



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 28TH, 2018

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

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

OUR VENERABLE FATHER EPHREM THE SYRIAN (373)

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

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

Kontakion: Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.* Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal:* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and Sisters, "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against

the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Please gather your children to hold candles for the Gospel.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

verse: God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. .

Gospel

Luke 15:11-32

The Lord told this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a

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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robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all

these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Communion Hymn

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

LITURGICAL HELP

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

FEBRUARY 4

EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Dianna Rygiel
10:30 am: Mark Ewanchyna
5:00 pm: Brad & Karen Swidzinski

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— Dianna Rygiel
10:30— Mark Ewanchyna

ROSARY 10:00 Glen Kulak

ARK STORE: Bobyen

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT LENT BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK: ... continued from last week

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.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT FASTING?

The reason for giving up something is that something better may take its place: especially the things of God. We fast so that we may "lay aside all earthly cares, that we may receive the King of all". Does your life depend on food? You must eat to live, but no matter how much you eat, you are going to die. Life depends, not on food, but on God, the Giver of life. We fast to experience that on a deep level. Fasting has been prescribed by Christ Himself ("And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward." [Matthew 6:16](#).) The Church can and should remove from the realm of obligation this or that exercise of fasting, but the Church cannot dispense us from Christ's command to fast. We must each comply with that command as best we can. And, of course, the abstaining from food should lead to an abstaining from sin and evil intentions.

THEN WHAT DOES FASTING MEAN IN PRACTICE?

In practice, fasting is expressed through abstaining from certain foods for certain times. To follow our full Eastern program of fasting would mean: Abstaining from all food and drink from midnight until noon on all weekdays; and Not eating any meat or dairy products during the whole time of Lent. The minimum asked by our Church for Lent is that we keep this fast on at least the following days: the first day of Great Lent and Great and Holy Friday (abstinence from meat applies to all Fridays of the year).

AND THE ALMSGIVING?

Material gifts were given us by God as gifts over which we are to be responsible stewards. You are to use those gifts – and the gifts that you are – sacramentally. All things are potentially sacramental, since they are intended for communion with God and with each other. When we share the goods of the earth in love, we are "in communion", in fellowship in and with the Lord.

How are you handling your material possessions? They are not ends in themselves, but they are to

produce that communion. Are they? Look around you, and the Lord will show you how to give alms, and exactly what you should share. One idea is to save the money gained by fasting and use it for charitable purposes.
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THAT SOUNDS GREAT· WHEN DO WE START?

We already have started: you have been thinking about it for quite a while. And the Church too has a time of preparation for Lent, when it “primes the pump”, giving us ideas, motivation and direction for Lent. For four Sundays before Lent starts we think about our need for God, about repentance and fasting, God’s judgement and our need to forgive one another. Lent actually begins on Clean Monday, the day after the last of these pre-Lenten Sundays, Cheese-Fare Sunday. And since the Church day always begins at sunset, our first lenten service is on Sunday evening. We have the beautiful Forgiveness Vespers, at which we are reconciled with each other before beginning the lenten journey and usually have the opportunity for the sacrament of penance.

WHAT ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY?

We don’t have Ash Wednesday. The Western Church begins the holy season on Wednesday with their proper services. The Eastern Churches start two days earlier because we use a different counting system to arrive as the traditional forty days.

The Western lent consists of forty days excluding Sundays – leading up to Easter Sunday. The Eastern Churches keep forty days without interruption leading up to Lazarus Saturday, the first day of Holy Week. This accounts for the different starting dates.

Through greed we were once stripped naked, overcome by the bitter tasting of the forbidden fruit, and we were exiled from God. Let us turn back in repentance, fasting from the food that gives us pleasure. Let us purify our senses on which our Enemy makes war. Let us strengthen our hearts with the hope of grace, and not with foods which brought no benefits to those who trusted in them. Our food shall be the Lamb of God on the holy and radiant night of His Rising. He is the Victim offered for us, given in communion to the Apostles on the evening of the Mysteries, who scatters the darkness of ignorance by the Light of His Resurrection!
(Vespers, Meatfare Sunday)



Calling all adventurers.

We invite you to join other Catholic kids on a **sacred adventure**.

Will you dare to enter this great quest that will delve deep into the greatest Kingdom of all? This journey is not for the feint 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 true King.

To learn about this awesome quest, simply go to PROTOMARTYR.CA and click on the “Kingdom Quest” link. There you will see a short **VIDEO** that will tell you all about this program.

All those who register for this adventurous program will be able to pick up a cool “**shield making kit**” from St. Stephen’s Parish. With it you and your family can create a foam shield with your own personal symbol on it that you will use during the program to defend yourself from dragons and marshmallows.

