



## St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church

### views from the pews

*How it all began . . .*

April 15, 2018

A couple of fun memories from the past ...

Father Phil Shinduke was the first the first priest at St. Stephen's Mission. He stood about 6' tall and the first altar was made for him, so that when he stood in front of it, everything was in reach. When Father Phil left he was replaced by Father Greschuk who was about 5'7" or 5'8". When standing to celebrate Divine Liturgy, the altar went up to his chest. Needless to say parishioners volunteered and had it cut down to size. It was a beautiful altar, finished in white and the paint was baked on! Stan Kwasniowski

We tried many ideas to raise money to support our parish. One of our first fundraisers was selling Christmas trees. We partnered with The Bay. We sold trees out of their warehouse. The weather was EXTREME cold. We lost \$400! The committee was in shock! Lucky for us the Bay carried us over to the next year and we made \$1,100! John Siroishka



Clockwise from left: Jim Ochitwa, Don Boby, Stan Kwasniowski and John Siroishka

These gentlemen have given their hearts and souls and helped in so many areas throughout the years. There are many more who have contributed ... we will be hearing their stories in the coming weeks.

I welcome YOUR stories, so please contact me: [laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca](mailto:laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca) or cell: 403-614-5581

- ❖ **Save the dates:** June 1 – June 3, 2018 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Commemorative Events** – details coming soon!
- ❖ Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> during 10:30 Liturgy - Most Rev. Bishop David will facilitate the Sub-Deaconate Ordination for three of our parishioners.
- ❖ Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 Liturgy - The Bishop's Annual Tea.
- ❖ The 3<sup>rd</sup> session in our speaker series, **Beginning the Grief Journey** is on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30. Cost is FREE and refreshments will be served. Register with Jean Pashulka: 403-271-6092 or email [mykitchen@shaw.ca](mailto:mykitchen@shaw.ca)