



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 10TH 2017

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY MARTYRS MENAS, HERMOGENES AND EUGRAPHUS

NATIVITY FAST

Troparion and Kontakia

Troparion: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

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

Kontakion: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour,* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-17

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians:

Brothers and Sisters, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for

your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Please gather your children to hold candles for the Gospel.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 - Thursday & Saturday
English @ 9:00 am

Friday at Westview - English
@ 10:00 am

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confession:

Weekdays: Before or after
Liturgies or by appointment.
Sundays: Before and during
liturgy

Marriage, Baptism-Chrismation- Eucharist, Funerals :

Arrangements with the office

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Arrangements with the office

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LITURGICAL HELP

DECEMBER 10

EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: KofC
10:30 am: KofC
5:00 pm: KofC

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— KofC
10:30— KofC

ROSARY 10:00 KofC

ARK STORE: Siroishka

DECEMBER 17

EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: KofC
10:30 am: KofC
5:00 pm: KofC

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— KofC
10:30— KofC

ROSARY 10:00 KofC

ARK STORE: Dwulit

CHRISTMAS --- NEW YEAR—THEOPHANY 2017 – 2018 DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24 – EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD:

- ◆ 8:30am – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- ◆ 10:30am – Divine Liturgy (English – with choir)
- ◆ 4:30pm – Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy (children's service – no choir)
- ◆ 10:00pm – Christmas Vigil – Great Complines
- ◆ 10:30pm – Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy (with choir)

Monday, December 25 – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD:

- ◆ 10:00am – Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 31 – New Year's Eve:

- ◆ 8:30am – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- ◆ 10:30am – Divine Liturgy (English – with choir)
- ◆ 5:00pm – Divine Liturgy (English)

Monday, January 1, 2017 – Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – New Years Day:

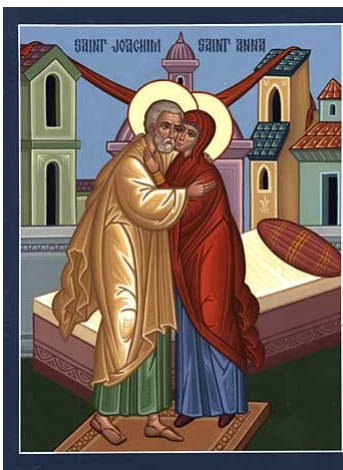
- ◆ 9:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 5 – Eve of Theophany:

- ◆ 7:00pm – Theophany Liturgy with Water Blessing

Saturday, January 6 – Feast of Theophany:

- ◆ 9:00am – Theophany Liturgy



The Feast of the Conception by St. Anna

(The Immaculate Conception)

On December 9th the Church celebrates the conception of our most-holy Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, the daughter of Sts. Joachim and Anna.

Anna, was from Bethlehem and was a descendant of the tribe of Levi. She was the youngest daughter of the priest Mathan and was married to Joachim, a descendant of the tribe of Judah. The marriage of Joachim and Anna was irregular according to the Mosaic Law of the Old Testament. They were of different tribes, and this had been forbidden so as not to confuse the lands and inheritances that had been apportioned to the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

After fifty years of marriage, Joachim and Anna remained childless. They lived devoutly and quietly, using only a third of their income for

themselves while giving a third to the poor and a third to the Temple. God so multiplied their flocks that the couple was well provided for.

When Joachim and Anna were in Jerusalem to offer sacrifice to God and submit their annual gift to the Temple, the High Priest, Issachar, reproached Joachim saying, "You are not worthy to offer sacrifice with those childless hands." Others also mocked Joachim, thrusting him back as unworthy. In despair, he consulted the records of the tribes of Israel and discovered every righteous man in the nation had been blessed with children, except him.

This caused the aged saint great grief, and he and his wife left the Temple Mount with heavy hearts. Anna fasted and prayed tearfully but humbly before God to have mercy on her, a barren and aged woman. Joachim also fasted and prayed for God's mercy. Joachim was with his flocks on a high mountain, and Anna in her garden, when God sent the Archangel Gabriel to each of them. God's messenger gave them tidings of the birth of "a daughter most blessed, by whom all the nations of the earth will be blessed, and through whom will come the salvation of the world."

Awed by the Archangel's appearance and message, each promised to raise their child raised in the Temple as a holy vessel of God. Gabriel directed Joachim to return home, where he would find his wife waiting for him in the city gate. Anna was likewise told by the Archangel to await at the gate. When they saw one another, they embraced, and this image is the traditional icon of this feast.

St. Stephen

Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church



Looking for Christmas gift ideas?

As we prepare to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of St. Stephen as a parish, the history book of our parish would make a great gift! This beautiful coffee table book is a narrative not only of the church history but also includes many colorful photos and explanations of the mosaics and stained glass windows that surround us as we gather in prayer.

Consider giving the gift of music of the Divine Liturgy or Magnify the Lord CD from our church choir. These items as well as many other gift items are available for purchase in the **Ark gift store** open Sundays after morning Divine Liturgies. Stop in for a visit and check things out.



St. Nicholas would like to Thank all the children who came to see him last Sunday and listen to his message that God loves each of us. His gift bag to the children is a reminder that God also has special gifts for each of us as well, and to do something special this advent season for someone.

