



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 12TH - 2017

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Our Holy Father Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch

Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy

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!

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

Kontakion: Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.* Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal:* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

Prokeimenon: Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brothers and Sisters, "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your



own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia

verse: He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.

verse: He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

Gospel

Luke 15:11-32

The Lord told this parable, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly,

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sundays:

8:30am – Ukrainian

[chanted]

10:30am – English [choir]

1:00pm -Arabic/English

[Melkite]

5:00pm – English [recited]

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat:

9:00am – English

Friday: 10:00am Westview,
English

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confession:

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

Marriage:

Arrangements with Fr. Bo.
Baptism-Chrismation-
Eucharist:

Arrangements with Fr. Bo.
Anointing of the Sick:

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bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found! And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his

father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Communion Hymn

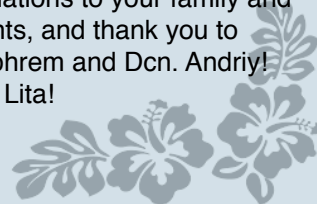
Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in



Blessings for the newly baptized,

**HAZEL EMILIA
ANNE JOHNSON**

May God Grant you many years.
Congratulations to your family and
Godparents, and thank you to
Father Ephrem and Dcn. Andriy!
Mnohaya Lita!



February 11th; World Day of the Sick Excerpt From Pope Francis

“Life is not simply a bare succession of events, but a history, a story waiting to be told through the choice of an interpretative lens that can select and gather the most relevant data. In and of itself, reality has no one clear meaning. Everything depends on the way we look at things, on the lens we use to view them. If we change that lens, reality itself appears different. So how can we begin to “read” reality through the right lens?

For us Christians, that lens can only be the good news, beginning with *the* Good News par excellence: “the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God” (Mk 1:1). With these words, Saint Mark opens his Gospel not by relating “good news” *about* Jesus, but rather *the good news that is Jesus himself*. Indeed, reading the pages of his Gospel, we learn that its title corresponds to its content and, above all else, this content is the very person of Jesus.

This good news – Jesus himself – is not good because it has nothing to do with suffering, but rather because suffering itself becomes part of a bigger picture. It

is seen as an integral part of Jesus’ love for the Father and for all mankind. In Christ, God has shown his solidarity with every human situation. He has told us that we are not alone, for we have a Father who is constantly mindful of his children. “Fear not, for I am with you” (Is 43:5): these are the comforting words of a God who is immersed in the history of his people. In his beloved Son, this divine promise – “I am with you” – embraces all our weakness, even to dying our death. In Christ, even darkness and death become a point of encounter with Light and Life. Hope is born, a hope accessible to everyone, at the very crossroads where life meets the bitterness of failure. That hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts (cf. Rom 5:5) and makes new life blossom, like a shoot that springs up from the fallen seed. Seen in this light, every new tragedy that occurs in the world’s history can also become a setting for good news, inasmuch as love can find a way to draw near and to raise up sympathetic hearts, resolute faces and hands ready to build anew.” *Taken from Papal Message on World Communications Day. You can find the entire letter on our parish website www.saintstephencalgary.ca*

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!

LITURGICAL HELP

	TODAY, Feb. 12th	NEXT WEEK, Feb. 19th
EPISTLE READERS	8:30 am - Del & Donna Yaskiw 10:30 am- David McMillan 5:00 pm - Cynthia Tremblay	8:30 am - Gerald Strashok 10:30 am- Harry & Annette Kozicki 5:00 pm - Walter Machny
HOSTS/USHERS	8:30 am - Del & Donna Yaskiw 10:30 am- David McMillan	8:30 am - Gerald Strashok 10:30 am- Harry & Annette Kozicki
ROSARY	10:00 am - Donna Korchinkski	10:00 am - Craig Pichach
ARK STORE	Siroishka Family	Dwulit Family

Prayer & Catechesis

****Sunday School Today****
no Sunday School next week.

Starting Feb. 27th, Weekday Divine Liturgies will be replaced by the Presanctified Gifts Service on Wednesdays and Fridays.

