



# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2018

## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

OUR VENERABLE FATHER MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR (662); THE HOLY MARTYR NEOPHYTUS (284-305); THE HOLY MARTYRS EUGENE, CANDIDUS, VALERIAN, AND AQUILAS



Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Please gather your children to hold candles for the Gospel.**

### Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

### Gospel

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

### Communion Hymn

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

### Troparia and Kontakia

**Troparion:** You came down from on high, O Merciful One,\* and accepted three days of burial\* to free us from our sufferings.\* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,\* glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion:** Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican\* and approach the Master as sinners,\* for He desires salvation for everyone.\* He grants forgiveness to all who repent.\* For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

### Prokeimenon

Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.  
verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

### Epistle

2 Timothy 3:10-15

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Timothy.

St. Stephen Protomartyr  
Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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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

### Anointing of the Sick:

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### Divine Liturgy Intentions :

Arrangements with the office

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## LITURGICAL HELP

### JANUARY 21

#### EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Sam Bulych  
10:30 am: Mothers and Fathers In Action  
5:00 pm: Christine Knights

#### HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— Sam Bulych  
10:30— Mothers and Fathers In Action

ROSARY 10:00 Craig Pichach

ARK STORE: Popel

### JANUARY 28

#### EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Paul Kyba  
10:30 am: Donna Korchinski  
5:00 pm: Patricia Harasym

#### HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— Paul Kyba  
10:30— Craig Pichach

ROSARY 10:00 Bill Lewchuk

ARK STORE: Lewchuk

## EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT LENT BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK:

The Great Fast or Lent – there are three other periods of fasting on the Byzantine calendar: before Christmas, before the Dormition (August 15) and before Ss. Peter and Paul (June 29) – is the seven week period of preparation before the celebration of Pascha (Easter). **It is like a retreat held by the whole Church: a time of spiritual renewal, a time of repentance.**

### ISN'T LENT KIND OF MORBID AND NEGATIVE?

Repentance is not "giving up": it is a turning back to God whom we realize is the very source and goal of our life. He is our life. By repentance we realize we aren't where we should be; we are far from our Father. Our happiness, our wholeness, our sense of identity, wellbeing and joy flow from being close to God as the very center of our lives. So Lent, the time for repentance, is the time to rediscover this truth, to be convinced of it and make it more of a conscious reality in our everyday lives. In Pascha, the Easter mystery, Christ gives us a chance to be "born again" as children of God: as complete men and women possessing the life, grace and joy of God which completes and heals our nature as human beings.

### WHERE DID LENT COME FROM?

The early Christians kept vigil during the last few days of Holy Week. As time went on, the vigil was extended to approximately forty days. It was a period in which the catechumens (candidates to become Christians) were given a last, intensive preparation for baptism, chrismation and the Eucharist. It was also the time when the penitents ("big time" sinners, such as lapsed Christians) did penance, relearning the basic and beautiful lesson of the mystery and dignity of being a Christian and our way of life in the Lord. They were reconciled with the rest of the faithful at the end of Lent.

Since the season was a type of "boot-camp in Christianity" for the catechumens and penitents, all the faithful entered into preparation with them. Lent became a type of renewal and "refresher course" for all believers intent on living of the new life in Christ given to us at Pascha.

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### BUT WHY THE BIG INTEREST IN 40 DAYS?

The number calls up memories from our past as a people of God. It reminds us of the forty years Israel wandered in the desert. As they were led by God to the Promised Land, they were tested, their faith was strengthened and they learned to know the Lord as the very center of their lives. In the same way during Lent we are tested, our faith is deepened and we move toward the fulness of the heavenly Kingdom which is our inheritance.

The number also speaks to us of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert after His baptism, when He resisted temptation, giving Himself to a close communion with His Father, the source of His life. As He embraced His mission as His Father's servant and our redeemer during that time, so we try to take our own mission as Christians more seriously during Lent.

Finally, the forty days call to mind Moses and Elijah, who spent that amount of time preparing for important encounters with God. We too will encounter Him in His paschal mysteries where He reveals to us who He is, how He loves us, who we are and the real meaning of life.

