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**DIVINE LITURGIES**

**Sunday Services:**

8:30am - Ukrainian / English  
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

## ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2019

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

**Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!**

### The Resurrection and Return to the Father

Today, we celebrate the glorious feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today, we sing a hymn of victory, for in our Lord's Passover from death to life, Christ our God has brought us from earth to heaven.

Truly, "this is the day that the Lord has made; let us exalt and rejoice in it!"

In the Book of Genesis, we read, "God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (1:27).

God's plan for every human being was to live in harmony with God, and with each other. This is our vocation, to grow in our likeness to God.

Tragically, Adam and Eve, our first parents, chose to disobey God's will, setting up their own will against God's. They thought they could take the place of God. For this, they were expelled from the Garden of Eden.

Ever since, we have been seeking our return to the Father. It's as if we have been standing at the gates of paradise, knocking, begging to be let back in. But the gates of paradise could only be opened from within. And they were, by our Saviour Jesus Christ, through his passion, death upon the cross, and his third-day resurrection.

Thomas Hopko, in his book "The Lenten Spring," captures our longing to return home to the Father. He writes:

"From beginning to end, the lenten services of the Church call us to return to God our Father.

"The theme of the parable of the prodigal son runs through the entire season. We have wasted what our good God has given us. We have ruined our lives and our world. We have polluted the air, the water and the earth. The birds and the fish, the plants and the animals, grieve because of our wickedness. We have corrupted our bodies and minds. We have abandoned communion with God





## HOLY MYSTERIES

### CONFESSION:

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

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

Arrangements with the Pastor

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

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### DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS :

Arrangements with the office

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and the joy of his dwelling. We have gone off on our own, following our own ideas, enacting our own plans. And the result is that we are away from our true home, lost in a far country, living among swine.

"Through our reckless wasting of the gifts given by God we have stripped ourselves of our own original glory, wisdom, beauty and strength: we have lost our divine legacy as children of God."

However, as we read in John's Gospel, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3: 16).

That which was lost, now is found. God did not stop seeking after us, like the Loving Father sought after the prodigal son, until he was home, safe, with the Father.

Our "Return to the Father" is wonderfully captured in the liturgical services for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son: "O faithful, let us discover the power of the divine mystery. The prodigal came back from his sin and returned to his father's house; in his loving kindness the father came out to meet him and kissed him. He restored to him the glory of the house and prepared a mystical banquet on high. He killed the fatted calf so that we may share in his joy: the joy of the Father who offers with love, and the joy of the Lamb who gives himself for us; for he is Christ, the Saviour of our souls" (Vespers).

As we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Our Lord, we rejoice. The gates of hades, and death, have been broken.

"O Lord, the gates of Death opened before you in fear, and the gatekeepers of Hades were filled with dread at the sight of you. You smashed the gates of brass and crushed the posts of iron. Then you burst our chains asunder, and led us out from the darkness, away from the shadow of death" (At Psalm 140, Vespers, Resurrection Day; also Tone 2, Saturday Vespers). And the gates of paradise have been reopened, along with God's gift to us of eternal life.

"Today the sacred Pasch is revealed to us, holy and new Pasch, the mystical Passover, the venerable Passover, the Pasch which is Christ the Redeemer, spotless Pasch, great Pasch, the Pasch of the faithful, the Pasch which is *the key to the gates of paradise*, the Pasch which sanctifies all the faithful" (Paschal Stichera).

As a sign that Christ has opened to us the doors of paradise, the royal doors of the iconostas remain open during the entire Bright Week. In this we rejoice! And now, the Father awaits us. Let us go to him with open arms to receive his love.

On this holy day of the Resurrection of our Lord, I pray that God's grace and love fills your heart, and that of your family and friends, and brings joy and peace to all people.

**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!**

Bishop David Motiuk  
Eparchy of Edmonton



**LITURGY  
HELP**

#### APRIL 21

##### 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 am KofC

ARK STORE: CLOSED

#### APRIL 28

##### EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Dianna Rygiel  
10:30 am: Dave Wandzura  
5:00 pm: Christine Knights

##### HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— Dianna Dygiel  
10:30— Dave Wandzura

ROSARY 10:00 am Bill Lewchuk

ARK STORE: Chubaty

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **APRIL 21, 2019 EASTER SUNDAY** no coffee after liturgies.