CONFESSIONS
at 4:00 pm every Saturday.

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.

HOUSE BLESSINGS
Please email coordinator@protomartyr.ca or call the Parish Office to schedule.

REGNUM CHRISTI
Prayers Tuesday, February 21st at 1:00pm

CHOIR PRACTICE
We love to sing! Next practices are at 7:00pm, Feb 22 and March 8.

Parish Meetings & Events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Padre night, *February 23rd*. Be there or be square.
March 2nd, 3rd Degree Meeting 7:00 pm
March 9th, 4th Degree Meeting 7:00 pm

TABLES FOR TWO
Join us for a romantic 5-course dinner. Each course will be served with conversation starters to help married or engaged couples reflect on and deepen their relationship. Arrive at 5:30 pm, February 25th, \$70/ couple. Tickets available only until February 19th, at the parish office.

FAITH FRIDAY
February 24th. Catechesis for all ages! Programming for our small, medium, and large children, adults too! This is Potluck dinner at 6:15, with time to socialize and time to learn.

WE HAVE YOUR 2016 TAX RECEIPTS
Please pick them up in the atrium after church today! We also have your envelopes for 2017, this is your opportunity to pick them up.

Divine Liturgy Intentions schedule

Sunday, February 12:
8:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners
10:30am - for the repose of the soul of +Joe Ewanchyna
5:00pm – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Nestor Ficzyz

Monday, February 13:
9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Joe Ewanchyna

Tuesday, February 14:
9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Wednesday, February 15:
No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, February 16:
9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Joe Ewanchyna

Friday, February 17:
10:00am (Westview) – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Saturday, February 18:
9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Ed Sakundiak w/ Panakhyda

Sunday, February 19:
8:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +Adele Hilkewich and +Elsie Boyko
10:30am - for the repose of the soul of +Roman Skrypka
5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Ladies,
Grab your rubber gloves and polishing cloths and join us for a

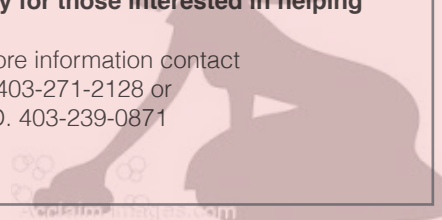
KITCHEN SPRING CLEAN
Wednesday February 15th, 2017

Pat S. and Josie D. are organizing a thorough cleaning of the kitchen and storage room upstairs in the hall. This includes

cleaning shelves, organizing items and making sure they are in their proper location, clean out of old and unused items etc.

A SIGN UP SHEET will be posted on Sunday for those interested in helping out.

For more information contact
Pat. S 403-271-2128 or
Josie D. 403-239-0871



Charity Subcommittee:

Coordinate & market the efforts of all parish charitable activity.
Contact: Eugene Woychysyn
587-891-9898
eugene.woychysyn@gmail.com

Pass It On: Donates clothing to needy families in Calgary .
Contact: Theresa Lewchuk
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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
403-271-0804
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 & their families, and help the sick, needy & disabled in our parish, city & abroad.
Contact: Earle Kowalewich
403-831-5503

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
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St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church

February & March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
12 Sunday of Prodigal Son <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian * 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class * 10:30 am Diving Liturgy: English with Sunday School * Blessings for Marriage Prep Course * 1:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Melkite * 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English 	13 Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple <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 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting 	14 St. Valentine's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class
19 Meatfare Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian <i>No FSC or Sunday School Classes</i> * 10:30 am Diving Liturgy: English * 1:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Melkite * 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English <p>SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE</p>	20 Family Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 4:00 pm Newman College Course 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 1:00 pm Regnum Christi * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class
26 Cheesefare Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * PARISH LENTEN MISSION 7 pm * 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian * 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class * 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: English with Sunday School * 1:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Melkite * 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English 	 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * PARISH LENTEN MISSION 7 pm * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 4:00 pm Newman College Course * 7:00 pm Bible Study <p>GREAT FAST BEGINS</p>	 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * PARISH LENTEN MISSION 7pm * 11:00 Plus 50 Meeting * 7:00 pm Lenten Mission
5 First Week of Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy Beginner Icon Workshops with Fr. Bo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian * 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class * 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: English with Sunday School * 1:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Melkite * 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English 	 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 4:00 pm Newman College Course * 7:00 pm Bible Study * 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting <p>Fr. Bo and Dcn Andriy away, Clergy Conference</p>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm PPC Meeting
12 Second Week of Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:00 am open iconography studio * 4:00 pm Newman College Course * 7:00 pm Bible Study 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Art Committee Meeting * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class

