

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 5TH, 2020

St Stephen
Protomartyr



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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sunday Services:

10:00 am – English

Pre-registration recommended :

<https://bit.ly/2N4H1Ch>

Weekday Services:

Mondays at 9:00am (seniors and those at higher risk, masks recommended but not necessary)

Saturdays at 9:00am (everyone welcome)

There will be no pre-registration for these liturgies. Registration will be upon arrival.

**** Weekday Private Prayer hours are now CANCELED**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost;

Feast of the Mother of God of Perpetual Help;
Venerable Athanasius of Athos (c. 1003)

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

Troparion: O Mother of God and Virgin,* we magnify Your glory,* we ask for Your help,* we venerate Your miracle-working icon.* You are the Mother of grace,* You are the hope of the world;* do not reject our prayers in our times of need,* and free us from all dangers.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion: My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: Our Mother, O Lady of Perpetual Help,* give us boldness in our cares, improvement in our sicknesses,* consolation amid our very sorrows, help in our battles.* Grant unity to Christians, zeal to ministers of the Church,* forgiveness to sinners, steadfastness to the righteous,* salvation to the dying,* beseech to grant cleansing and eternal glory to the souls in purgatory.

Prokeimenon: How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom.
verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

Prokeimenon: My soul magnifies the Lord,* and my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Saviour.

Epistle: A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and Sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and

seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. (Romans 10:1-10)

Alleluia: Hear, O daughter, and see,* and incline your ear.
verse: The rich among the people* shall entreat your countenance

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, “What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.” And he said to them, “Go!” So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And after getting into a boat he



HOLY MYSTERIES

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DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS :

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crossed the sea and came to his own town.

Hymn to the Mother of God: O my soul,* magnify the Mother of God of Perpetual Help. *Irmos:* We heard words of comfort beneath the Cross,* that You are our Mother and we are Your children.* Therefore, having gathered today, we all earnestly ask:* Place the Church and our nation beneath Your perpetual protection,* for

we glorify You with faith and love as Mother of Perpetual Help.

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

Second verse: I will take the cup of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia (x3)



Sunday Divine Liturgy

Province of Alberta COVID-19 Stage 2 Protocol

Please note that the Church is open for Sunday worship

Our new Liturgy time

10:00 am

Come early

9:30 am

Prayer of the Holy Rosary

Doors open at 9:00 am

- Online preregistration is recommended but not mandatory. Seating is limited to 60 persons in the church with an additional overflow of 60 persons in the parish hall (hall accessible starting June 21). First come first serve seating.
- Please come early. All must be signed in (name & phone number will be required). Be patient and follow the guidance of ushers
- Maintain personal distancing practices at all times (2m or 6'). Masks must be worn if distancing is not possible
- Please park in the north or east parking lots
- South parking lot is reserved for those with mobility challenges
- Entrance into the church will be through the SOUTH DOORS only

Divine Liturgy Registration : <https://bit.ly/2N4HICH>

WEEKDAY LITURGIES ADDED

Effective July and through the summer we are happy to be adding two new Divine Liturgies:

- **Mondays at 9:00am for seniors and those at high risk only.**
- **Saturdays at 9:00am everyone welcome**

There will be no pre-registration for these liturgies. Registration will be upon arrival. Masks are recommended but not required if personal distancing is respected

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Volunteers Needed

Ushering, registering, and cleaning volunteers will be needed for all Divine Liturgies and we would appreciate any assistance that you are able to offer. If you are able to assist, please contact our Liturgical Director, Darrell Maleski by email at liturgical@protomartyr.ca or the office by phone 403-249-4818.



At the request of Bishop David, His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav, named **Right Reverend Stephen Wojcichowsky** as **Mitred Archpriest** (Mitrophoric Archpriest), in recognition of his outstanding contribution in Catholic Religious Education and Catechesis over the past 30 years. Axios!





UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK
MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF KYIV-HALYCH

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APPEAL OF
HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

To the faithful of the UGCC and people of good will in Ukraine and throughout the world
In response to the flooding in Western Ukraine

Your Graces and Excellencies,
Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers,
Venerable Brothers and Sisters in monastic and religious life
Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the elements which gives us and all that surrounds us life, and provides comfort in our homes, in these past days in areas of Western Ukraine has been transformed into a veritable disaster that is being characterized as the worst flood over the past century. Over 300 inhabited towns and villages are under water. Key transportation arteries have been ruined, railways and bridges have been damaged, thousands of buildings are without power. But the greatest disaster – human casualties. And so, at the opening of this appeal I express my sincere condolences and assurances of my prayers for those who lost their loved ones.

