



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

Sunday of Zacchaeus

The Transfer of the Relics of the Great-Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer (of Antioch)

January 29th, 2017

Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: *Tone 4:* When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* "Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy."

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

Kontakion: My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth* and shattered the gates of Hades,* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: By your birth, O immaculate one,* Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins,* celebrate as they cry out to you:* "The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God* and nourisher of our life."

Prokeimenon: How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom.
verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. (Psalm 103:24,1)

Epistle

1 Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set

the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Alleluia

verse: Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.
verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity. (Psalm 44:5,8)

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

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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:
For emergencies call
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Funerals: Arrangements with
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Prayer & Catechesis

TODAY: BOOK OF LIFE CEREMONY

This will take place at the 10:30 Divine
Liturgy for our children preparing for their
First Solemn Confession and First Solemn
Communion.

****No Sunday School Today****

Sunday school resumes next week.

This Tuesday, January 30th there will be
prayers at 9 am. Fr. Bo will be at St.
Matthew's School celebrating Divine Liturgy
at 10 am.

CONFESSIONS

at 4:00 pm every Saturday.

GREAT VESPERS

at 5:00 pm every Saturday

FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION

Today we are celebrating Book of Life!
There are no classes for FSC today.

WEDDING PREP COURSE

Are you getting married this year? It's time
to get prepared! Our next session runs
Friday, Feb. 10th to Monday, Feb 12th.
Times TBD. You cannot get married in our
church without taking a marriage prep
course! Please email
coordinator@protomartyr.ca to register.

REGNUM CHRISTI

Tuesday, January 31st from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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.

Parish Meetings & Events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

3rd degree meeting, on Thursday, Feb. 9th
at 7:00 pm

PLUS 50

Plus 50 **Potluck** Luncheon Tuesday
January 31 at 11:00 am.

A video, **Music of Survival**, a story of the
Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, will be shown
at 11:00 am.

UCWLC

Membership dues can be renewed today,
January 29th after all three Divine Liturgies.
Fees are \$25.00. The *Nasha Doroha*
magazines can be picked up. Thank you to
all members for your support.

EVENING WITH THE BISHOP

A planning meeting for our June 9, 2017
"Evening with Bishop David" will be held on
Thursday February 9th. Please join us as
we plan the **Kickoff to our 50th
Anniversary Year**. We need you!
Contact Laurie Kindrachuk:
laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca Cell:
403-614-5581

LETHBRIDGE ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Fr. Bo is away next weekend for his
iconography workshop. Do you know
anyone in Lethbridge that would love to
attend, or will you be headed south
yourself? Please contact Michelle at
1-403-593-2482.

TABLES FOR TWO

Skip the lines on St. Valentine's Day! Join
us for a romantic 5-course dinner (for
engaged & married couples) served with
conversation starters. February 25th in the
hall, times & details to be declared.

*For the Upcoming Men's Dinner on
February 3rd, we are looking for
volunteers! Sign up sheets are
posted in the atrium. We need your
help to make this event a success!
Please contact Jo-Anne Hueser at
(403-238-1939).*

MEN'S DINNER SILENT AUCTION

Today is the last day for donations to the silent
auction. Your support is greatly appreciated.
Thank you! Please contact
Mike Siroishka (403-990-8299)
Email mikesir555@gmail.com or
Dave Ewanchyna (403-560-4003).

We love our faith, and many of us love our social media and tech.
Connect with your church family using these exciting forums! We are
on facebook, youtube, and have an awesome website. Check
it out;
www.saintstephenprotomartyr.ca
bit.do/protomartyr (youtube)
www.facebook.com/protomartyr.ca




Retrouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
March 10-12, 2017
To register call: 403-879-7893 or visit
our website at
www.helpourmarriagecalgary.ca

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!