Parish Calendar

For the most current calendar please go our website; www.protomartyr.ca

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 No Divine Liturgy * 10:00 am Kitchen Spring Cleanup * 7:00 pm PPC Meeting * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	16 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:30 pm Men's Dinner Wrap-Up Meeting	17  * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge	18 All Souls Saturday * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Sorokoooste (prayers for the deceased) * Hall Booking * 4:00 pm Confessions * 5:00 pm Vespers
22 No Divine Liturgy * 7:00 pm Property Management Meeting * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Choir Practice	23 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Knight's Of Columbus Padre Night	24  * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge with Fr. Michael  AT 6:15	25 * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 1:00 pm PLAST * Tables for Two 5:30pm 
1  PARISH LENTEN MISSION 7pm * 7:00 Presanctified Service MARCH	2  * 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting * 7:00 pm F/S Review Committee Meeting	3  * Calgary Beginner Icon Workshop with Fr. Bo * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge * 7:00 pm Presanctified Service	4 * Calgary Beginner Icon Workshop with Fr. Bo * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 1:00 pm PLAST * 4:00 pm Confessions * 5:00 pm Vespers
8  No Divine Liturgy * 7:00 Choir Practice * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Presanctified	9 * 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting * 7:00 pm 40-day Memorial Service for +Joe Ewanchyna, all welcome.	10  * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge with Fr. Michael * 7:00 pm Presanctified Service  AT 6:15	11 * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 4:00 pm Confessions * 5:00 pm Vespers
15 * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Presanctified * 7:00 pm Property Management Meeting	16	17  * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge * 7:00 pm Presanctified Service	18 * Wedding * 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
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International Trust Fund: Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2nd & 3rd world countries.
 Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn
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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.
 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.
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Did you know...

During the lenten season, to honour the solemnity of the season, instead of celebrating weekday Divine Liturgies, we celebrate two evening **Presanctified** services? These are traditionally held Wednesday and Friday evenings. Join us at for the first **Presanctified** of the season Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm. These will be every Wednesday and Friday of the lent season.

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

Upcoming Iconography Workshops

There are four workshops up and coming!

EDMONTON

Icons with Fr. Bo

Date(s):

May 4- 6:00 – 9:00

pm., May 5 – 6:00 -

9:00 pm., May 6 - 9:00 am. – 7:00 pm.

May 11 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm, May 12 - 6:00 - 9:00

pm., May 13 - 9:00 am. - 7:00 pm

Location: Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God Parish hall, 15608 - 104 Ave, Edmonton

Contact: education@edmontoneparchy.com or call Fr. Bo: 403-999-9560

CALGARY

Icon Writing Workshop with Fr. Bo

Date(s): March 3rd-5th

Location: St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

Contact: office@protomartyr.ca or 403-249-4818 ex. 0

Advanced Icon Painting Workshop with Philip Davydov

Date(s): June 12th-16th

Location: "The Meeting Space" 200a Haddon Rd. SW

Contact: Pavel Kireyev canada.icons@gmail.com 403-401-2819

Duccio to Fra Angelico: Painting and Gilding Techniques of the Early Italian Masters with Peter Murphy

Date(s): August 7-11th

Location: St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

Contact: sacredartsincalgary@gmail.com

Please take a moment to read our bulletin board in the atrium for more details regarding the upcoming workshops!



