



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 18TH, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY; OUR HOLY FATHER LEO, POPE OF ROME (461)

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* "Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy."

Troparion: We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,* and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:* by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

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

Kontakion: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,* He suffused it with the beauty of God.* Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word,* we portray it in images.

Prokeimenon

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us. (Daniel 3:26,27)

Epistle

Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40; 12:1-2

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

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than

the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God

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. (Psalm 98:6)

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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Gospel

John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell

you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Hymn to the Mother of God

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider that all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 32:1)

LITURGICAL HELP

FEBRUARY 18

EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Dianna Rygiel
10:30 am: Craig Pichach
5:00 pm: Cynthia Tremblay

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— Dianna Rygiel
10:30— Craig Pichach

ROSARY 10:00 Bill Lewchuk

ARK STORE: Longfield

FEBRUARY 25

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



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

The first Sunday of Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy. It is the day we celebrate the return of icons to the churches. Icons were venerated in the Eastern Church until the reign of Leo III (717-741 A.D.) when under the influence of two bishops from Asia Minor, he decreed that the veneration of icons was idol worship. This decree marked the beginning of a long bloody battle against sacred images in the Eastern Church. Icons were destroyed or burned and their defenders cast into prison, exiled and even tortured. This battle lasted, with short intervals of peace, until 842 A.D. when Empress Theodora restored the use and veneration of icons. A synod at Constantinople was convoked which restored the veneration of holy images. The right way to use icons was defined, saying that the icon should be honored or venerated, but not worshipped as an idol in itself.

On the first Sunday of the Great Lent the icons were brought back to the churches in solemn procession. That day is remembered as the triumph of Orthodoxy (tradition) over the iconoclasts (those who opposed the use of sacred images). Icons are important in that they affirm the dogma of the Incarnation of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—the Word of God made flesh. As this dogma is central to Christianity, the victory over the Iconoclasts came to broadly represent the victory of the true faith over all errors.

"As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught,... as the Church has received,... as the teachers have dogmatized,... as the Universe has agreed,... as Grace has shown forth,... as Truth has revealed,... as falsehood has been dissolved,... as Wisdom has presented,... as Christ Awarded,... thus we declare,... thus we assert,... thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor as Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration. This is the Faith of the Apostles, — this is the Faith of the Fathers, — this is the Faith of the Orthodox..."

The heart of Eastern Christianity, the inner mystery of its radiant beauty, the source of its worship and teaching is the glorification of Christ, the living God, through whom we know the Father and from whom we receive the Holy Spirit.

Icons, hymns, prayers, worship and liturgy of the Eastern Church unceasingly focus our attention, our hearts, minds, and spirits on Jesus Christ: His person, redeeming message, and divinity. Icons are windows into that holy realm where God and the saints now dwell. By beholding of the sacred icons, each liturgical year as events are celebrated, we see the unfolding of Our Salvation.



POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY 23rd AS DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

On February 4th, Pope Francis declared the upcoming prayer day and said it is for "the tragic protracted situations of conflict in different parts of the world," but especially

for those suffering violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in South Sudan. "I also invite non-Catholic and non-Christian brothers and sisters to join us in this initiative in whatever ways they deem most appropriate," he said.

A day of prayer and fasting hearkens to Jesus' words in Matthew 17:21/Mark 9:29, when the disciples are unable to cast out a demon and ask Jesus why they have been unsuccessful. "This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting," he answers them. In November, Francis led a prayer service at St. Peter's for peace in the two nations. He has repeatedly appealed for peace there. He has had hopes of visiting both nations, but with the conflict, a papal visit has been impossible.