LITURGICAL HELP

	TODAY, Jan. 29	NEXT WEEK, Feb. 5th
EPISTLE READERS	8:30 am - Paul Kyba 10:30 am- Kulak Glen 5:00 pm - Brad & Karen Swidzinski	8:30 am - Dianna Rygiel 10:30 am- Craig Pichach 5:00 pm - Christine Knights
HOSTS/USHERS	8:30 am - Paul Kyba 10:30 am- Kulak Glen	8:30 am - Dianna Rygiel 10:30 am- Craig Pichach
ROSARY	10:00 am - David McMillan	10:00 am - Bill Lewchuk
ARK STORE	Chubby Family	Longfield Family

LENTEN MISSION 2017

Coming Home - Rediscovering the Merciful Love of God

February 26 to March 1st

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 27

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

Wednesday, February 27

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



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!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 29:
8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Elsie Boyko w/ Panakhyda
10:30am - for the intentions and needs of all parishioners
5:00pm – for the repose of the soul of +Volodymyr Dashko

Monday, January 30:
9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Roman Skrypka

Tuesday, January 31:
9:00am – keeping Don Geslinger in our prayers

Wednesday, February 1:
No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, February 2:
FEAST OF THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE
9:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy
7:00pm – Festal Divine Liturgy

Friday, February 3:
10:00am (Westview) – keeping Ted Josepha in our prayers

Saturday, February 4:
9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Roman Skrypka

Sunday, February 5:
8:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners
10:30am - for blessings for good health for Robert Yurkovich
5:00pm – for blessings for a successful surgery and healing for Anne

Mr. Joseph Ewanchyna, a well known parishioner, and father of two of our Parish Pastoral Council members, has passed away earlier this week (about 1:30am Friday). We have arranged with the family for the funeral to take place on the evening of Sunday, February 5th at 7pm, and the morning of Monday, February 6th at 10am, here at St. Stephen's. May God grant him eternal rest. "Vichnaya Pamyat"



**ST. STEPHEN CHARITABLE
COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES
& ORGANIZATIONS**

Charity Subcommittee:

Coordinate & market the efforts of all parish charitable activity.

Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn
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eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com

Pass It On: Donates clothing to needy families in Calgary .
Contact: Theresa Lewchuk
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Men's Dinner: Annual major church fundraiser for capital expenses plus Inn From the Cold endeavours.
Contact: Greg Bobyn
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greg.bobyn@mnp.ca

**The Helping Others
Network:**

Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy.
Contact: Des Peplinski
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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
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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

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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St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church

January & February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
29 Sunday of Zacchaeus * 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian * 10:30 am Diving Liturgy: English FSC Book of Life Ceremony <i>-No Sunday School or FSC Classes</i> * 1:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Melkite * 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English	30 Pre-lent Begins * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 4:00 pm Newman College Course * 7:00 pm Bible Study * 7:00 Friends of the UCU Meeting	31 * 9:00 am Prayers (Not Liturgy) * 10:00 am St. Matthew's * 11:00 am Plus 50 Meeting + Luncheon * 1:00 pm Regnum Christi * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Lang. Class * 7:45 pm Ukrainian Lang. Class
5 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Welcome to Guest Priest, Father Gary * 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 * 7:00 pm Funeral * Iconography Workshop, Lethbridge Fr. Bo is away	6 * 10:00 am Funeral * 4:00 pm Newman College Course * 7:00 pm Bible Study * 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	7 * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Art Committee Meeting * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class
12 Sunday of Prodigal Son * 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian * 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class * 10:30 am Diving Liturgy: English with Sunday School * 1:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Melkite * 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English * Marriage Prep Course	13 Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 7:00 pm Bible Study	14 St. Valentine's Day * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class
19 Meatfare Sunday * 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 SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE	20 Family Day * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 4:00 pm Newman College Course	21 * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 1:00 pm Regnum Christi * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class
26 Cheesefare Sunday * PARISH LENTEN MISSION * 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 Great Fast Begins * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 4:00 pm Newman College Course * 7:00 pm PARISH LENTEN MISSION	28 * 11:00 Plus 50 Meeting * 7:00 pm PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Parish Calendar

