

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

>>WE WELCOME ALL WHO JOIN US TODAY IN WORSHIP!<<

SEPTEMBER 10-2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Troparion and Kontakia

Troparion: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion: Your nativity, O Virgin Mother of God,* has made joy known to all the world,* for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God.* He abolished the curse and gave the blessing,* and by making death of no effect He bestowed on us eternal life.

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

Kontakion: 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

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

Galatians 6:11-18

Brothers and Sisters, see what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything;

but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I have exalted one chosen from the people and with my holy oil anointed him.

verse: My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong

Gospel

John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary, born from a barren womb.

And the Irmos

Virginity is alien to mothers* and childbearing is foreign to virgins;* yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together.* Therefore we and all the nations of the earth* without ceasing magnify you

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia



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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sunday Services:
8:30am - Ukrainian
10:30am - English
1:00pm - Arabic / English [Melkite]
5:00pm - English

Weekday Services:

Monday - Saturday - English
@ 9:00 am
Friday at Westview - English
@ 10:00 am

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confession:

Sunday 10:00 am —12:00 pm

Saturday @ 8:00-9:00am

Tue & Wed 8:30am—9:00am
or by appointment

Marriage, Baptism-Chrismation- Eucharist, Funerals :

Arrangements with the office

Anointing of the Sick:

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Arrangements with the office

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THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



This great feast at the very outset of the Christian year, following the Nativity of the Mother of God on September 8, proclaims that the Cross stands firm while the earth revolves, as the hermits of old said. The Cross has significance for all the world. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all peoples to Me."

On this day, the Cross is lifted up to the four corners of the earth, and descends even into hell, that the world may be saved. It is raised five times, facing East, South, West, North and East again.

The whole world is encompassed. We find in the Expositio, this idea:

- ❖ The cross is the guardian of the whole earth.
- ❖ The Cross is the beauty of the Church.
- ❖ The Cross is the strength of Kings.
- ❖ The Cross is the support of the faithful.
- ❖ The Cross is the glory of angels and wonder of demons.

The date September 14th, recalls the finding of the Cross in Jerusalem by Saint Helen, and the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection, built by her son St. Constantine, and dedicated in 335.

St. John Chrysostom, writing in 395, in the homilies on St. John (the Evangelist), speaks of the three crosses discovered by the Empress Helen beneath the mound of Golgotha.

Early in the 5th Century, Rufinus and Paulinus of Nola record miracles by which the true Cross of Christ was recognized by St. Helen and St. Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem.

From Constantinople, the festival spread to other Christian centers. It was celebrated in Rome at the end of the seventh century.

The importance of the feast is shown by preparation on the Sunday before, when the epistle from Galatians 6: 1 – 18 reminds us of the teaching of St. Paul:

"But far be it from me to glory except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

In the Gospel, John 3: 13 – 17, we read:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

On the Sunday after the feast, there are also additional epistle and Gospel readings. In Galatians 2: 16-21, we find the well-known words:

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me."

In Mark 8: 34- 9: 1, we read the teaching of Jesus:

"If anyone would come after Me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever would save one's life will lose it, and whoever loses one's life for My sake and the Gospel's, will save it."

Before and after this feast, we, members of the Church, meditate on the mystery of Christ's life-giving death, by which death itself has been overcome.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ This feast day is commemorated on the Sunday before the feast and the Sunday after the Feast.
- ❖ The post-festive period for this feast is until September 21.
- ❖ St. Constantine, Emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire had a vision of a Cross and heard a voice that told him: In this sign you will conquer.
- ❖ After this vision, Constantine had crosses painted on the shields of his warriors.
- ❖ St. Constantine was St. Helen's son.
- ❖ From Constantinople, the festival spread to other Christian centers. It was celebrated in Rome at the end of the Seventh Century.
- ❖ We also venerate the Holy Cross on the Third Sunday of the Great Fast.
- ❖ We never commemorate the cross without remembering the Resurrection.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

The symbol of Christian faith has ever been and always will be the Cross, for it is the sign of our redemption by our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to earth to suffer for us and was crucified upon the Cross. When we wish to show that something is dedicated to Christ, we mark it with a Cross. When we join the three fingers of our right hand together, it is as if we wanted to say: "I believe in God, One in the Trinity; in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; not in one person, but Three Persons; not in three gods, but One God." When we bend the other two fingers of our right hand down to the palm it is as if we were saying: "I believe that our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is at the same time Real God and Real man – the God-man – came down to earth for our salvation.

