



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 16th, 2018



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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sunday Services:
8:30am - Ukrainian
10:30am - English
1:00pm - Arabic / English [Melkite]
5:00pm - English

Weekday Services:
Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday
English @ 9:00 am
Friday at Westview Lodge-
English @ 10:00 am

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS

THE HOLY PROPHET HAGGAI (6TH C. BC)

Troparia 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.

Troparion: By faith You justified Your ancestors* and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations.* The saints exult in glory;* from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed.* By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

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

Kontakion: Armed by the Being that defies description,* you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:* "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,"* for You can do whatever You will.

Prokeimenon:

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.
verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

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

Brothers and Sisters, when Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath,

malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Alleluia: 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.

Gospel:
Luke 14:16-24

The Lord told this parable: "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

Communion Hymn:

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



HOLY MYSTERIES

CONFESSION:

Weekdays: Before or after
Liturgies or by appointment.
Sundays: Before Liturgy

MARRIAGE, BAPTISM-CHRISMATION- EUCHARIST, FUNERALS :

Arrangements with the Pastor

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK:

For emergencies call
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DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS :

Arrangements with the office

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Liturgical Help

NOVEMBER 18-DEC 30 : EPISTLE READERS, HOSTS/USHERS/ROSARY : KOFc
ARK STORE: December 16 : Lewchuk December 23 : Bobyn

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

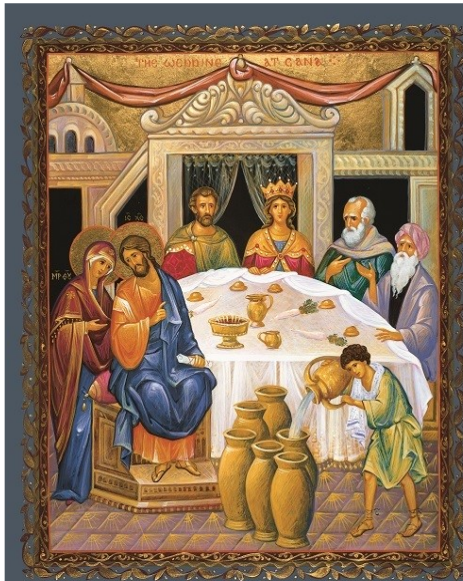
Classes will commence on Sunday, **January 13th, 2019.**

This session will consist of 10 class sessions on Sundays from 9:00 – 10:30am with Divine Liturgy to follow.

There will also be one Saturday retreat on May 4th, 2019 when children receive their First Confession and have a celebratory luncheon together.

Children will then be receiving their First Solemn Communion on Sunday, May 5th, 2019.

For more information, please contact Kathy Livesay at kalivesey@shaw.ca. For registration please visit our website at <https://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/first-solemn-communion.html>



ST STEPHEN'S PROTOMARTYR PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

January 25-26, 2019

Friday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Opening session with wine & cheese reception

Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Presentations and Couple Communication

Course cost \$125 per couple
(payable at arrival)

Includes evening reception, Saturday morning coffee & muffins, Saturday hot lunch, snacks, course supplies

Contact Fr. Greg for more information.

Email : fathergreg@protomartyr.ca
Text : 403-700-0882

Announcements

- **THE 2019 DONATION ENVELOPES AND LITURGICAL CALENDARS** are available for pick up in the atrium. Please pick up yours TODAY!
- **GIFT OF HOPE—A RETREAT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED PERSONS:** January 25-26, 2018 (Live-in): Loss of employment can be tiring to our souls and our emotional balance, not just our financial health. Struggling for a sense of hope, in the midst of disappointment, is an arduous task.

The retreat is not a job-finding but a heart helping retreat of conversation, reflection, laughter, connectedness and hope!

A loss of job and income can bring with it feelings of desperation. Our message is not to give up and become overwhelmed with the pain, loss and chaos, but to look around, pay attention to the daily small gifts that come our way, even when they are not the gift of that job that we eagerly seek. Reaching out for help and support of others, as well as sharing experience can be a shining light in the midst of struggle.

This retreat is sponsored by the Society of Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) - Offered free of Charge (Limited to 20 participants). Registration closes on January 15, 2018.