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

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 February Men's Dinner Setup No Divine Liturgy * 9:00 am Cabbage Roll Workbee * 4:00 pm Website/ Financials Meeting * 7:00 pm Men's Dinner Meeting * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	2 Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord Men's Dinner Setup * 9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy * 9:00 am Prep for Men's Dinner * 5:45 Funds Investment Meeting * 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy	 3 Men's Dinner Setup * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge * 11:00 am Prep for Men's Dinner * Iconography Workshop, Lethbridge Fr. Bo is away MEN'S DINNER FUNDRAISER	4 Men's Dinner cleanup * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 1:00 PLAST * 2:00 pm Baptism * 4:00 pm Confessions * 5:00 pm Vespers * Iconography Workshop, Lethbridge Fr. Bo is away
8 No Divine Liturgy * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Choir Practice	9 * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 7:00 pm K of C 3rd Degree Meeting * 7:00 pm Evening with the Bishop Meeting	10 * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge with Fr. Michael * Marriage Prep Course	11 * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * Marriage Prep Course * 4:00 pm Confessions * 5:00 pm Vespers
15 No Divine Liturgy * 7:00 pm PPC Meeting * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	16 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	 17 * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge	18 All Souls Saturday * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Soroko-ooste (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 FAITH FRIDAY AT 6:15	25 * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 1:00 pm PLAST * Tables for Two
1 * 7:00 Presanctified Service * 7:00 pm PARISH LENTEN MISSION	2 * 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 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 * 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.
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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.
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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 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



The Dismissal

After communion, we say a special prayer to Jesus thanking Him for finding us worthy to receive His Body and Blood. We ask Him to help us to live every day of our lives for Him, up to the day when we shall be with Him forever in Heaven.

Father asks God to have mercy on us and to save us. Then he gives us the final blessing:

"May the blessing of the Lord and His mercy be upon you."

We are to "go forth in peace." To "go forth in peace" means that even though the Divine Liturgy has ended, we live our lives throughout the week as if they are a part of the Liturgy. We say our prayers and do the things which please God. We are kind to our parents, brothers and sisters, and to the people we see at church and school. We take care of the earth which God gave us and we treat everything with respect. We must always remember:

**BE KIND TO PEOPLE, BE KIND TO ANIMALS,
BE KIND TO THE EARTH.**

Listed in the chart are things we can do to help make our world a better place. Think of other things we can do to help our world. Add them to the chart. Here's how we can help:

PEOPLE

- ♥ feed the hungry
- ♥ help the poor
- ♥ visit those who are lonely

ANIMALS

- ♥ take care of pets
- ♥ never be cruel
- ♥ help sick and injured animals

THE EARTH

- ♥ plant trees to replace those destroyed
- ♥ do not litter & help clean up trash
- ♥ never waste water

If you see someone do something to harm anyone or anything, try to help him understand that he is wrong. Our world can be a better place only if all people work together.

Interested in your child learning a second language?

Sadochok is Calgary's only accredited bilingual Ukrainian/English preschool and daycare program for children aged 3 to 5 years old.

Highly skilled staff provide a safe and comfortable atmosphere where children learn life skills in preparation for kindergarten.

Age appropriate methods are used to teach literacy, numeracy, music and art. Large indoor and secure outdoor play areas allow ample time for self guided play and social interaction.

Field trips and special activities throughout the term. Our hours are 7:30am-5:30pm, minutes from downtown.

For additional information please contact:
director@ukrainianpreschool.ca or 403-264-3437

Make Your Baba Proud!

www.ukrainianpreschool.ca

Come on out for Faith Fridays!
Enjoy drop in Potlatch and fellowship, followed by catechesis. We can't wait! Join us, February 24th, doors open at 6:15.