As we make the sign of the Cross, we say the following prayer:

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen". Doing so, we clearly indicate that we belong to God and serve Him alone. God is always near us, because He is everywhere. He always sees us, just as He sees everything. But during prayer, we are especially close to God: we stand before Him, speak to Him and He listens to us. Because of this, while praying, we sign ourselves with the Cross more often, especially before and after each prayer. We also make the Cross upon ourselves when we enter church, approach a sacred object or kiss an icon, and many times during church services. We should make the sign of the Cross in the morning to obtain God's blessing on the day; in the evening to ask for His protection during the night; at all the important moments of our life: when in danger, in sorrow, in joy; before all important undertakings that they may turn out well; at mealtime to invoke God's blessing and to give Him thanks.

We must never make the sign of the Cross hurriedly and carelessly. To those who cross themselves in a hurry, without due deliberation, or who simply wave their hand fanning their breast, St John Chrysostom says: "the demons rejoice in this frantic waving." On the other hand, the Cross traced correctly, with faith and reverence, dispels demons, calms sinful passions, attracts Divine Grace and gives us the strength to do good. We must never be ashamed of the sign of the Cross lest Christ be ashamed of us. We are assured by Christians of all ages, but especially by those of the first centuries, that we have at our command a very powerful weapon: the sign of the Cross. Therefore, it is much to be regretted that we do not make better use of it in our times. Never did the world array before the children of God enemies so numerous or so insidious as at the present time. They assail us on every side, not only with sword and fire, but with false philosophies, with pride of intellect, with religious indifference, with materialism, with commodity. It is more difficult for us to combat these enemies for a lifetime, than it was for early Christians to gain a martyr's glory in a momentary struggle in the amphitheater. If, for the first Christians, trained in the school of apostles and their immediate successors, the frequent use of the sign of the Cross was so necessary, is it not also indispensable to us? Let us then follow the pious custom of our fathers in the Faith and make the sign of the Cross more frequently

Taken from St Luke's Mission website www.sv-luka.org

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 10: SUNDAY BEFORE EXALTATION

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Emil Krysko

10:30am – for blessings for comfort and healing for Fr. Andy Muzyka

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

Monday, September 11:

9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Tuesday, September 12:

9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Wednesday, September 13:

9:00am – for blessings for comfort and healing for Michelle and Ted Carpenter & family

Thursday, September 14: FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

7:00pm – FESTAL Divine Liturgy

Friday, September 15:

9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

10:00am – WestView – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Saturday, September 16:

9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Sunday, September 17: SUNDAY AFTER EXALTATION

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +Mary Bociuko and +Dennis Gardzilewich (w/ panakhyda)

10:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

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

Charity Subcommittee:

*Coordinates and markets 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
Contact: Theresa Lewchuk
403-208-0850; lewchukt@hotmail.com*

Men's Dinner:

*Annual major church fundraiser for capital expenses plus Inn From the Cold endeavors. Contact: Greg Bobyn
403-271-0011; greg.bobyn@mnpc.ca*

The Helping Others Network:

*Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy.
Contact: send an email to
connect@helpingothersnetwork.com
or call Des Peplinski at 403-238-0804*

Art Committee:

*Studies and plans new 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 and their families, and help the sick, needy and disabled in our parish, city and abroad. Contact: Earle Kowalewich at 403-831-5503,
earlekoko@shaw.ca*




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; tysow@shaw.ca*

SEPTEMBER /

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
10 SUNDAY BEFORE EXALTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English <p>READINGS OF THE DAY: Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17</p> <p>SAINTS OF THE DAY: Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross; Octoechos Tone 5; Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God; Holy Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, Nymphodora</p>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 6:30pm Festival of the Mother of God planning meeting ♦ 7:30pm FSC Teachers Meeting <p>Galatians 2:11-16; Mark 5:24-34</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God; Our Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria (474-91)</p>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class ♦ 7:00 pm PPC Mtg <p>Galatians 2:21-3:7; Mark 6:1-7</p> <p>Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God; the Holy Priest-Martyr Autonomus (284-305)</p>
17 SUNDAY AFTER EXALTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 6:00 pm Pass it on Mtg ♦ 7:00pm Property Management Mtg ♦ 7:00pm 50th Anniversary Mtg ♦ 7:30pm KofC 4th degree mtg 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class
24 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 11:00 am FESTIVAL OF THE MOTHER OF GOD—Liturgy in Glamorgan park ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class
1 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English <p>Pass it on Collection Day</p>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class