❖ **TRYZUB SCHOOL OF UKRAINIAN DANCE SUMMER CAMP:**

Tryzub invites all children (no experience necessary) to their summer camps being held July 8 – 12 and July 15 – 19 at the Tryzub dance studio. Each one week camp is from 9am to 12 noon (ages 6 – 8 years) and 1pm to 4pm (ages 9 – 12 and 13+). Cost: \$160 / dancer / week if register by June 1st; \$175 thereafter. Get the kids out of the house for some fun exercise, Ukrainian style! A concert will be performed on each Friday. Please contact Shane Gibson, Artistic Director and camp instructor, at [artisticdirector@tryzub.ca](mailto:artisticdirector@tryzub.ca) to register or for more information.

❖ **CHECK THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND STEWARDSHIP REPORTS** here :  
<https://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/agm.html>

❖ **WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE ST STEPHEN'S BULLETIN?** Send your email to :  
[coordinator@protomartyr.ca](mailto:coordinator@protomartyr.ca)





## 39th Annual HIKE FOR LIFE

**JOIN US!**

Registration: Enmax Stage

**Saturday, May 11 | 8:30 a.m. - Noon**  
**Prince's Island Park**

### Educational Programs:

Your support brings life-affirming "Respect Life" educational programs to schools and students

**Walk with us:** As we celebrate the gift of life from conception until natural death!

**Everyone is invited!** Bring your family and friends of all ages

**Register at [www.calgaryprolife.com/hike-for-life](http://www.calgaryprolife.com/hike-for-life)**

**MUSIC - DONUTS - HOT DOGS - PRIZES - AWARDS**

Please contact John Siroishka

[JohnSiroishka@shaw.ca](mailto:JohnSiroishka@shaw.ca) for more details



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Sunday, April 21: EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00am - + Resurrection Matins and Easter Divine Liturgy

10:30am - Easter Divine Liturgy

**Monday, April 22: EASTER MONDAY**

NO DIVINE LITURGY

**Tuesday, April 23: EASTER TUESDAY**

NO DIVINE LITURGY

**Wednesday, April 24:**

9:00am - blessings for healing, recovery and good health for Adrian Sakundiak

**Thursday, April 25:**

9:00am - blessings for improved health and healing for Phil & Mary Dowhaniuk

**Friday, April 26:**

10:00am - blessings for a speedy recovery to good health for Dcn. John Doll

**Saturday, April 27:**

9:00am - in memory of the repose of the souls of + Joseph and + Maria Dobish

**Sunday, April 28: THOMAS SUNDAY**

8:30am - in memory of the repose of the souls of + Joseph and + Maria Dobish

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

5:00pm - for respect for all life from conception to natural death



## Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**9 - 16 NOVEMBER 2019**

**With Father Daniel Wach, OSBM**

Visit the Basilica and marvel before the Tilma. Explore the Aztec culture and find out why they embraced Christianity. Learn about the Cristiada and pray at the tomb of Father Pro, a modern-day martyr. Wander through the colonial town of Puebla. Be touched at the tiny church where the archangel Michael appeared centuries ago.

**More details :** [www.saintstephencalgary.ca/pilgrimage2mexico.html](http://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/pilgrimage2mexico.html)

**or contact** Maria Blomme 403-724-6084  
[maria.blomme@ama.ab.ca](mailto:maria.blomme@ama.ab.ca)

## Yalenka Ukrainian Dancers PRESENT



Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 5:00 pm  
University Theatre -230 University Court NW  
Seats are priced at \$30, \$20 & \$10

Tickets are available for online purchase at [Arts-tickets.ucalgary.ca](http://Arts-tickets.ucalgary.ca)

Scroll down to YALENKA 2019  
YEAR END PERFORMANCE

**TICKETS NOT PRESOLD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THEATRE BOX OFFICE**

You are invited to join us for  
**Easter Brunch Parish Council Meet & Greet**  
on April 28th after the 10:30 am Liturgy.