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



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



ST VLADIMIR'S SADOCHOK
UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE
FEBRUARY 7, 2017
5 - 7PM

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS ... Our Heritage ... 50 Years Young

I am sure that many of you are aware and for those of you who are not, in 2018 our St. Stephen's Parish will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. This is a milestone to be sure! We will celebrate the past 50 Years and the huge accomplishment of building not only a parish family but also the beautiful church where we come together to meet, play and most important to worship. It was a beautiful dream that our founding families saw realized and we the parishioners have enjoyed the fruits of their labor.

St. Stephen's has formed a 50th Anniversary Committee chaired by Greg Bobyn and the next meeting is on Monday February 13th. We have starting the planning of what the year before the big event will look like. We always have a place if you would like to join this fun group. Many hands make light work!

Our kickoff to the 50th Anniversary of 2018 will be an Evening with Bishop David scheduled for Friday June 9th of this year. Our first planning meeting will take place on Thursday February 9th. I will be chairing this event and I urge you to think about volunteering. We already have had some parishioners come forward – thank you - but more are needed! Our sister parish Assumption will be co-sponsoring this event with us.

Now I want to share some very exciting current news with you! On Wednesday January 25th,

on CTV news, DES PEPLINSKI was interviewed by Darryl Janz. Des spoke about the work he does for the Helping Others Network. Des was honored as an "INSPIRING ALBERTAN". CONGRATULATIONS DES! Darryl Janz also highlighted the work that St. Stephen's does in supporting people in need. Marilyn Comchi and Dennis Yurkiw were also interviewed as members of St. Stephen's support network from which The Helping Others Network emerged. It was a great interview and if you missed it you can view it on www.calgary.ctvnews.ca. More to come in future VIEWS FROM THE PEWS .

I highly recommend our St. Stephen's Book so you can start from the beginning and learn more about how our parish began. You can purchase it in the Ark Store on Sunday's. Any questions you have will be answered in these pages.

Our Parish has so much to offer all of us if we just take a moment to look around, meet the person that you don't know in your pew, have a conversation. We talk about a "Vibrant Parish" and as parishioners of St. Stephen's we want to make certain our parish has many more amazing years. So, when we think about how to celebrate in 2018, we want to not only celebrate the past but look at how we can create our future at St. Stephen's for the next 50 years!

Laurie Kindrachuk, editor
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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 getting to know you

BOOK OF LIFE, FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION 2017

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Please keep in your prayers our children who are preparing for their Solemn Confession and First Solemn Communion

This is an important spiritual milestone in our children's lives and we walk with them in encouragement, love and support. We pray also for their parents and siblings, course instructors Barb, Kathy and Karen, and for our pastors and spiritual leaders Fr. Bo and Dcn. Andrij.

What is the "Book of Life" ceremony?

Baptism is a commitment to life with God. It is much more than a ceremony to mark the beginning of one's life, but rather, a promise to live fully entered of God.

When we are baptized, the priest prays:

...Fill him (her) with faith in You, hope in You, and love for You, so that he (she) will come to know that You are the only true God, together with Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and with Your Holy Spirit. Enable him (her) to walk in all Your commandments and to observe all Your

*precepts; for those who do these things will find life in them. **Inscribe him (her) into the Book of Life**, and unite him (her) to the flock of Your inheritance. May your holy Name be glorified in him (her), together with the Name of Your beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and of your life-giving spirit...*

He asks God to inscribe us into the Book of Life, where all the names of those who are saved are recorded.

Today these children, who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and who have been studying about their baptismal commitment, will re-dedicate themselves to God, just like they did via their God-parents at baptism. They will publicly promise to follow Christ; they will sign their names to a simple document stating that they wish to be united with Christ. This document is placed in our parish's "Book of Life". They are then anointed with blessed oil.

Congratulations, May you always be blessed!

Let us all follow the lead of our beloved children and re-dedicate ourselves completely to Christ our God. Let us shine forth with His beautiful brightness and bless the world with His peace and goodness.