OCTOBER 2017

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00pm Ukrainian Language Class <i>Galatians 3:15-22; Mark 6:7-13</i> <i>Commemoration of the Dedication of the Holy Church of the Resurrection of Christ Our God (335); Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross; the Holy Priest-Martyr Cornelius the Centurion</i>	14 ♦ 9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00pm Exaltation of the Holy Cross Festal Liturgy <i>1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35</i> <i>The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross</i>	15  ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview <i>Galatians 4:8-21; Mark 6:45-53</i> <i>Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross; Holy Great-Martyr Nicetas (374)</i>	16 ♦ 9:00 am Divine ♦ 9:00am DDRC meeting <i>1 Corinthians 1:26-29; John 8:21-30</i> <i>Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross; Holy Great-Martyr Euphemia, the All-Famed (303)</i>
20 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00pm Ukrainian Language Class	21 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00pm KofC 4th Degree Mtg ♦ 7:30pm Men's dinner Mtg	22  ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview	23 ♦ 9:00 am Divine
27 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00pm Ukrainian Language Class	28 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	29  ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	30 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
4 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00pm Ukrainian Language Class ♦ 7:00pm Finance Committee Mtg	5 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm KofC 3rd Degree Mtg	6  ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	7 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

St. Stephen's Choir:

Provides music ministry to the parish for liturgical services and other events.
 Contact: Linda Dudar
 403-238-0461; lindadudar@shaw.ca

Prayer & Support Group:

Accepts prayer requests for the confidential needs and intentions of parishioners. Contact: Marilyn Comchi
 403-220-9624;
 marilyncomchi@shaw.ca

Support Network:

Provides support, encouragement & help for parishioners facing various difficulties/situations with referrals to services or help they need.
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International Trust Fund:

Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2nd and 3rd world countries.
 Contact: Steve Groch
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Family Support Trust Fund:

Provides temporary financial support to parishioners in need. Donations to this fund are always welcome.
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Calgary Pro-Life Association:

Raises funds for educational awareness programs. Contact: John Siroishka 403-271-2128;
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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 Grade 6.

Contact: Zenon Berg
zenonberg@gmail.com

Sunday School:

*A program run on most Sundays during the 10:30am Divine Liturgy for preschoolers age 4 through grade 2 children. Contact: Lynsey Lowey
lklowey@hotmail.com*

First Solemn Communion (FSC):

*Sacramental Classes for children around GRADE 2 who are ready to approach for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own. Contact: Karen McMillan
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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 parish office

Junior Youth & Senior Youth:

This is an active group of Jr. & Sr. High School students who work, play and grow together in Christ. We are currently looking for a youth group leader, so if interested, please contact parish office

Young Adults:

Those aged 18 - 35 are encouraged to gather as a community and learn, embrace and celebrate their faith. We are currently looking for a young adults leader, so if interested, please contact parish office

Adult Catechism (RCIA):

This program is open to Adults and Teens who want to receive the

LITURGICAL HELP

SEPTEMBER 10TH

EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Myron & Larysa Gellela

10:30 am: MAFIA

5:00 pm: Jay Lalach

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— Myron & Larysa Gellela

10:30— Dave Wandzura

ROSARY 10:00 am: Donna Korchinski

ARK STORE: Lewchuk

SEPTEMBER 17TH

EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Sam Bulych

10:30 am: Glen Kulak

5:00 pm: Brad & Karen Swidzinski

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— Sam Bulych

10:30— Glen Kulak

ROSARY 10:00 am: Bill Lewchuk

ARK STORE: Bobyn

The annual **Synod of Bishops** of the Ukrainian Catholic Church will take place from **September 3-12** in **Lviv** (Briukhovychi); and the annual plenary meeting of the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** from **September 25-29** in **Cornwall**, Ontario. Please pray for our bishops that the Holy Spirit may grant them wisdom and guide and bless their episcopal pastoral ministry, at service to the Church and for God's greater glory.