### SO WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING LENT?

Don't "do": rather "be" a lenten Christian. Live a lenten style of life. Remember the basics: you are trying to turn more fully to God (repentance) and taste more fully the beauty and dignity that are yours as a child of God. You must think about that – which means eliminating some distractions – and seriously turn to Him. The Church has three traditional helps for this: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

### WHY THIS THREE (FASTING, PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING)?

They are recommended by the Scriptures and Tradition. They get to the very root of repentance, which is turning back to God. They help strip away the glitter of a false self, a false view of the world and others (secularism) and aid in discovering our true identity, our relation to God, others, the world and ourselves. Fasting helps us discover our true hunger for God at the root of our being and our total dependence on Him as the source of our life and strength. Serious prayer puts us in communion with Him. Almsgiving helps us share God, His gifts and ourselves with others, establishing a true communion with them in the Lord.

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# Youth at St. Stephen's

Before we can begin to talk about trying to re-establish a teen youth program in our parish, we need to look at the question "What is the purpose of the Church?"

The Mission Statement of our Eparchial Church (Ukr. Catholics in Alberta) is the following: "To lead people into an ever-closer communion with the Trinity by together living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teaching[s] and spirituality of the Ukrainian Catholic Church." Ultimately we recognize that all people are created for unity with God, and that this unity is achieved through journeying spiritually together as taught by Christ and lead by the Holy Spirit.

So... why do we need a youth program? Because youth are people. Not just the adults of the future, but people of the present who are called to be in communion with God and His Church now.

his winter and spring, in addition to our exciting costumed medieval themed adventure "Kingdom Quest" for our Elementary aged children (which teens are welcome to help with if they wish), we are planning the following events for our teens.

## **Tuesday, February 6: Angry Birds Live! (fun and games)**

Think of this: We build a castle, then we knock it down with a big indoor catapult. Rinse, and repeat. Then when we are tired of knocking down inanimate objects, we have a huge indoor snowball (sock) fight. With pizza and a short meeting to explain the rest of the year's plan, this evening will be loads of fun.

## **Friday, February 23 – Sunday, February 25 (transportation to and from provided)**

### **ThinkFast in Edmonton (social justice)**

Can you make a difference in this world? Can we ease the burden on the poorest of our planet? Do we even know what it is like to be poor and hungry? Join us for this incredible program put together by the Catholic Bishops of Canada where we will learn, play and fast from food for 25 hours with teens from across our province.

## **Thursday, March 8**

### **Mini-Golf (fun and games)**

We will turn our fabulous two story facility into a "Putt and Bounce" like the world has never seen before. Obstacles, prizes, competitions, food and more. This indoor church tournament will knock your socks off! Oh yeah, and we will be collecting socks for those in need too.

## **Friday, March 23 – Sunday, March 25 (transportation to and from provided)**

### **Teen Eparchial Lenten Retreat (spiritual retreat)**

We will be driving up to Camp Oselia to join other youth from around our province to pray and grow together before Holy Week and Easter. This profound spiritual experience is designed to not only let you be with other youth, but also to journey deep inside yourself and high up with Christ our Lord.

## **Thursday, April 13**

### **Pizza and a Movie (fun and games)**

Okay, we have not planned this one out much. More details to come.

## **Saturday, April 21**

### **The Great Game Show & Spaghetti Fundraiser! (fundraiser)**

In order to raise some funds for the pilgrimage (see below) we will be putting on an incredible exciting live Game Show and spaghetti fundraiser. Men's Night will seem amateur when everyone get's a load of our event!

## **Saturday, May 12**

### **Preparing for the Pilgrimage (work-bee & meeting)**

There are a lot of details when planning a trip across the prairie provinces. We will be packing supplies, getting ready for on-bus entertainment, inform ourselves about the various stops we will be making, and the other youth from other cities that we will be meeting.

## **Friday May 18 - Monday, May 21 (transportation to and from provided)**

### **"Pilgrimage of the Saints" (youth pilgrimage)**

Four awesome days of journeying. We will begin in Calgary, go through Edmonton (where we will pick up other teen pilgrims), Vegreville, Saskatoon, and finally Winnipeg, and return through Regina back to Calgary. In each of these locations we will encounter saints of the past 100 years, and local youth that will play and pray with us. This journey will change your life.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### **Sunday, January 21:**

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Mary Necyk

10:30am – for special blessings for Peter & Irene Swidzinski and family

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

### **Monday, January 22:**

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Verna Herchak

### **Tuesday, January 23:**

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Mary Chomicki

### **Wednesday, January 24:**

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Eugene Nykoluk

### **Thursday, January 25:**

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

### **Friday, January 26:**

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

### **Saturday, January 27:**

9:00am – for blessings and congratulations to Noellia & Abel Boyas on their 50th Wedding Anniversary – Mnohaya Lita!

