



# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

## SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

THE TEN HOLY MARTYRS OF CRETE (249-51)

### *Troparia and Kontakia*

*Troparion:* Angelic powers were upon Your tomb\* and the guards became like dead men;\* Mary stood before Your tomb\* seeking Your most pure body.\* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.\* You met the Virgin and granted life.\* O Lord, risen from the dead,\* glory be to You!

*Troparion:* Great are the achievements of faith!\* In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest,\* and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep.\* Through their intercession, O Christ God,\* save our souls.

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:* Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40

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

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Abraham stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was

ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, "bowing in worship over the top of his staff." By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

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.

**Alleluia:** O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days.

*verse:* You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us.

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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



## HOLY MYSTERIES

### CONFESSION:

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

### MARRIAGE, BAPTISM-CHRISMATION- EUCHARIST, FUNERALS :

Arrangements with the Pastor

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

For emergencies call  
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### DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS :

Arrangements with the office

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### Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah,  
the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the

husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.

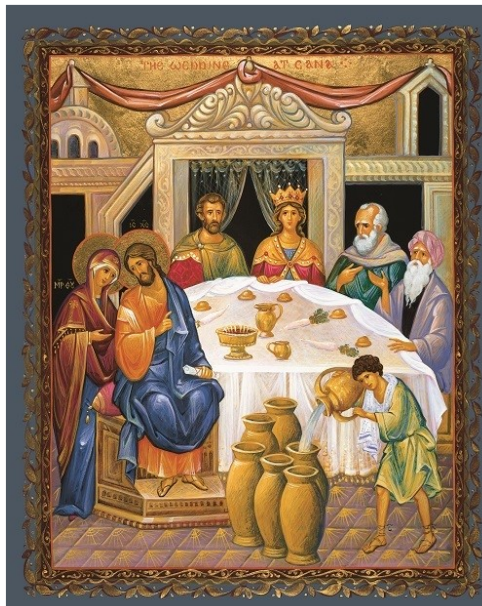
**Second verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

## Liturgical Help

**NOVEMBER 18-DEC 30 : EPISTLE READERS, HOSTS/USHERS/ROSARY : KOfC**

**ARK STORE: December 23 : Bobyn**

**December 30: Chubaty**



## 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



# 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 MC/Visa and e-transfers**



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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

**Monday, December 24:**

4:30pm – Christmas Eve Festal

Divine Liturgy with Nativity play

10:30pm – Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, December 25:**

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

10:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, December 26:**

NO DIVINE LITURGY

**Thursday, December 27:**

NO DIVINE LITURGY

**Friday, December 28:**

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

**Saturday, December 29:**

9:00am – for blessings for health and healing for Juliette Hreiche

**Sunday, December 30:**

**SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**

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

10:30am – for special blessings for Michael & Trudy Cain and their children and grandchildren

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

## 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>



## 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! 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
- ❖ **SEEKING HOST FAMILY FOR ONE MORE STUDENT!** As previously announced by the Calgary Friends of UCU and St. Mary's University, two female exchange students from the Ukrainian Catholic University in L'viv, will be arriving on January 3. We have found a family to accommodate one student during their four-month stay in Calgary. We still need one more home. A location near downtown or good transit connections south along MacLeod Trail would work. If you have an interest please contact the Calgary Friends of UCU at (403) 670-9145. interest please contact the Calgary Friends of UCU at (403) 670-9145.
- ❖ **ST STEPHEN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS** from December 24th through to January 2nd. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am Divine Liturgy Ukrainian</li> <li>10:30am Children's Liturgy—No Sunday School</li> <li>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>24 Vigil of the Nativity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 pm Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy with Nativity Play</li> <li>10:00 pm Christmas Vigil</li> <li>10:30 pm Christmas Eve</li> </ul>	<b>25 Nativity of Our Lord</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>26</b>  <b>Synaxis of the Theotokos</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Divine Liturgy</li> <li>8:00 pm Malanka Planning Mtg</li> </ul>	<b>28</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>
<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am Divine Liturgy Ukrainian</li> <li>10:30am Divine Liturgy—No Sunday School</li> <li>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>1 Feast of Circumcision of Jesus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>7:00 pm Property Management Mtg</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>7:00 pm KofC 3rd Degree Mtg</li> <li>7:00 pm UCWLC Mtg</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>



**St. Stephen's choir will be  
Christmas Caroling  
on SUNDAY, December 30th  
Please call Choir Director, Linda Dudar  
on 587-998-8566 for more information  
and/or to schedule them to come to your home**

## UCWLC Theophany Lunch

**on Theophany Sunday, January 6, 2019 following 10:30 am Liturgy.**

Please bring a meatless dish such as might be served on a traditional Christmas Eve Supper, or bring a favourite vegetarian dish. Salads and desserts are also welcome. The UCWLC will provide kutya and borscht.

If you are planning to join us, please sign up (sheets in the atrium) so that we have enough kutya and borscht, and enough tables set up. You may drop off your Potluck contribution in the kitchen before 10:30 Liturgy. If you have any questions, please contact Jo-Anne Heuser at 403-978-9724 or jheuser@shaw.ca.

All are welcome, even if you don't bring a dish.



## 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 Year's 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*  
Followed by a POT-LUCK Lunch
- 5:00pm – Divine Liturgy (English)