Pope Francis' Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development published a **Message** on the occasion of the **World Tourism Day – September, 27**, the theme of which is "Sustainable – A tool for development." The link to the Message can be found at: <http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2017/08/01/0503/01112.html>



Congratulations to
Fr Mark
on the Anniversary
of his priestly ordination
(September 8th).

May God grant him
many happy years!

Mnohaya Lita!

**Introduction to Byzantine Icons
Lecture Series:
In the Presence of God's Face**

Dates:

Tues., Sept. 19, 26, October 3 & 10, 2017

Times:

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Venue:

Student Association Building Lower Level, St. Mary's University, 14500 Bannister Rd. SE, Calgary

Fee: \$150/person/series + GST

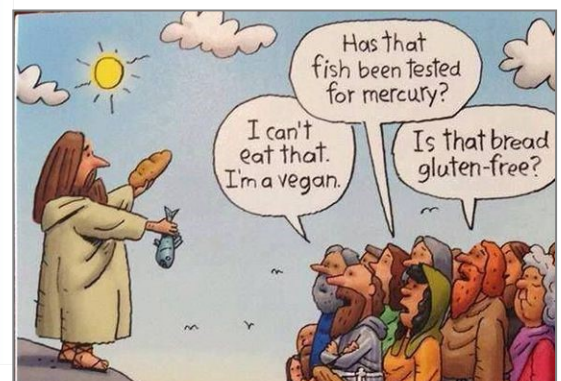
Instructor: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

Explore the history and symbolism of icons under the expert guidance of Fr. Bo in a visual, informal, knowledgeable, interactive and playful workshop.

Registration Deadline: Sept. 12, 2017

More info :

<https://www.stmu.ca/event/introduction-byzantine-icons-lecture-series-presence-gods-face/>



The first large-scale catacombs in the vicinity of Rome were excavated from the 2nd century onwards. They were carved through "tufo", a soft volcanic rock, outside the walls of the city, because Roman law forbade burial places within city limits. The pagan custom was to incinerate corpses, while early Christians and Jews buried the dead. Since most Christians and Jews at that time belonged to the lower classes or were slaves, they usually lacked the resources to buy land for burial purposes. Instead, networks of tunnels were dug in the deep layers of tufo which occurred naturally on the outskirts of Rome. At first, these tunnels were probably not used for regular worship, but simply for burial and, extending pre-existing Roman customs, for memorial services and celebrations of the anniversaries of Christian martyrs.

There are sixty known subterranean burial chambers in Rome. They were built outside the walls along main Roman roads. Names of the catacombs – like St Calixtus and St Sebastian, which is alongside Via Appia – refer to martyrs that may have been buried there. About 80% of the excavations used for Christian burials date to after the time of the persecutions.

Close to the Catacombs of San Callisto are the large and impressive Catacombs of Domitilla (named after Saint Domitilla), spread over 15 kilometres of underground caves. The Domitilla Catacombs are unique in that they are the oldest of Rome's underground burial networks, and the only ones to still contain bones. They are also the best preserved and one of the most extensive of all the catacombs. Included in their passages are a 2nd-century fresco of the Last Supper and other valuable artifacts. There are almost 150,000 bodies buried in the Catacombs of St. Domitilla. They are the only catacombs that have a subterranean basilica, of Sts. Nereus and Achilleus. Entrance to the catacombs is achieved through this sunken 4th-century church.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catacombs_of_Rome#Catacombs_of_Domitilla>

I toured the Domitilla catacombs in February of this year, and remembered the tapestry hung behind the altar, which featured an ancient depiction of Jesus Christ on the cross, amongst other gospel scenes.

-Fr Mark



*To the parents of our young children
may we suggest...*

*Relax! God put the wiggle in children;
don't feel you have to suppress it in
God's house. But do prevent them from
kicking people in the pews.*

*Sit towards the front where it is easier to
see and hear.*

*Quietly explain the parts of the Liturgy
to your children.*

*Sing the hymns, pray and voice the re-
sponses. Children learn liturgical
behaviours by copying you.*

*If you need to leave Liturgy with your
child, please feel free to do so, but
please come back. You can also take
advantage of the "cry room".*

*Remember that the way we welcome
children in church directly affects the
way they respond to Church, to God and
to Christ. Let them know that they are
at home in this sacred space.*

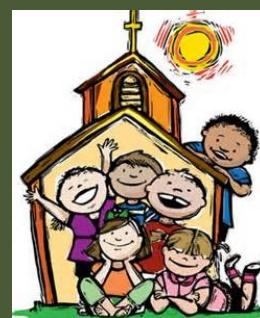
*We love pew art! Please use the blank
papers and colouring sheets provided in
the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for
your child to draw us some
beautiful art. We can hang them on our
parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.*

Do your best to attend Liturgy on time.