PRAYER:

Lord, without you, our prayer would be in vain, and our hope for peace an illusion. But you are alive. You are at work for us and with us. You are our peace! Lord, break down the walls of hostility that today divide brothers and sisters, especially in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Comfort those women who are the victims of violence in war zones and throughout the world. Protect children who suffer from conflicts in which they have no part, but which rob them of their childhood and at times of life itself. Help all the little ones and the poor of our world to continue to believe and trust that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in our midst, and is "justice, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:17). Sustain all those who day by day strive to combat evil with good, and with words and deeds of fraternity, respect, encounter and solidarity. Strengthen government officials and all leaders with a spirit which is noble, upright, steadfast and courageous in seeking peace through dialogue and negotiation. Enable all of us to be peacemakers wherever we find ourselves, in our families, in school, at work, in the community, in every setting. "Let us wash the feet" of one another, in imitation of You, our Master and Lord. To You be glory and praise, now and forever. Amen.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

*Sunday, February 18: FIRST
SUNDAY OF LENT*

*8:30am – in memory of the repose
of the soul of +Fr. George
Lawrence*

*10:30am – for the repose of the
soul of +Walter Bzovy*

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

Monday, February 19: FAMILY DAY

9:00am – Lenten Typica

Tuesday, February 20:

9:00am – Lenten Typica

Wednesday, February 21:

9:00am – Lenten Typica

6:00pm – Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, February 22:

9:00am – Lenten Typica

Friday, February 23:

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

*6:00pm – Sorokousty – Lenten
Prayers for the Dead*

Saturday, February 24:

*9:00am – for the repose of the soul
(40-day) of +George Velychko w/
Panakhyda*



*Sunday, February 25: SECOND
SUNDAY OF LENT*

*8:30am – in memory of the repose
of the soul of +Michael Borys*

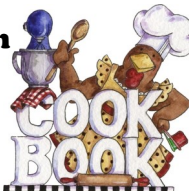
*10:30am – in memory of the
repose of the soul of +Lorne
Michael Procyk*

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

FEBRUARY—MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18^{1st} Sunday of Lent ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian ♦ No FSC Class ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy - NO Sunday School ♦ 5:00pm Divine Liturgy	19 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ No Open Iconography ♦ No Bible Study	20 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 6:30 pm Ukrainian language Class ♦ 7:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg	21 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	22 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 7:00 pm 50th Anniversary Mtg	23  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview ♦ 6:00 pm Sorokousty - Lenten Prayers for the Dead	24 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
25 ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian ♦ 9:00 am FSC Class ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy - with Sunday School ♦ 12:30 pm Financial Statement Review Mtg ♦ 5:00pm Divine Liturgy	26 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 10:00 am Open Iconography ♦ 7:00 pm Bible Study	27 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 11:00 am Plus 50 Mtg ♦ 6:30 pm Ukrainian language Class	28 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy ♦ 6:30 Kingdom Quest ♦ 7:00 pm Choir Practice ♦ 7:00 pm Property Management Mtg ♦ 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	1 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 7:00 pm KofC 4th Degree ♦ 7:30 pm KofC 3rd Degree	2  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview ♦ 6:00 pm Sorokousty - Lenten Prayers for the Dead	3 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

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



On Wednesday, February

28, we shall have our second instalment of our massive, ambitious and adventurous quest to enter into the Greatest of all Kingdoms.

We invite all adventurers in grades 2 through 6, and teen and adult volunteers to dress up and join us on this Catholic Catechetical Role-Playing Campaign. There is no cost. All students welcome. If you are new, let us know who you are by registering online at protomartyr.ca.

Costumes are provided. Shields are needed (if you got one). The catapult's marshmallow ammunition is nearly spent. The dragons linger. The King's Roaring Life Force beckons to dwell amongst us.

Will you help us build His throne? Will you be marked for the Lion? Will our swords thwart the dragon's foul attacks. Will you enter into the second Mystery?

6:30 till 8:30 - For more info see the website: protomartyr.ca and click on the Kingdom Quest Video Links.



Lenten Mission : Sunday, March 18 at the 8:30 and 11:30 Liturgies.

Also Monday and Tuesday evenings (19-20) at 7:00pm

Theme: The Gospel in Catholic Social Teachings—Mission Leader: Fr. Charles Pottie-Pâté, SJ

♦ Fr. Charles Pottie-Pâté, SJ is originally from Nova Scotia with Acadian roots. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1959 and has completed 54 years as a Jesuit. Fr. Charles has been giving Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola since 1970 in one form or another, accompanying people in their journey of faith. He has been in the Calgary diocese since September of 2011 and his ministry involves the continuation of his work with Ignatian Spirituality including Spiritual Exercises, retreats, spiritual direction, as well as ministry with Christian Life Community and pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Calgary.