**Marilyn the Catechetical Puppet really hopes
that you will come and play (and learn) with us.**

Dear Parents:

This Catholic Children’s Adventure is for students from Grade 2 through 6. It is being put on by the Youth Ministry Team of St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church. It is designed to help us have a great time, develop lasting friendships, become members of a great royal family (The Church) all while learning about the King’s (Jesus’s) Sacred Mysteries (Sacraments)

This is a **7 Wednesday evening quest**, starting at 6:30 till 8:30, that will take place at St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish, (4903 - 45 Street SW, Calgary) on the following dates:

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| - February 7 th | - Of Catapults and Moats |
| - February 28 th | - The Seal of the Lion |
| - March 21 st | - In the Kings Absence |
| - April 11 th | - The Feast of Feasts |
| - April 25 th | - The Vial of Healing |
| - May 9 th | - Turning and Moving Forward |
| - May 30 th | - The Vow of the King |

There is only room for about 80 adventurers, so register your kids soon. It’s totally Free!
For more information and to register please see our website at PROTOMARTYR.CA
or call us at 403-249-4818, then press 0

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 29:

9:00am – for blessings for health for Guilin Li Lina’s mother

Tuesday, January 30:

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

Wednesday, January 31:

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

Thursday, February 1:

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

Friday, February 2: FEAST OF THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD

10:00am – WestView – Festal Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 3:

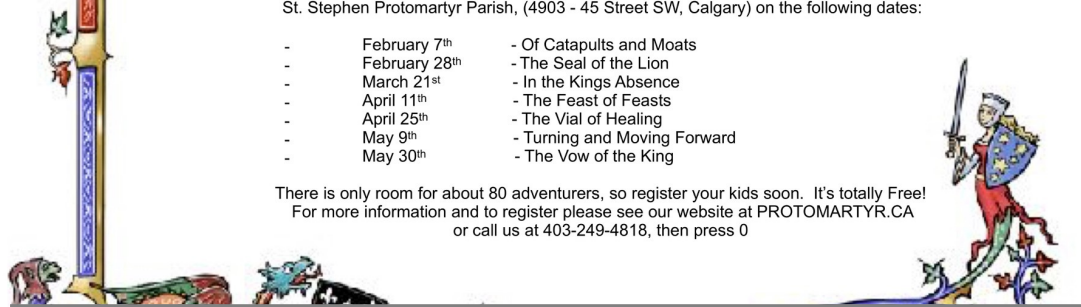
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Sunday, February 4: SUNDAY OF MEATFARE



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

10:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Victoria Burlack

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



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class 10:30 am Divine Liturgy - No Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy NO Open Iconography NO Bible Study 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Plus 50 Luncheon, Meeting & cards 6:30 pm Ukrainian language Class 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Cabbage Roll Workbee 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Funds Investment Committee Mtg 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am UCWLC Food Prep - Men's Dinner 7:00 pm KofC 3rd Degree Mtg 	2  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian 9:00 am FSC Class 10:30 am Divine Liturgy - with Sunday School 10:30 Book of Life Ceremony 12:00 pm Kingdom Quest Leaders Mtg 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic 5:00pm Divine Liturgy 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography 7:00 pm Bible Study 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Youth "Angry Birds Live" 6:30 pm Ukrainian language Class 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Kingdom Quest 1 7:00 pm Property management 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 	9  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy



ANGRY BIRDS LIVE! (FUN AND GAMES)

We invite all youth to come and join us on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00 pm

We will 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.

Come and Join us for our 50th Anniversary Directory Edition

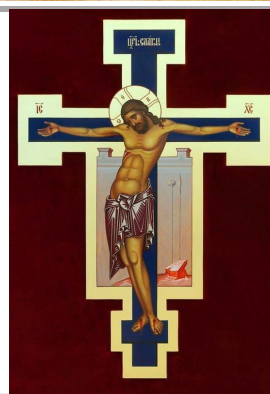
Professional photographs will conveniently be taken here at the church.

- Week # 1 February: 6th to 10th, 2018
- Week # 2 February; 13TH to 17th
- 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

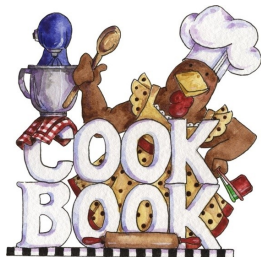
Our Special Anniversary Directory will not be complete without your participation, so please book your appointment at the atrium early ensure a convenient timeslot!

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



St. Stephen 50th Anniversary Committee is publishing a



Please submit 3-4 recipes:

- email recipes to 50anivcookbook@gmail.com
- take a picture of your recipe and text it to 403-835-3077
- print it on the form in the basket and put back in the basket for pick up. Deadline for submissions April 1



- ♦ **Plus 50 Luncheon & Meeting** Tuesday January 30. Card games begin at 11:00 am.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **2017 tax receipts** are ready for pick up in the Atrium. Please pick up yours today!