Registration : By phone: (403) 228-4215 or By email: info@fcjcentre.ca.
For further information, please contact Sr. Ger Curran at gcurran55@gmail.com

MALANKA

Friday, January 11, 2019 at St. Stephen Protomartyr

Cocktails : 6:00 pm - Buffet 7:00 pm - Dance 8:30 pm

Entertainment by Absolute Unplugged & Suzirya (Ukrainian Dance Ensemble)

\$65 / person (Reservations for tables of 8 or 10 \$520/\$650)

Ticket sellers : David Franko : 403-400-0307 - d_franko@telus.net

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Linda Buck : 403-249-4818 (ext 0 : Parish Office)

The office accepts e-transfers & debit payments



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 16: SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of + Peter Lotocky

10:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of + Michael and + Lorne Procyk

5:00pm – blessings for a successful surgery and positive recovery for James Sachkiw

Monday, December 17:

NO DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday, December 18:

NO DIVINE LITURGY

Wednesday, December 19:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of + Don Watson

Thursday, December 20:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the souls of + John and + Elizabeth Gelsinger

Friday, December 21:

10:00am (West View): for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Saturday, December 22:

9:00am – for special blessings for Mirna Farahat & family

Sunday, December 23: SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

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

10:30am – for special Christmas blessings for Mike & Verna Hryhoryshyn

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







To all the ladies of the UCWLC: **THANK YOU** for organizing and putting on such a joyful and successful Snowflake Bazaar! So much hard work, time and energy goes into this event; decoration, food prep, pre-order sales, bake sales, coordinating vendors, preparing the raffle table ... the list is so long! We thank you ALL for your time and efforts in making this a huge contributor to our fundraising initiative. May God continue to bless you with His grace. **Mnohaya Lita!**



UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL

THANK YOU to all the participating choirs and those in attendance who made the 2018 Christmas Carol Festival last weekend such a huge success! From beginning to end the beautiful music filled our church AND our hearts with the joy and spirit of the Christmas season. A special **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers who helped with hospitality, decorating, ushering, setup and takedown. May you all continue to be blessed by God's grace as we thank you for helping spread the gift of music.

Mnohaya Lita!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy Ukrainian ♦ 10:30am Children's Liturgy—with Sunday School ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy -YYC SUNDAY - SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE	17 ♦ No Divine Liturgy	18 ♦ No Divine Liturgy	19  ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm Choir practice & Christmas reception	20 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	21  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	22 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
23 ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy Ukrainian ♦ 10:30am Children's Liturgy—No Sunday School ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy	24 Vigil of the Nativity ♦ 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy with Nativity Play ♦ 10:00 pm Christmas Vigil ♦ 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy	25 Nativity of Our Lord ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	26  Synaxis of the Theotokos ♦ No Divine Liturgy	27 ♦ No Divine Liturgy	28  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	29 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

CHRISTMAS — NEW YEAR THEOPHANY 2018 – 2019

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

- ❖ **Monday, December 24 – EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD:**
 - 4:30pm – Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy (children's service – no choir)
 - 10:00pm – Christmas Vigil – Great Complines
 - 10:30pm – Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy (with choir)
 - ❖ **Tuesday, December 25 – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD:** 10:00am – Divine Liturgy
 - ❖ **Wednesday, December 26 – Synaxis of Theotokos:** No Services (Office Closed)
 - ❖ **Thursday, December 27:** No Services (Office Closed)
 - ❖ **Friday, December 28:** 10:00am – Divine Liturgy (Westview Manor)
 - ❖ **Saturday, December 29:** 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
 - ❖ **Sunday, December 30:**
 - 8:30am – Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng)
 - 10:30am – Divine Liturgy (English – with choir)
 - 5:00pm – Divine Liturgy (English)
 - ❖ **Monday, December 31 – New Year's Eve** No Services (Office Closed)
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- ❖ **Tuesday, January 1– Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – New Years Day:**
 - 10:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy
 - ❖ **Wednesday, January 2:** 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
 - ❖ **Thursday, January 3:** 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
 - ❖ **Friday, January 4:** 10:00am – Divine Liturgy (Westview Manor)
 - ❖ **Saturday, January 5:** 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
 - ❖ **Sunday, January 6 – Feast of Theophany:**
 - 8:30am – Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng) *Water Blessing*
 - 10:30am – Divine Liturgy (English choir) *Water Blessing*
 - 5:00pm – Divine Liturgy (English)

Christmas CAROLING



St. Stephen's choir will be
Christmas Caroling
 on **SUNDAY, December 30th**

Please call Choir Director,
Linda Dudar at 587-998-8566
 for more information and/or to
 schedule them
 to come to your home



"Mrs. Claus bought me a smartwatch! It knows when you are sleeping, it knows when you're awake, it knows if you've been bad or good..."