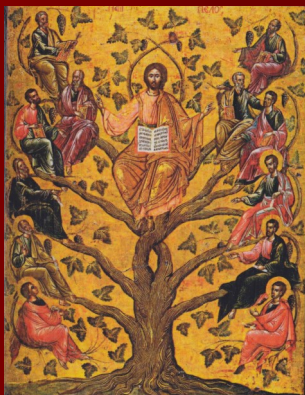


# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2019



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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

## Sunday before the Nativity of Christ

*Nativity Fast*

### **Troparia and Kontakia**

**Troparion:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

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

**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.

**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



## 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:

For emergencies call  
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### DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS :

Arrangements with the office

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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 verse:** 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 (x3)



#### DECEMBER 22

##### EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: KofC  
10:30 am: KofC  
5:00 pm: KofC

##### HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am: KofC  
10:30 am: KofC  
**ROSARY** 10 am: KofC  
**ARK STORE:** Siroishka

#### DECEMBER 29

##### EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Gerald Strashok  
10:30 am: Walter Machny  
5:00 pm: Patricia Harasym

##### HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am: Gerald Strashok  
10:30 am: Mark Ewanchyna  
**ROSARY** 10 am: David & Arlene Franko  
**ARK STORE:** Dwulit

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Donation envelopes for 2020** are available for pickup in the Atrium. Please pick up yours TODAY!
- ❖ **St. Stephen's 2020 calendars** have arrived! Please pick up yours TODAY from the atrium!
- ❖ **UCWLC Theophany Lunch on Theophany Sunday, January 5, 2020** 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 Nettie Kost@ 403 829 3235 or nettiekost@gmail.com. All are welcome, even if you don't bring a dish



### Food Collection

St. Stephen's UCWLC is collecting food during the month of December to support St. Stephen's and St. Basil's parishioners in need (not the Food Bank as previously indicated). A collection box is located in the atrium.

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS:** Peanut butter, tuna, lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, oil, sugar, flour.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## MALANKA

**Friday, January 10, 2020 at St. Stephen Protomartyr**

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

**Entertainment: Absolute Unplugged & Tryzub (Ukrainian Dance Ensemble)**

Tickets: \$65 / person (Dinner and Dance) - Tables of 8 or 10 \$520/\$650) - \$15 / person (Dance Only)



#### Ticket sellers :

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Harry Kozicki :	403-808-6523	kozickis@shaw.ca
Ed Demchuk :	403-239-0871	josiened@shaw.ca
Ambrose Comchi :	403-862-3269	awc@shaw.ca
Linda Buck :	403-249-4818	(ext 0 : Parish Office)

**The office accepts MC/Visa and e-transfers**



*All That Glitters*  
presents... **A GRAND AFFAIRE**

Hosted by St. Stephen's & exclusively for women  
on

*Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

6:00 pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Dinner Catering by De Minico's

8:30—11:30 pm Entertainment *Dueling Piano Kings*

**Tickets are NOW available**

and just in time for Christmas - \$125/ticket

*Consider giving your wife, your mom or your daughter  
a ticket to this exciting and fun filled evening.*

Please contact Linda at 403-249-4818 or office@protomartyr.ca for tickets.

The office accepts e-transfer, VISA, MC, cash or cheque.

**Coming Together in Friendship to Enrich the Lives of Women!**

**Christmas  
CAROLING**



**St. Stephen's choir will be**

**Christmas Caroling**

**on SUNDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup> from 1—7 pm**

**Please call Choir Director, Linda Dudar**

**on 587-998-8566 for more information**

**and/or to schedule them to come to your home.**



**Open House  
series**



Building Sacred Bridges through  
education and relationships  
Open House will consist of a 30  
minute presentation, 15 minute  
question and answer, and a tour  
of the Sacred Space.

St. Stephen's is hosting the first Open House  
on Tuesday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm.  
Open to all, all other events will require  
registration in order to participate.

Please call Dalton Harding at 403-630-2200 for more details.