St. Nicholas would like to also thank the KofC for all their support in organizing his visit and the UCWLC for their contribution of the St. Nicholas prayer cards to each gift bag. Everyone's effort is greatly appreciated. Thanks...



This challenging and engaging youth pilgrimage across the Western Prairie Provinces will be focusing on saints of our church over the past century.

This grand **YOUTH PILGRIMAGE** will take place on the extra long weekend of May 18 - 21, 2018. Youth: RSVP by contacting the parish office starting NOW. Not an option: You must bring some of your friends from school if you can.



Calling all adventurers...

Will you dare to enter a sacred quest that will delve deep into the greatest Kingdom of all?
This is not for the faint of heart, for we shall battle dragons, cross perilous obstacles, build mighty catapults, duel knights in armour and bond ourselves in loving service to the greatest and true King of All.

Elementary aged adventurers should respond to this catechetical summons at

protomartyr.ca

Wed. February 7
Wed. February 28
Wed. March 21
Wed. April 11
Wed. April 25
Wed. May 9
Wed. May 30

Catapults and Moats
The Seal of the Lion
In the Kings Presence
The Feast of Feasts
Of Dragons and the Vial of Dealing
Turning back and Moving forward
Vow of the King

At St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukr. Catholic Church

MEN'S DINNER SILENT AUCTION

The men's dinner is fast approaching and we need your help with donations for the evening's silent auction. Ideally, we are interested in new items in original packaging at least \$150 in value (retail) such as electronics, sporting equipment, themed gift baskets, framed artwork and gift cards. Please contact Dave Ewanchyna (403-560-4003) to learn how you can help make this event a success.



St. Stephen
50th Anniversary Committee
is publishing a

COOKBOOK!

We are thrilled to gather a collection of recipes from everyone in the parish and are proud to be selling our beautifully printed and bound cookbooks to celebrate our parish 50th Anniversary. Recipe forms are at the atrium to use as a template. For more information contact Trish Popel at 50anivcookbook@gmail.com or 403-835-3077

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 10: 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Walter Bzovy

10:30am – for blessings for peace and comfort for Josephine Procyk

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

Monday, December 11:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Stephen Ruff

Tuesday, December 12:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul (40-day) of +Emily Kowal (w/ Panakhyda)

Wednesday, December 13:

9:00am – for blessings on marriage and family for Michael and Linda Pasternak

Thursday, December 14:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul (40-day) of +Cecil Maruschak

Friday, December 15:

10:00am – WestView – for blessings on marriage and family for Maurice and Cathy Pasternak

Saturday, December 16:

9:00am – for blessings on Amara as she receives the Holy Mysteries



Sunday, December 17: 28th SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS

8:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

10:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Michael Procyk

5:00pm – for Christmas blessings for Mike and Verna Hryhoryshyn and family

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10 27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English	11 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 10:00 am : Open Iconography ♦ 7:00 pm Bible Study ♦ 7:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg	12 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 6:15 pm HR Mtg ♦ 6:30 pm Ukr Language Class ♦ 7:00 pm PPC Mtg	13 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00pm Ukrainian Language Class ♦ 7:00 pm Choir practice	14 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 9:30 am Light Weigh ♦ 7:30 pm Men's Dinner Mtg	15  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview	16 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
17 28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 12:00 pm Nativity Play Practice ♦ 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English	18 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 10:00 am : Open Iconography ♦ 7:00 pm 50th Anniversary Mtg ♦ 7:00 Bible study ♦ 7:30 pm KofC 4th Degree	19 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	20 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm Choir Practice	21 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 9:30 am Light Weigh ♦ 9:30 am Pastoral Zone Mtg	22  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview	23 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy



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**Christmas
CAROLING**

St. Stephen's choir will be Christmas caroling on **SUNDAY, January 7th from 1:00pm - 7:00pm.**
 Please call Choir Director, Linda Dudar at 587-998-8566
 for more information and/or to schedule them to come to your home



UCWLC
Snowflake Bazaar

St. Stephen's UCWLC would like to thank all the parishioners and friends for their fabulous support of the Snowflake Bazaar held last Sunday, December 3. The pre-order sales of cabbage rolls, perogies, and more, was a huge success. The soup and cinnamon buns were delicious, and the Bake Sale table provided an incredible assortment of Christmas goodies. Thanks to all the vendors who provided an array of sale items, to all those that donated prizes for the Raffle Table, and to all the volunteers who helped prepare the food, who donated items for the bake sale, and who performed all the countless other tasks which made the 2017 Snowflake Bazaar a resounding success. A very big Thank You to Stacey Bobyn for her superb organization of this event.



Come and join us for a special evening of meditation, painting and socializing
 while enjoying a glass of wine or two and some delicious tasty treats

Advent Paint Night

on December 15th, 2017 @ 6:30 pm @ St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

\$60 per person includes all material (16+) - Cash or cheque accepted - Cancellation fees apply

All funds raised from this event go to St Basil's Church

No painting experience needed

Deadline for registration December 10 For registration, please email PicturesqueCalgary@gmail.com



ST. STEPHEN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

PLANNED EVENTS AND SPEAKER SERIES

Fatherhood. Jan. 24th, 2018

Grief Share. May 23rd, 2018

50th Anniversary Home Coming, Weekend June 2 and 3, 2018