TEEN SPRING RETREAT

Hello to our youth! Friday, March 24-Monday, March 27th the Edmonton Eparchy is hosting a Teen Spring Retreat at Camp Oselia. This is your invitation to be with other interesting young catholics from the exotic north. Let's all go to Edmonton! Unwind, recharge and share some prayers. \$75.00 Contact Millie **before March 17th** at: youth@eeparchy.com 780-424-5496 or 780-446-1061

GriefShare

Grief recovery support group

An 11 week program for those searching for support in their grief at the loss of a loved one will be held at the Edmonton Eparchy Pastoral Centre, 9645 – 108 Ave, March 16 – June 1. The sessions will run from 6:30 – 8:30 pm., Thursday evenings. Cost: \$25.00 to cover materials. For further information, or to register email education@edmontoneparchy.com or call 780 – 424-5496.

A new Date for "Presentation of the Catechism" has been added! (Edmonton)

Since there is so much interesting information to cover in these presentations Fr. Stephen has agreed to add one more presentation to ensure that all the information is granted enough time to deal with in a comprehensive manner. The new presentation of the Catechism will be on: **Feb 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm at St. Vladimir Parish, 12726 - 119 Street, Edmonton.** The final presentation will be on: **Feb 24 at 6:30 pm, at Holy Eucharist Parish 6425 - 120 Avenue, Edmonton,** as listed in the program guide and on the Website. <http://www.eeparchy.com>

ATTN. St. Stephen Protomartyr

YOUTH

Check out our Facebook (we are on facebook), Youtube (we have that too) and Website; stay connected with your church. Interested in a youth choir? We can do that. We can even make our own CD. Heck yes. Then go on tour and become super Eastern Catholic Rock Stars. OR we can race robots. OR get really good at chess. Let's do something TOGETHER. Contact philipdbird@gmail.com (don't forget the middle d) OR CALL at 403-852-9741 and give Phil your excellent ideas... Something wonderful is about to happen!



GET READY FOR IT

Summer Camp 2017, for our preschool and elementary aged parishioners. It may be cold and wintry here in Calgary, but we can dream of fun in the sun. Get ready, get excited. Contact: [Lyndsey Lowey at lklowey@hotmail.com](mailto:lklowey@hotmail.com)

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS ... St. Stephen's Support Network

This group was formed almost 10 years ago when a committee charged with investigating the possibility of building some kind of residence for seniors decided that St. Stephen's would be better off not to be in the real estate business. This committee also noted that it's not only seniors who need a hand but that everyone at one time or another needs help. St. Stephen's Support Network was born. The Network would be a branch of St. Stephen's Pastoral Care Directorate.

A meeting was held to establish our name and how we would operate. We decided that no money would change hands. We would need no operating budget. We would conduct our business entirely through email. We determined that we had all together over a thousand years of experience. And that was what we could offer St. Stephen's community - our experience, what we know, what we've been through. For example, we would not come to cut your grass but if you needed a recommendation for such a service there were people in the group who could help you select someone to help you.

At first we timidly made our presence known and gradually emails began to come in. We had people needing to talk with someone who had a similar experience, we got questions about adoption, legal questions, medical questions, educational questions. For example a couple of the more memorable issues: a parishioner who unexpectedly ended up in hospital for an extended stay and desperately wanted a haircut and no one seemed to be available there. We sent the request out to the network and we had a barber in his room within about 4 hours. Another example: a short time ago a request came in wondering if anyone knew of the availability of a wheelchair with a footrest. Again the request went out. A member of our group knew exactly where to lay hands on one and the wheelchair was delivered where it was needed within a few hours. The same request drew very important information from one of our public health nurses who helped us navigate the system and ask appropriate questions that got us the results we needed.

