

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 11TH, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

ST. JOHN CLIMACUS,

OUR HOLY FATHER SOPHRONIUS, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM (638)

Troparion

By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion: O John, our God-bearing father,* you were shown to be a citizen of the desert,* an angel in bodily form,* and a worker of miracles.* Through fasting, prayers and vigils you received heavenly gifts* to heal the sick and the souls of those who, in faith, run to you.* Glory to Him who gives you strength.* Glory to Him who crowned you.* Glory to Him who works healing for all through you.

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

Kontakion: On the heights of true abstinence,* the Lord established you as a reliable star,* giving light for guidance to the ends of the earth,* O father John, our teacher.

Prokeimenon

The Lord will give strength to His people;* the Lord will bless His people with peace.
verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. (Psalm 28:11,1)

Prokeimenon

The venerable ones will exult in glory* and they shall be joyful in their beds. (Psalm 149:5)

Epistle

Hebrews 6:13-20

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

Brothers and Sisters, when God made a promise to Abraham, because he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Human beings, of course,

swear by someone greater than themselves, and an oath given as confirmation puts an end to all dispute. In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Please gather your children to hold candles for the Gospel.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

verse: It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High. (Psalm 91:2)

verse: To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. (Psalm 91:3)

verse: They who are planted in the hose of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 91:14)

Gospel

Mark 9:17-31

At that time, someone from the crowd came to Jesus, bowed before him, and said, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confession:

Weekdays: Before or after
Liturgies or by appointment.
Sundays: Before and during
liturgy

Marriage, Baptism-Christmation- Eucharist, Funerals :

Arrangements with the office

Anointing of the Sick:

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Arrangements with the office

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him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer."

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he

was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

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 than 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)*
The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)

LITURGICAL HELP

MARCH 11

EPISTLE READERS, HOSTS AND USHERS, ROSARY AT ALL LITURGIES : KofC
ARK STORE: Letwin

MARCH 18

EPISTLE READERS, HOSTS AND USHERS, ROSARY AT ALL LITURGIES : KofC
ARK STORE: Chelack

Lenten Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24:12)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion". Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: **"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold"** (24:12).

These words appear in Christ's preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord's passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

False prophets

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume. They can appear as "snake charmers", who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be "charlatans", who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly "virtual" existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is "a liar and the father of lies" (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these

false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

A cold heart

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, "the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments.³ All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love:

selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal

What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

Read more.. https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20171101_messaggio-quaresima2018.html



UCWLC EASTER SALE PRE-ORDER

Easter is just around the corner! And to help you prepare, the St. Stephen's UCWLC is pleased to once again offer you an opportunity to PRE-ORDER some of your Easter Basket items.

Pre-Order forms can be downloaded from <https://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/easter-sale.html> or picked up from the Atrium

Please fill in the form, attach payment (Cheque or cash only please) and drop 9off at the church in the box located in the front vestibule BEFORE March 18th, 2018

Your order will be available for pick-up after the 8:30 and 10:30 Liturgies on Sunday March 25th.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 11: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Paul Dowhaniuk

10:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

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

Monday, March 12:

9:00am – Lenten Typica (Cancelled)

Tuesday, March 13:

9:00am – Lenten Typica

Wednesday, March 14:

9:00am – Lenten Typica

6:00pm – Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 15:

9:00am – Lenten Typica

Friday, March 16:

10:00am – WestView – for the repose of the souls of +Louise St Lewis and +Paul Roch

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

Saturday, March 17:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Mr. Jonathan Chai Chan Siang



Sunday, March 18: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Mrs. Rose Krysko

10:30am – for blessings for good health for Trish Popel

5:00pm – for blessings and healing for Ann

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 4th Sunday of Lent ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian ♦ 9:00 am FSC Class ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy - with Sunday School ♦ 5:00pm Divine Liturgy	12 ♦ Lenten Typica (Cancelled) ♦ 9:00 am Prospora ♦ No Open Iconography ♦ No Bible Study	13 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 9:00 am Prospora ♦ 6:30 pm Ukrainian language Class ♦ 7:00 pm PPC Mtg	14 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	15 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 7:00 pm UCWLC General Mtg	16  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview ♦ 6:00 pm Sorokousty - Lenten Prayers for the Dead	17 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 9:00 am Babka Workbee
18 5th Sunday of Lent ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian ♦ 9:00 am FSC Class ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy - with Sunday School ♦ 12:00 Annual General Meeting & Pancake breakfast ♦ 5:00pm Divine Liturgy Sandwiches for drop-in centre	19 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ No Open Iconography ♦ No Bible Study ♦ 7:00 pm Lenten Mission Lenten Mission	20 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 6:30 pm Ukrainian language Class ♦ 7:00 pm Lenten Mission	21 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy ♦ 6:30 pm Kingdom Quest III ♦ 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class ♦ 7:00 pm Choir Practice	22 ♦ 9:00 am Lenten Typica ♦ 7:00 pm 50th Anniversary Mtg	23  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview ♦ 6:00 pm Akathist	24 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday (March 25)

8:30 am Divine Liturgy & Willow Blessing – Bilingual (*sung*)
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy & Willow Blessing – English (*choir*)
 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy & Willow Blessing – English (*recited*)

Holy Wednesday (March 28)

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday (March 29)

3:00 pm Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 6:00 pm Confessions
 7:00 pm Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Good Friday (March 30)

1:00 pm Vespers with veneration of the Holy Shroud
 3:00 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Jerusalem Matins
 5:00 pm Confessions

Holy Saturday (March 31)

2:00 pm Blessing of Easter Foods (*Parish Hall*)
 3:00 pm Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 5:30 pm Blessing of Easter Foods (*Parish Hall*)
 6:00 pm Nadhrobne – Transfer of the Holy Shroud

Easter Sunday (April 01)

8:00 am Resurrection Matins and Easter Divine Liturgy – Bilingual (*choir*)*
 10:30 am Easter Divine Liturgy – Bilingual (*sung*)*
 * Blessing of Easter Foods following the Liturgy

2018 PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place next Sunday, March 18th in the Parish Hall following the 10:30am Divine Liturgy. Election of the 2018-2019 Parish Pastoral Council will take place, as well as a highlight of directorate reports, projects and issues pertaining to all parishioners. We need a quorum of 70 eligible voting members, so please come for pancakes and stay for the meeting!

Copies of the 2017 Financial Statements as well as the 2017 Stewardship Report are available in the atrium for pickup in advance of the AGM, for your review. If you are interested in serving on council and would like your name to be included on the list of nominees, please speak to nominating Committee member Ambrose Comchi at 403-862-3269 or awc@shaw.ca. You may also step forward at the AGM. One specific vacancy on council is for Youth Director, so please consider volunteering for this very important position. See you all there!



Babka Making Workbee

on Saturday March 17 starting at 9:00 am. Sign up sheets are posted in the church atrium. Please come out to help make this delicious traditional Easter bread.



Next collection for **sandwiches for the drop-in centre** is next Sunday March 18. Thank you for your generosity!



Lenten Mission at St Stephen

On **Sunday**, March 18 at the 8:30 and 11:30 Liturgies.
Monday & Tuesday evenings (March 19-20) at 7:00 pm
Theme:
The Gospel in Catholic Social Teachings
 Mission Leader: Fr. Charles Pottie-Pâté, SJ