If the coronavirus pandemic restricted us to our own residences, this flooding has deprived thousands of people of that protection. Inclement weather has devastated harvests, destroyed planted fields and private gardens. People have lost their means for existence. Tens of thousands of hectares of land are covered with water and mud. People are being evacuated from their residences in large numbers in an effort to safeguard their lives. Hospitals have been inundated including facilities providing treatment to those infected by the coronavirus.

The effects of this flood in the present economic crisis, compounded by the pandemic, carry the threat of real social trouble on a national scale. If quick and decisive action is not taken, then before the winter we may find ourselves facing a humanitarian catastrophe.

In this pastoral appeal I reach out to all who have suffered from the flood, who experienced fear for their lives, pain and a sense of helplessness, especially to those who even now find themselves in the midst of this turbulent event, with the words of Jesus Christ: "Fear not!" Your Church, which constantly prays to the merciful God, is with you in this difficult time, and seeks to embrace you with her warmth, concern, and care. I wish to assure you, that she is and will be your voice and protector before the mighty of this world, and will carry the truth about your distress and despair to the global public and to the world Christian community.

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DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated this week as follows:

** In memory of the repose of the souls of the servants of God:

+ Mrs. Demanchuk
+ Roy Dowhaniuk
+ Helen Lewchuk

** In celebration of the Wedding Anniversary and health and happiness to Eugene & Violet Hnatiuk along with special birthday blessings for Violet. Mnohaya Lita!

** For blessings of improved health and for the healing of Phil Dowhaniuk

** For the intentions and needs of all St. Stephen's parishioners



We welcome

Fr. Samer Naaman

who has been appointed as pastor for St. Basil's Melkite Greek Catholic church. May God bless St. Basil's Parish and Fr. Samer's priestly ministry!

Every calamity that people experience in their lives is an opportunity to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I call upon our church institutions: eparchies, religious communities, and especially our network of the charitable foundation "Caritas," to organize rescue for those who cry for help. I appeal to all communities of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, in the spirit of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel, to support those who are now deprived of their home and have come face-to-face with misfortune.

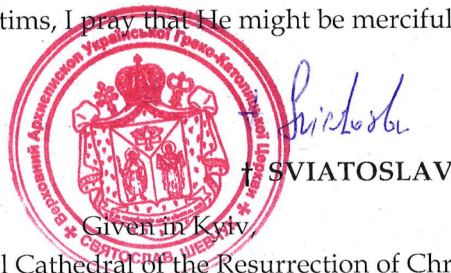
I direct my request to the world community and to international humanitarian organizations: be open to respond to the needs of those who have become victims of the disaster that has afflicted regions in Western Ukraine.

As we look at the consequences of this catastrophe, we must at the same time reflect on what brought it about. Pope Francis says: "God always forgives, we men forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives." The cause of this disaster that we are experiencing is this predatory attitude of humans towards the environment. Climate change on a global scale and uncontrolled destruction of Carpathian forests forced nature to raise its menacing voice, before which we cannot remain silent.

In this period of Peter's fast, taking into account the present dramatic situation, I call on you to rethink your attitude towards your surrounding environment, a rethinking which should include being conscious of the danger of ecological sin, and repentance before the fact of God the Creator, in order that we may learn to care responsibly for our common God-given home and increase nature's inheritance.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Those who have suffered from this calamity need our prayers and sympathy. I sincerely ask that this Sunday at Divine Liturgy we pray for all the victims of the flood and for those rescue workers who are dealing with its consequences.

May our Lord, who is with us always, in the joys and hardships of our life, help us overcome this trial with the dignity of God's children. May the protection of the His Most Pure Mother, glorified in so many churches of our hospitable Carpathians, cover all who have become hostage to this aquatic calamity. Appealing to the Lord to send generous gifts upon those, who will help the victims, I pray that He might be merciful to all of us.



Given in Kyiv,
at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ,
on the leaving day of Feast of the Holy Eucharist,
June 25, 2020 A.D.

The parish clergy is instructed to read this appeal to the faithful at the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 28, 2020 A.D