Please check other open house locations :

<https://www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org/pec-events/open-house-series/>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020**



St. Stephen's offers a First Communion program to teach children and their families about God, His Church and the Sacraments. It prepares children to celebrate their first Confession and their First Solemn Communion, teaching them what Life with Christ is about, and to encourage them to take more responsibility for their own spiritual wellbeing.

Classes are set to begin on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Lessons will take place on Sunday mornings with the 10:30 Divine Liturgy to follow. There are a total of 10 Lessons ending with First Reconciliation on May 2 and First Solemn Communion on May 3, 2020.

For more information please contact Kathy Livesey at [kalivesey@shaw.ca](mailto:kalivesey@shaw.ca).

For registration, please visit our website at

[www.saintstephencalgary.ca/first-solemn-communion.html](http://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/first-solemn-communion.html)



**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, December 22:**

**SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

- ❖ 8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Edward Kobewka
- ❖ 10:30am - for the repose of the soul of + Edward Kobewka
- ❖ 5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

**Monday, December 23:**

- ❖ NO DIVINE LITURGY

**Tuesday, December 24:**

**NATIVITY VIGIL**

- ❖ 4:30pm – Festal Divine Liturgy – Youth oriented
- ❖ 10:00pm - Great Compline – English
- ❖ 10:30pm – Festal Divine Liturgy - Bilingual

**Wednesday, December 25:**

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

10:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, December 26:**

**SYNAXIS OF THEOTOKOS**

- ❖ NO DIVINE LITURGY

**Friday, December 27:**

**FEAST OF STEPHEN**

- ❖ 10:00am at Westview – for the repose of the soul of + Wendell Kost

**Saturday, December 28:**

- ❖ 9:00am – for the repose of the soul of + Millie Mendiuk

**Sunday, December 29:**

**SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

- ❖ 8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of + Paul Dowhaniuk
- ❖ 10:30am - for the repose of the soul of + Katherine Musick
- ❖ 5:00pm – Respect for life from conception to natural death



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>22</b> ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 10:30am Divine Liturgy— No Sunday school ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy	<b>23</b>  OFFICE IS CLOSED	<b>24 NATIVITY VIGIL</b> ♦ 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Festal ♦ 10:00 pm Christmas Vigil - Great Complines ♦ 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy OFFICE IS CLOSED	<b>25 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD</b> ♦ 10:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy OFFICE IS CLOSED	<b>26 SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS</b>  OFFICE IS CLOSED	<b>27 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN</b> ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	<b>28</b> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
<b>29</b> ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 10:30am Divine Liturgy— No Sunday school ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS</b> ♦ 10:00 Festal Divine Liturgy	<b>2</b> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm KofC 3rd Degree Mtg ♦ 7:00 pm UCWLC Mtg	<b>3</b> ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	<b>4</b> ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy



## CHRISTMAS AND THEOPHANY SCHEDULE 2019 - 2020

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*Христос Раждається!*

*Christ is Born!*

*Славім Його !*

*Glorify Him!*

DAY	TIME	SERVICE
Tuesday (December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019) <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4:30pm 10:00pm 10:30pm	Festal Divine Liturgy – Youth oriented Great Compline – English Festal Divine Liturgy – Bilingual
Wednesday (December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2019) <b>Nativity of Our Lord</b>	10:00am	Festal Divine Liturgy – English
Thursday (December 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019) <b>Synaxis of the Mother of God</b>	---	None Scheduled
Friday (December 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2019) <b>Saint Stephen, Protomartyr</b>	10:00am	Divine Liturgy at Westview Manor (5050 50 Ave SW, Calgary, AB)

*Wishing All of You a Very Happy and Blessed New 2020 Year !*

Wednesday (January 1 <sup>th</sup> , 2020) <b>New Year - Circumcision of our Lord - St. Basil</b>	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
Sunday (January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2020) <b>Eve of Theophany (Day of Fasting)</b>	8:30am 10:30am 5:00pm	Divine Liturgy w/Blessing of Water Divine Liturgy w/Blessing of Water Divine Liturgy
Monday (January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020) <b>Theophany</b>	---	None Scheduled