



# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 36th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Apostle Timothy; the Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628)

### Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy

#### *Troparia and Kontakia*

*Troparion:* Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

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

*Kontakion:* You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,\* and led us out from the gates of death.\* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,\* and the prophets together with the patriarchs\* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Theotokion:* Today the Virgin stands before us in the church\* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.\* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,\* Apostles exult with prophets,\* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

*Prokeimenon:* Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

*verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. (Psalm 46:7,2)

#### *Epistle*

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But

for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### *Alleluia*

*verse:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

*verse:* Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. (Psalm 30:2,3)

#### *Gospel*

Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

*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

# GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!

## LITURGICAL HELP

### 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

403 249-4818, press 9

Funerals: Arrangements with

Fr. Bo.

### CLERGY and RELIGIOUS

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	TODAY, Jan. 22	NEXT WEEK, Jan. 28
<b>EPISTLE READERS</b>	8:30 am - Vince Letwin 10:30 am- MAFIA 5:00 pm - Patricia Harasym	8:30 am - Paul Kyba 10:30 am- Kulak Glen 5:00 pm - Brad & Karen Swidzinski
<b>HOSTS/USHERS</b>	8:30 am - Vince Letwin 10:30 am- MAFIA	8:30 am - Paul Kyba 10:30 am- Kulak Glen
<b>ROSARY</b>	10:00 am- Craig Pichach	10:00 am - David McMillan
<b>ARK STORE</b>	Bobyn Family	Chubby Family

## Prayer & Catechesis

### **\*\*Sunday School Today\*\***

#### **CONFESSIONS**

at 4:00 pm every Saturday.

#### **GREAT VESPERS**

at 5:00 pm every Saturday

#### **FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION**

First retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th 12-3pm. During 9:00 am classes there is a short session for parents running concurrently in the Board Room.

#### **WEDDING PREP COURSE**

Next session runs Friday, Feb. 10th to Monday, Feb 12th. Times TBD.

#### **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](mailto: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

#### **UCWLC**

Membership dues can be renewed today, January 22nd and on the 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.

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

## MEN'S DINNER SILENT AUCTION

Did you know the St. Stephen's Men's Dinner is our parish's major fundraiser? We need your help with donations for the evening's silent auction. We are looking for donations of new items such as electronics, sporting equipment, themed gift baskets, framed artwork and gift cards. Please contact Mike Siroishka (403-990-8299) or Dave Ewanchyna (403-560-4003) to learn how you can make this event a success.

Email [mikesir555@gmail.com](mailto:mikesir555@gmail.com)



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## Timothy the Apostle and the Holy Martyr Anastasius

2 Tim. 1:3-9; Mt. 10:32-38 and 19:27-30



*Timothy, the disciple and companion of St. Paul, was Bishop of Ephesus.*

*Anastasius, born in Persia, was martyred in Palestine during the Persian invasion that devastated that country in the year 628. His head was brought to Rome where it is still honored in the church of SS. Vincent and Anastasius.*

## The Word "Love"

A sacred word that has been polluted with false meanings today is the word "love." True love, agape, means to care deeply, to serve, to give one's life, if need be, for the one loved. The great example of this is God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son. . ." Love today means anything but giving. In fact, it has come to mean not giving, but taking. Love is not agape anymore; it is lust. It is manipulating or using the other person for one's selfish gratification. It treats people as disposable pieces of Kleenex. It has done away with that deep giving of oneself called commitment in favor of just "living together" not "until death do us part," but until some other "meaningful relationship" comes along.

Once God is removed from life, words such as love lose their meaning completely. For how can we know what true love is without God who alone is love? Without God sacred words such as love are totally polluted and become identified with the sewer experiences of life. It is only in Christ that words — and life itself — find their true meaning.

## Church Fathers Speak

Though we cannot know God, we can love him: by love he may be touched and embraced, never by thought. Anonymous, *The Cloud of Unknowing*

Coniaris, Anthony M. *Daily vitamins for spiritual growth : day by day with Jesus through the church year*. Minneapolis, Minn: Light & Life Pub. Co, 1994. Print.