*In fact we'd love it if you would come up
to the priests before service and give
them a "high five". When kids know the
priest they feel more
comfortable.*

To the members of our parish...

*A smile of encouragement is always
welcome to parents with small, active
children.*



**Knights of Columbus
St. Nicholas Council #7659
Fund Raiser**

**Saturday Sept 23rd 2017
St. Stephen's Ukrainian Cultural Centre
4903 - 45th Street SW**

9th Annual Ukr Fall Supper

Pyrohy, Cabbage Rolls and Much More!

For Tickets Contact

Terry Stychyshyn
403-540-0411

Ron Gnyra
403-239-5555

Earle Kowalewicz
403-831-5503

Glenn Kulak
403-831-3376

Time:

1st Seating 5:00 PM 2nd Seating 7:00 PM

Cost:

\$20 / Adult \$10 / 6yrs - 12yrs Free / Under 6yrs



CLASSES WILL START ON SEPT 17TH

**We would love to run 3 classrooms
for ages 2-3, 4-5 & 6-7.**

**We are in need of 2 teachers
for the ages of 2-3 & 6-7.**

If you are willing to help please contact:

Karen- Religious Education Director
s.david.mcmillan@gmail.com

Or Lynsey-teachers ages 4-5
lklowey@hotmail.com

**UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES
2017
FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH:**

Beginner - Class time will be distributed evenly among
reading, conversation and grammar.

Wednesday evenings, commencing Sept 13, 2017: 7:00
to 8:15 pm

Higher Levels of Ukrainian Language Classes -

Tuesday evenings, commencing Sept 12: 6:30 - 7:45 pm
& 7:45 - 9:00 pm

FEES/STUDENT: Adults \$140.00; Youth \$80.00

Registration and info :

<http://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/ukrainian-language>

We invite you to join us at the

**Catholic
Festival
of the Mother of God**

Sept 24, 2017

**Glamorgan Park,
46 Avenue & 47 Street SW, Calgary**



10:00 am

Balloon Rosary

11:00 am

Liturgy in the Park with Bishop David Motiuk

1:00 pm

The Divine Soccer Game

2:00 pm

Main Concert Featuring "Michael Chiasson" & "Janelle"

4:00 pm

Ukrainian Dance

4:30 pm

Concerts Featuring "DeeDee", "Dennis Grady" & "Ashley Rosales"

6:00 pm

Syrian Music and dance

Free Admission. Bring your own Lawn chair. Food trucks will be on site

**Your donations and support are welcome and greatly appreciated.
Please make a cheque payable to St Stephen, The Festival of the
Mother of God**

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IT ON

Clothing Collection
Shared with
Calgary Families
in Need

PASS IT ON is now looking for volunteers!

They are needed for Collection Day: Sunday
Oct. 1, Sort Day: Monday Oct. 2, Set Up
Day: Friday Oct. 13, and Giveaway Day:
Saturday Oct. 14. **SIGN UP SHEETS ARE**

NOW IN THE ATRIUM or sign up online at www.saintstephencalgary.ca/pass-it-on. At all liturgies on **ONLY Sunday October 1**, we will accept clean, gently used fall and winter clothing, coats, boots, mitts, hats and footwear for all ages (babies to adults) and toys. (Gently used= freshly laundered, in good repair, no animal hair.) **It would be wonderful if each family could also donate 1 winter coat. Please package clothing and label according to gender and size (e.g. boys size 12).** We will also accept donations of store-bought cookies and juice boxes, to share with our guests at the Giveaway event. For more details contact **Theresa Lewchuk** at 403-815-6055 or lewchukt@hotmail.com.



**Light Weigh
ONE KING**

Light Weigh, a Catholic Faith Based weight loss program A 13 week program which will meet each Saturday beginning with orientation on Sat Oct 14, from 10 am till 12:00 noon. To order materials and register please call Arlene Franko (403)246-0633

arlenejfranko@gmail.com

Cost: one time only of \$160. Program may be repeated multiple times free of charge.

May view additional info about Light Weigh program at

www.lightweigh.com