



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 31ST 2017

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS;
OUR VENERABLE MOTHER MELANIA THE ROMAN (439)

Antiphon

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart,* I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

In the council of the just and the congregation,* great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

His work is filled with praise and majesty,* and His righteousness endures forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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.

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

Kontakion: Today the divine David is filled with gladness,* Joseph along with James offers praises* for having received a crown through their kinship with Christ they rejoice* and sing of the One who inexpressibly was born on earth,* crying out, "O Gracious One, save those who worship You."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Prokeimenon

God is wonderful in His saints,* the God of Israel.
verse: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

Epistle

Galatians 1:11-19

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

Brothers and Sisters, I want you to know that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother

Please gather your children to hold candles for the Gospel.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

verse: Lord, remember David and all his meekness.

verse: How he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob.

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of

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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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Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger.

and the Imos: A strange and glorious mystery do I behold:* the cave is heaven;* the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim;* the manger, a dwelling place* in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain.* Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

Communion Hymn

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

Instead of "Blessed is He who comes..." we sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of "May our mouths..." and "Blessed be the Name..." we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin



"Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can, no need for greed or hunger, a brotherhood of man, imagine all the people sharing all the world ... You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us and the world will live as one." These words from the song "Imagine" by John Lennon enkindles a universal and yet unfulfilled desire for a peaceful existence here on earth. The composer was criticized for positing a world that centers itself too much on human experience, a community of humanity that is free from all "outside" influence, a utopian world where we are just plain old happy to coexist without encumbrance. Given the world Lennon lived in in the 1960's and 70's where religious intolerance, racial tension and global conflicts ruled the day you can see how he would feel this way. Then again how little has changed today. Yet, imagine a world where all peoples can live as one, free from partition and hatred, free from injustice and prejudice, free from unconstrained rivalry and pride, where there is peace on earth and good-will to all. Those last words should sound familiar.

The desire for a better world is just as alive today as it was then but how are we to achieve it? Well, quite frankly by ourselves we can't because we need a role model to follow. In Lennon's dream we need to free the world from our competitiveness and self-centeredness. He believed that religious bickering and nationalism were the core causes of division and therefore we should get rid of them altogether. In a nuanced way that is what the Catholic Church believes as well but by offering a model for us to follow. The Church in its catholicity (universality) is a call to all humanity (the brotherhood of man) no matter what race or nationality to be open to the presence of the Divine, that Guiding-Principle that we all have

in common. Not as an idea but as a person. A Rabbi from Nazareth who taught respect, dignity and love for all who did not start yet another a religion but rather was the fulfillment of religion itself. That may sound divisive in itself but how much better this world would be if we would just pay attention to the revolutionary teaching of Jesus Christ, to simply love one another as He has loved us.

May the love of God reign in your hearts for ever, may the peace of Emmanuel (God-with-us), born in Bethlehem of Judea, bring joy to your soul and may God's generous and ever-flowing Good-Will be experienced and shared by all each and every day of our lives.

On behalf of the clergy of St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish, we pray you God's blessings and joy for the New Year.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 31: SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +John & +Elsie Wawruch, +Mary & +Walter Malowany and +Terry Wright

10:30am - for blessings for Stan and Marge Owerko and family

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

Monday, January 1: FEAST OF CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

9:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 2:

9:00am – for blessings for a speedy recovery to good health for Ed and Natalie Tysowski

Wednesday, January 3:

9:00am – for blessings for a speedy recovery to good health for Ed and Natalie Tysowski

Thursday, January 4:

9:00am – for birthday blessings for Alex Miller

Friday, January 5:

10:00am – WestView – for birthday blessings for Wsevolod Shpytkovsky

Saturday, January 6: FEAST OF THEOPHANY

9:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 7: SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +Walter and +Denis Gardzeliwich

10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Fr. Peter Pidskalny

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

NEW YEAR — THEOPHANY

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 2,3 & 4:

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 5 – Eve of Theophany:


10:00am – Divine Liturgy (Westview)

- ◆ 6:00pm – Theophany Liturgy with Water Blessing
- ◆ 7:30 pm – Pot-Luck Supper

Saturday, January 6 – Feast of Theophany:

- ◆ 9:00am – Theophany Liturgy

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <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 	1 FEAST OF CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy No Open Iconography No Bible study 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Property Management Mtg 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Light Weigh 	5  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy with water blessing 7:00 pm Theophany Potluck dinner 	6 FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
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May God's love light your way and lead you into a new year that shines with His special joy!
Happy new Year!

St Stephen **Office will be closed** Dec. 25th – Jan 2nd for the holidays. If you require urgent assistance please call Fr. Greg at 403-700-0882.

St. Stephen's is proud to present its **50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR**, available now for pick up from the atrium. We hope you enjoy it! Please note that although there is a limited supply today you can expect more to be available throughout the Christmas season.

St. Stephen's **MALANKA** is right around the corner on January 12th. Get your tickets today in the atrium as they are selling fast.



KINGDOM QUEST REGISTRATION has just started.

Places are limited.

Please register your children by going to <https://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/kq.html>



The UCWLC would like to invite our parish community to participate in a **POT-LUCK SUPPER ON THE EVE OF THEOPHANY, Friday, January 5, 2018 beginning at approximately 7:30 pm following Vespers and Blessing of the Water which will begin at 6:00 pm.**

Parishioners who wish to attend are asked to bring a meatless supper dish such as ones that might be served on a traditional Christmas Eve Supper, or bring a favorite vegetarian dish. Salads and desserts are also welcome. The UCWLC will provide the Kutya and Borscht.

If you are planning to join us please sign up (sheets in the Atrium) so that we have enough Kutya, Borscht and tables set up. Please come a little early & drop off your Potluck contribution in the kitchen before the Liturgy at 6:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Lewchuk at 403-815-6055 or lewchuk@hotmail.com



ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT/WORKSHOP JOIN Fr. Bo Nahachewsky in the beauty of God's creation at this retreat style Icon workshop at camp Oselia. Participants will complete a Byzantine icon of the crucifixion, under Fr. Bo's instruction and will have the opportunity to explore prayer and silent reflection on their own and with the group. There will be a choice of two icons; one for the beginner and one for those more advanced. DATES: Feb 16-19, 2018 TIMES: Friday 10:00 am - Monday 3:00 pm. COST: Early Bird: \$500.00 before Jan.19, After Jan.19 \$525.00 - covers all supplies, meals and snacks. CONTACT: 780-424-5496, education@edmontoneparchy.com ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Maximum 18 registrants. There are a limited **number of private rooms** so register early to book one. **Deadline for registrations is Feb. 2, 2018. No late registrations accepted.**