



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 17TH 2017

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS

THE HOLY PROPHET DANIEL, THE THREE HOLY YOUTHS ANANIAH (ANANIAS),
AZARIAH (AZARIAS) AND MISHAEL (MISAE) (6TH CENTURY BC)

NATIVITY FAST

Troparion 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: Armed by the Being that defies description,* you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:* "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,"* for You can do whatever You will.

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

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Epistle

Colossians 3:4-11

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

Brothers and Sisters, when Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to

one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Please gather your children to hold candles for the Gospel.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

verse: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

verse: They called on the Lord and He heard them.

Gospel

Luke 14:16-24

Jesus told this parable, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.'" Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.' "

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 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

DECEMBER 24

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: CLOSED



"Mrs. Claus bought me a smartwatch! It knows when you are sleeping, it knows when you're awake, it knows if you've been bad or good..."

The story of the Three Holy Youth (from the Book of Daniel)



In the Book of Daniel, we read that at the time of the Babylonian Exile, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, made an image of gold and sent word to gather together all the officials of the provinces to come and worship it. As they gathered they were told that whoever did not fall down and worship would be cast immediately into a fiery furnace. So most of the people worshiped the gold image. But some people came forward accusing the Israelites of not worshiping the image. Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (renamed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they were brought to Babylon) were brought before King Nebuchadnezzar to answer for their crime. The three were friends of Daniel (a fellow Israelite who interpreted the king's dreams in the royal court) and were in charge of the affairs of the Province of Babylon. Their insolence was unforgivable.

They answered the king, saying "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up" (Dan.3:16-18).

The king, filled with rage and fury, commanded that a furnace be heated seven times hotter than normal and that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be bound and thrown into the flames. Some of the king's strongest guards were charged with binding the three but, because the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The three Israelites fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire but were untouched by the flames.

King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; he rose in haste saying, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" His councillors answered, "True, O king." "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god."

Nebuchadnezzar then went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." The three came from the midst of the fire and were examined by the administrators, governors, and the king's counselors who were present, and they saw on their bodies that fire had no power over them; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way." Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon (Dan.3:28-30).

CHRISTMAS — NEW YEAR — THEOPHANY

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

Tuesday, December 26 – Synaxis of Theotokos: No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 27: No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 28: 9:00am - Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 29: 10:00am – Divine Liturgy (Westview)

Saturday, December 30: 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

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

Tuesday, January 2: 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 3: 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 4: 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 5 – Eve of Theophany: 10:00am – Divine Liturgy (Westview)

- ◆ 6:00pm – Theophany Liturgy with Water Blessing *Time changed

Saturday, January 6 – Feast of Theophany:

- ◆ 9:00am – Theophany Liturgy



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 Meats
The Seal of the Lion
In the Kings Absence
The Feast of Feasts
Of Dragons and the Vial of Healing
Turning back and Moving forward
Vow of the King

At St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukr. Catholic Church

LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 17: 27th
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

Monday, December 18:

9:00am – for blessings for good health for Ted Josephs

Tuesday, December 19:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Walter Bzov

Wednesday, December 20:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Bruce Sorochuk

Thursday, December 21:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Sue Sakundiak (w/ Panakhyda)

Friday, December 22:

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

Saturday, December 23:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Lawrence Sirman


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

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

10:30am - for Christmas blessings and the intentions and needs of all parishioners

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

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Exemplification Mtg 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Choir Practice and social 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Light Weigh 10:30 am Pastoral Zone Mtg 	22  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
24 EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian 10:30 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy & Nativity Play 10:00 pm Christmas Vigil and Great Complines 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy 	25 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Choir Practice 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Light Weigh 9:30 am Pastoral Zone Mtg 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

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



Seeking host family! The Calgary Friends of UCU and St. Mary's University are pleased to announce that two female exchange students from the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, approved to attend the winter semester at St. Mary's University, will be arriving on January 8, 2018. We are seeking a family or families to accommodate the students during their stay in Calgary between January and April. Proximity to StMU or access to the LRT Red Line is desirable. If you have an interest please contact the Calgary Friends of UCU at (403) 670-9145.