## HOLY HOURS

Please Join us for Holy Hours on Tuesday, January 31st, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. We will be in the sanctuary as we pray the rosary, do a litany of prayers and have a meditation. Welcome to all parishioners.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21:  
9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Sunday, January 22:  
8:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners  
10:30am- for the repose of the souls of +Elsie Boyko and +Adele Hilkewich  
5:00pm – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Helen Ewanchyna w/ Panakhyda

Monday, January 23:  
9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Arnie Kroll (DL 2621)

Tuesday, January 24:  
9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Claudia Matheny (DL 2622)

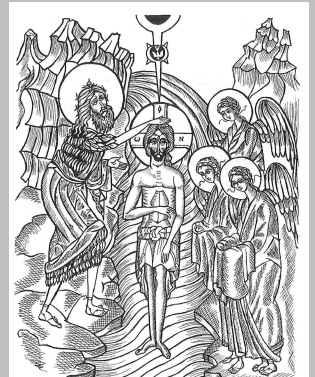
Wednesday, January 25:  
No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 26:  
9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Friday, January 27:  
10:00am (Westview) - for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Saturday, January 28:  
9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

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



**ST. STEPHEN 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  
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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.*  
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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  
403-860-2185  
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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  
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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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# St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church




## January & February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>22 36th Sunday after Pentecost</b> * 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 * 4:00 pm Chrismation * 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English * 6:30 Faith Friday Recap	<b>23</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 4:00 pm Newman College Course * 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>24</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Parish Survey Meeting * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class
<b>29 Sunday of Zacchaeus</b> * 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian * 10:30 am Diving Liturgy: English <b>FSC Book of Life Ceremony</b> <i>-No Sunday School or FSC Classes</i> * 1:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Melkite * 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English	<b>30 Pre-lent Begins</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 4:00 pm Newman College Course * 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>31</b> * 9:00 am Prayers (Not Liturgy) * 10:00 am St. Matthew's * 11:00 am Plus 50 Meeting * 1:00 pm Regnum Christi * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Lang. Class * 7:45 pm Ukrainian Lang. Class
<b>5 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee</b> <b>Welcome to Guest Priest, Father Gary</b> * 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 * Iconography Workshop, Lethbridge Fr. Bo is away	<b>6</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 4:00 pm Newman College Course * 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>7</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Art Committee Meeting * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class
<b>12 Sunday of Prodigal Son</b> * 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	<b>13 Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>14 St. Valentine's Day</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class
<b>19 Meatfare Sunday</b> * 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian * 10:30 am Diving Liturgy: English NO SUNDAY SCHOOL nor First Solemn Communion * 1:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Melkite * 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE	<b>20 Family Day</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 10:00 am Open Iconography Studio * 6:00 pm Newman College Course	<b>21</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 1:00 pm Regnum Christi * 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:45 Ukrainian Language Class



# Parish Calendar

For the most current calendar please go our website; [www.protomartyr.ca](http://www.protomartyr.ca)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> No Divine Liturgy * 7:00 pm Men's Dinner Meeting * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	<b>26</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>27</b>  * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge	<b>28</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * FSC Retreat 12 pm-3 pm * 4:00 pm Confessions * 5:00 pm Vespers
<b>1 February</b> Men's Dinner Setup No Divine Liturgy * 7:00 am Cabbage Roll Workbee * 7:00 pm Men's Dinner Meeting * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	<b>2 Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord</b> 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	<b>3</b>  Men's Dinner Setup * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge * 9:00 am Prep for Men's Dinner * Iconography Workshop, Lethbridge Fr. Bo is away <b>MEN'S DINNER FUNDRAISER</b>	<b>4</b> Men's Dinner cleanup * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * <b>2:00 pm Baptism</b> * <b>4:00 pm Confessions</b> * 5:00 pm Vespers * Iconography Workshop, Lethbridge Fr. Bo is away *
<b>8</b> No Divine Liturgy * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>9</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * 7:00 pm K of C 3rd Degree Meeting	<b>10</b> * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge * Marriage Prep Course	<b>11</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy * Marriage Prep Course * 4:00 pm Confessions * 5:00 pm Vespers
<b>15</b> No Divine Liturgy * 7:00 pm PPC Meeting * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>17</b>  * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge	<b>18</b> <b>All Souls Saturday</b> * 9:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Soroko-ooste (prayers for the deceased) * Hall Booking * 4:00 pm Confessions * 5:00 pm Vespers
<b>22</b> No Divine Liturgy * 7:00 pm Property Management Meeting * 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class * 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Knight's Of Columbus Padre Night	<b>24</b>  * 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: West View Lodge <b>FAITH FRIDAY AT 6:15</b>	<b>25</b> * 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  
 403-220-9624  
[marilyncomchi@shaw.ca](mailto:marilyncomchi@shaw.ca)

**International Trust Fund:**  
 Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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  
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**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



**How often do you receive Holy Communion? Circle one.**

A. Every Sunday      B. Once a month      C. Three or four times a year

Do you know that you should prepare yourself and receive Holy Communion every Sunday?