### **Sunday, January 28: SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

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

10:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +Helen and +Joe Ewanchyna (w/ panakhyda)

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



The **MOST AMBITIOUS** Youth Ministry project for **ELEMENTARY AGED CHILDREN** is coming on **February 7<sup>th</sup>!**

Register your kids **NOW** and receive a **FREE** shield kit

REGISTRATION IS FREE!!



<https://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/kq.html>



alling all adventurers...



# JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian</li> <li>9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class</li> <li>10:30 am Divine Liturgy with Sunday School</li> <li>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic</li> <li>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>NO Open Iconography</li> <li>NO Bible Study</li> </ul>	<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>6:30 pm Ukrainian language Class</li> </ul>	<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>7:00 pm Choir practice</li> <li>7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>6:00 pm Pass it On debrief</li> <li>7:30 pm Men's Dinner Mtg</li> </ul>	<b>26</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>10:00 am "Be a Great Dad" Seminar</li> </ul>
<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian</li> <li>9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class</li> <li>10:30 am Divine Liturgy - No Sunday School</li> <li>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic</li> <li>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>NO Open Iconography</li> <li>NO Bible Study</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:00 am Plus 50 mtg</li> <li>6:30 pm Ukrainian language Class</li> </ul>	<b>31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 am Cabbage Roll Workbee</li> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>2:00 pm Funds Investment Committee Mtg</li> <li>7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class</li> </ul>	<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>7:00 pm KofC 3rd Degree Mtg</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview</li> <li>Men's Dinner</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>

## Come and Join us for our 50th Anniversary Directory Edition

Professional photographs will conveniently be taken here at the church.

- Week # 1 February: 6th to 10th, 2018
- Week # 2 February: 13th to 17th, 2018
- Week # 3 February: 27th, 28th March 01, 02 and 03, 2018
- Weekdays from: 2:00 to 9:00 PM
- Saturdays: from: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Everyone who participates in this program will receive a free pictorial directory and a free portrait!

Our pictorial directory will be in full-color, so for best results we recommend wearing brighter colors as well as color co-ordinated wardrobes with longer sleeves.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC



WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

**UCWLC MEMBERSHIP FEES** Can be renewed January 14th, also January 21st, January 28th, Feb 4th after all 3 Divine Liturgies. Fees are \$25. Thank you to all members for your support and welcome to New members.



## 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.

**VOLUNTEERS :** We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming **Mens' Dinner on Friday, February 2, 2018**. Sign up sheets are posted in the atrium. Please consider volunteering your time for this important fundraising event. We need your help to make this event a success. Please contact Jo-Anne Heuser at [403-978-9724](tel:403-978-9724) or Jeanette O'Reilly at [403-826-5481](tel:403-826-5481).

## Be a Great Dad

Where : at St. Stephens Protomartyr

When: Saturday, January 27th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (Coffee and Muffins at 9:30 am)

Please register at the parish office - 403 249 4818. Press 0.

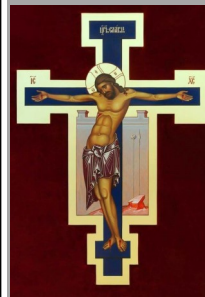
Increasingly Dads want to provide more than just financial support for their children. Dads also want to be active participants in their children's growth and development and "be there" to share day to day and significant life experiences.

Many of today's Dads because of separation and divorce or just handling life day to day are struggling to be the role model and have difficulty being there to play an important role in teaching them life's lessons in the way they live and work. What impact does today's Dad have on the family unit?

**The 3 hour introductory session covers;**

5 Things Great Dads do. Communication with your kids. Listening – really listening. Disciplining your kids. Importance of Dad's role in healthy child development.

**Facilitator : Tom Shindruk**



## ICON WORKSHOP & RETREAT

**FEB 16-19, 2018**

Join Fr. Bo Nahachewsky in the beauty of God's creation at this retreat style Icon workshop. Participants will complete a beautiful 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. Experienced and beginners are welcome. There will be a choice of two difficulty levels to choose from. Please register on : [www.saintstephencalgary.ca/iconography-retreat.html](http://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/iconography-retreat.html)