## DAMASCUS ALEPPO MOVIE - Now in Calgary!

**Friday May 10 & Saturday May 11 At 6:30 pm**

At Globe Cinema 617 8 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1H1

Sponsored by : St. Basil's Melkite Greek Catholic Church

**Purchase your tickets NOW :** <https://myeventstickets.ca>

**The Movie is with English Subtitles**



This award winning movie tells the story of a virtual journey in a bus transporting passengers between Damascus and Aleppo where a group of people of different ages, orientations and opinions are gathered, reflecting the Syrian society with its diversity and social pluralism. The movie shows the true face of this country, especially in terms of cohesion and cooperation among people even in the most difficult circumstances. It has not been able to undermine the will to live, unity and communication among the people who realized the meaning of circumvention and cooperation in overcoming the greatest difficulties and crises.

Admit one

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>21 EASTER SUNDAY</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 am Resurrection Matins and Easter Divine Liturgy</li> <li>10:30am Easter Divine Liturgy—No Sunday School</li> <li>No 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy</li> </ul> <b>SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE</b> <b>NO COFFEE AFTER LITURGIES</b>	<b>22 EASTER MONDAY</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>
<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>10:30am Children Divine Liturgy—No Sunday School</li> <li>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy</li> </ul> <b>PPC EASTER BRUNCH MEET &amp; GREET</b>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Icon Painting</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 am Plus 50 Mtg</li> </ul>	<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 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 KofC 3rd Degree Mtg</li> <li>7:00 pm UCWLC Mtg</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>10:00 am FSC Confession</li> </ul>

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BISHOP'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Wed. May 29, 2019  
 7:30—9:00 am  
 St. Josaphat  
 Ukrainian Catholic  
 Cathedral Parish Hall  
 9637—108 Ave Edmonton



Tickets \$25 available at the Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral Centre

Guest Speaker :  
 Sr. Doloretta Shalagan, SSMI



## You're Invited! HARTS

Annual Ukrainian Dinner & Summer Camp Auctions

**Objective :** to send 10,000+ underprivileged children in Ukraine and Moldova to summer camps in 2019

- ♦ **Edmonton**—Sat. April 13
- ♦ **Calgary**—Friday, May 3

If you cannot attend, please consider supporting HART summer camp programs that transform lives each year!

**For registration or more info :**

[www.hart.ca](http://www.hart.ca) (home page -> Upcoming events)

**Donate to camps:** <https://hart.ca/project/summer-camp-programs/>

## CAMP OSELIA PROGRAMS INFO:



**Find out about 5 Great Summer Camps and other great programs at : [CampOselia.com](http://CampOselia.com)**

- ♦ May 3-5: Women's Retreat
- ♦ May 31 - June 1: Adult Spiritual Retreat
- ♦ June 30 - July 2: Teen Camp
- ♦ July 2-6: Family Camp
- ♦ July 14-19: Elementary Camp
- ♦ July 21-26: Mixed Camp
- ♦ July 28 - Aug 2: Jr. High Camp

**All camp registrations are now online! [www.CampOselia.com](http://www.CampOselia.com) for more details**

## ST STEPHEN'S KIDS SUMMER CAMP



**JULY 8TH—12TH WITH WRAP-UP ON SUNDAY JULY 14**

**All children are welcome! Bring a friend!**

**Bible and Byzantine Learning Fun**  
 Every morning follow Jesus through bible adventures, making new friends, incredible music, wild games, amazing crafts and snacks. Every afternoon explore our Byzantine Catholic faith through dance, music, church exploration crafts and games.

- ♦ Children Ages: 4 - 12 years
- ♦ Youth entering grade seven or older and adults are encouraged to volunteer
- ♦ The Fun lasts from: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Doors Open: 8:45 am—Half Day: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- ♦ Fees: \$100 / child or \$50 / child for half-day program Family rate (3 or more children) \$250
- ♦ Registration: Registration forms available online.  
<https://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/kids-summer-camp.html> Payments accepted by the church office.
- ♦ Contact: Lynsey Lowey  
[klowey@hotmail.com](mailto:klowey@hotmail.com)