Receiving Holy Communion is a very important part of the Divine Liturgy. It is just as important as praying, listening to the Priest, and making the Sign of the Cross.

After we receive Holy Communion we sing:

**"We have seen the true Light, we have received the Heavenly spirit, we have found the true Faith."**

*"We have seen the true Light"* because we have received Jesus, the "Light of the world."

*"The Heavenly Spirit"* we have received is the Holy Spirit. Do you remember learning about the Holy Spirit when we studied the Creed? Why is it important that we have received Him?

**What is the "true Faith" we have found?**

**Hint:** Starting with the first T, write down every other letter on the lines below. When you come to the end of the letters, start over and write the letters you skipped the first time.

D T O H X E F O A R I T T H H O

**The true Faith we have found is**

\_\_\_\_\_

Why is this the true Faith? \_\_\_\_\_



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**SADOCHOK**  
UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL

**OPEN HOUSE**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2017**  
**5 - 7PM**



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For additional information please contact:  
[director@ukrainianpreschool.ca](mailto:director@ukrainianpreschool.ca) or 403-264-3437

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## The ROMA Chronicles ...

### What's Father Mark been up to?

I'm writing from my third day in the holy city of ROMA. The Institute for Continuing Education is everything I hoped for and much more. Thirty four priests, including myself, are housed in a building called "Casa O'Toole" on the campus of the Pontifical North American College. We are within the walls of the Vatican City. The view from my room on the third floor is nothing short of spectacular - the domes of San Pietro, known as St Peter's. This is the view I wake up to every morning at 6 AM, and it is very likely that I will never tire of it!

Orientation Tuesday introduced us to each other, the campus and the 230 seminarians representing 98 dioceses that make up the college, the daily routines, our academic courses, and what to watch out for while travelling the streets of the eternal city.

"Pranzo" as it is called, is the main meal of the day served at 1:15pm sharp. Imagine a large dining hall seating about 400 people. Four courses consisting of salad (not my favourite), pasta, meat with veggies, and finally dessert are served. Americans, no less than Italians, love to talk during a meal. I have discovered sharing stories of my years as a priest with those who are preparing to enter it, is really a highlight of the day. Senior clergy - dare I use the word "senior?" - have been told "what you are, they [seminarians] aspire to be." Curiosity also runs deep specifically about Canadian ministry experiences. For example, the myths of bears in our backyard and getting to parishes by helicopter have been debunked!

Today, Wednesday, we walked the streets of ROMA to San Pietro, navigating through the myriad of tourists and street vendors. Upon entering the famous church I was delighted to see the Nativity Scene still set up. The figures seemed almost human, moving mechanized limbs from time to time, with great attention to lighting especially seen in the face of Mary: reverent and revealing. But the peak experience was to visit the tomb of St Peter - underneath the main altar - for our private celebration of the Mass.

I can tell you that as a member of the Eastern Catholic Church it is heartwarming to be accepted as an equal amongst my Western Church brother priests (I am brushing up on my Latin). My hope is to be a good ambassador of my church and St. Stephen's. The college students are already familiar with the Byzantine Rite due to the resident Director of Apostolic Formation, the Very Rev. Ronald C. Barusefski, JCL.

More news later!

With prayers and appreciation for this sabbatical opportunity,

-Fr Mark

We love your *views from the pews*! Please contact Laurie Kindrachuk at [laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca](mailto:laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca) or her cell at 403-614-5581





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.

## Thank-you to all who attended our Parish Visioning Dinner!

We were treated to a delicious supper prepared for us by Tony and his crew from St. Basil's Parish. Many important questions were raised regarding the *mission statement and vision* for our parish. The goal was to add clarity, direction and energy to our beloved St. Stephen Protomartyr church family. Fr. Bo shared with us an insightful and challenging powerpoint presentation, and suggested a few choice books.

For example, *The Purpose Driven Church* by our Evangelical friend, Rick Warren.

Thank you Father Bo for your efforts! Please leave your email with the parish office for a copy of the presentation.



### First Solemn Communion

It's that time of year! We are super excited to be into our second week of classes for our 2017 group. Marilyn is looking snazzy and helping in the creation of youtube videos!

On our new youtube channel, we will be posting content created especially for our FSC Lessons. What does this mean for you? Should you miss a lesson, there is a parent's and children's video prepared weekly to help you "catch up". Check in and subscribe for fresh content on any and all things Eastern Catholic!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-TcaPvXcCitzImK3Byp3hQ>

You can also look up "st. stephen protomartyr calgary" on youtube or check our Facebook page for a direct link!

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