One of the most common questions was what to do with extra "stuff" when people were downsizing. Des and +Loyola Peplinski stepped up and married people who had

items to donate with people who needed items. This turned into a huge service not only for our community but has eventually morphed into the HelpingOthers Network which now offers a tremendous service for Calgary at large. You can access the group if you need something or if you have something to donate at HelpingOthers@shaw.ca

So the point of this article is to get you signed up on the St. Stephen's Support Network. Here's how it works:

- There are no meetings to attend, no dues to pay.
- We need is your email address.
- You will receive an email and in the subject line you will find the basic issue - if you know something about this topic, read on; if not press "delete". If you have helpful information, contact the persons named and let them know your thoughts.

I'll be in the atrium after liturgy ready to sign you up - just your email that's all I need.
God bless,
Marilyn Comchi, St. Stephen's Pastoral Care Director

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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.

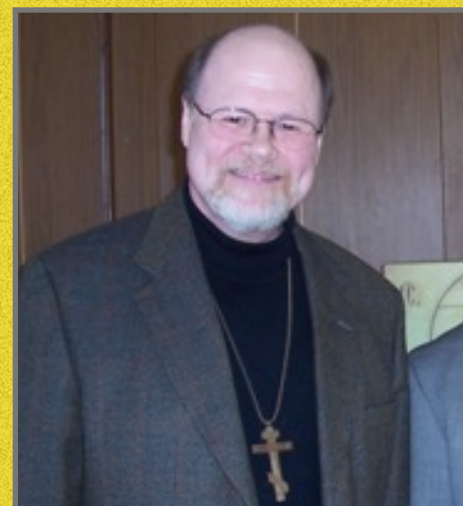
Byzantine Catholics are those who proudly maintain their rich Eastern (Orthodox) liturgical, spiritual and theological ways, and yet are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. We recognize the leadership of the Pope of Rome, but are not ourselves Roman Catholic.

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 protomartyr.ca or visit us in person. We look forward to



Look at what we did in Lethbridge! Our **Calgary Icon Writing Workshop** is less than a month away. Sign up in the Parish Office!



LENTEN MISSION 2017
Coming Home - Rediscovering the
Merciful Love of God
February 26 to March 1st

We are very pleased to announce our speaker, **Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky**, recent Director of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute at Saint Paul University in Ottawa and current chancellor and vicar general of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. It is a rare and exciting opportunity to snag this talented, dynamic speaker. Be sure to attend! **All sessions begin at 7:00 pm**, and are free to attend. Bring your friends!

WELCOME TO ALL! Lent season is coming up quickly, a perfect time to grow spiritually. Let us feed you!

SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 26

Homily at each Divine Liturgy
Holy – Who, Me? Experiencing the Divine Mystery

Monday, February 27

Ambassadors for Christ – The Primacy of Forgiveness

Tuesday, February 28

The Kiss of Christ – The Healing Power of the Holy Mystery of Confession

Wednesday, March 1st

The Medicine of Immortality – The Connection between Holy Confession and Holy Communion



Icons are images of Christ and His saints that teach us about, and challenge us into, deeper union with Him.

This intensive, prayerful weekend workshop will allow all participants to complete a traditional Byzantine "egg tempera" Icon of Christ the Good Shepherd (see image to the left). It will take place at St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church.

This is a course for beginner and intermediate level students. No previous experience is required. All materials are covered in the tuition including real 23.5K Gold. Cost: \$300 per person. Save \$30 off the tuition if you are a member of the Sacred Arts Guild of Alberta (SAGC). Limit 18 students. To register please contact the parish office at (403) 249-4818 or by email office@protomartyr.ca

Fr. Bo Nahachewsky, in addition to being a Ukrainian Catholic priest since 2003, has been writing (painting) Icons since 1995. In 2002 he was consecrated an iconographer by Metropolitan (then Bishop) Lawrence Huculak. He has taught icon workshops in several locations across Canada.



Calgary's Lenten Weekend

Icon Writing Workshop

Friday Evening & All Day Saturday & Sunday, March 3-5, 2017

To register please call the parish office at 403-249-4818 ex 0, or email office@protomartyr.ca, or register in person. A \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot.

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