SUNDAY April 23, 2017	8:30 am Divine Liturgy, Ukrainian 10:30 am Divine Liturgy, English with choir <i>1:00 pm Divine Liturgy, Arabic (St. Basil's Melkite Parish)</i> 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy, English