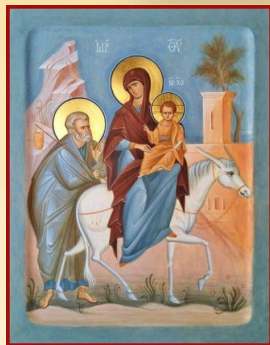


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DIVINE LITURGIES:

Sunday Services:
8:30 am—Ukr/Eng
10:30 am—English
5:00 pm—English
Pre-registration recommended :
<https://bit.ly/2N4H1Ch>

Weekday Services:

Wednesdays at 9:00am (seniors and those at higher risk)

Saturdays at 9:00am (everyone welcome)

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

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 27th, 2020

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Lord ; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen;
Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the “Branded One” (844);
No fasting or abstinence from foods.

Antiphon 1

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart,* I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

In the council of the just and the congregation,* great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

His work is filled with praise and majesty,* and His righteousness endures forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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: Your Nativity, O Christ our God,* made the light of knowledge dawn on the world:*

through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star* to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness,* and to know that You, the Dawn from on the high.* Glory to You, O Lord.

Troparion: O apostle and first martyr for Christ,* you fought the good fight* and exposed your persecutors' wickedness.* For when you were killed by stoning at the hands of the lawless* you received a crown from on high from God's right hand,* while crying out to Him:* “O Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

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

Kontakion: Yesterday the Master came to us incarnate,* but His servant departs today from the flesh.* Yesterday the One who now reigns in the flesh was born,* but His servant today is killed by stoning.* For His sake the first martyr, the divine Stephen, gives up his life.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being;* the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach;* Angel with shepherds give Him glory,* while Magi make their way with a star,* for to us is born a little Child – the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us* from this generation and for ever.
verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

Prokeimenon: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their word unto the ends of the world.

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

Brothers and Sisters, I want you to know that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in



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Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. (*Galatians 1:11-19*)

Alleluia: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever;* from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.
verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever;* in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Hymn to the Mother of God: O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger.
Irmos: A strange and glorious mystery do I behold;* the cave is heaven;* the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim;* the manger, a dwelling place* in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain.* Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

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

Second verse: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their word unto the ends of the world.* Alleluia (x3)

Instead of "Blessed is He who comes..." we sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of "May our mouths..." we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (x3)

Instead of "Blessed be the Name..." we sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (x3)



Great Vespers, every Saturday at 6:00 PM at St. Stephen's

This prayer service is a beautiful way to welcome in the Lord's rest on the Lord's day and prepare for our participation at the Divine Liturgy/Mass on Sunday morning. Fr. Mike will be providing a very brief overview/explanation of the service beginning at 5:45 PM on Jan 2nd.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Confessions are available on most Saturday evenings before vespers beginning at 5:00 PM.
- Pre-registration is required at this time for the service. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/3nK7dE1>
- Registration is limited to 50 people at this time.
- Masking and distancing according to AHS/Calgary City by-laws is required at this time.

Prayer is an "essential service" during these trying times. I sincerely hope that you will join us on Saturday nights!

Please



Planned Giving program launch



Planned Giving is the next step in the Finance and Investment Committees' strategy to provide strong financial governance toward the long term health of St. Stephen's Parish. Parishioners are encouraged to review the Planned Giving program and consider making donations to the Parish through their will or current estate to ensure their personal desires are honored.

For more information please visit the Parish website www.saintstephencalgary.ca/planned-giving.html

or email Greg Yuzwa directly at plannedgiving@protomartyr.ca for a confidential, no cost meeting.

Planned Giving is the result of 3 years development from the parish Finance Committee specifically for St. Stephen's parishioners, we look forward to your feedback and support.



DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26:

SYNAXIS OF MOTHER OF GOD

- ❖ 9:00am – for the repose of the soul (40 days) of +David Tkachuk (w/ Panakyhda)
- ❖ 9:00am – for blessings of health and joy and thanksgiving to Linda Dudar

Sunday, December 27:

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN

- ❖ 8:30am – for blessings in celebration of the 80th birthday of Leslie Dmytruk. Mnohaya Lita!
- ❖ 10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Nadia Mallouh
- ❖ 5:00pm – for the repose of the soul of +Nestor Shular and comfort for Diane

Wednesday, December 30:

- ❖ 9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Arnie Wawruch

Saturday, January 2:

- ❖ 5:00pm – Confessions
- ❖ 6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, January 3:

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

- ❖ 8:30am – for blessings and continued health for John Doll
- ❖ 10:30am – for blessings and improved health for Delmer Yaskiw
- ❖ 5:00pm – for the repose of the soul of +Nestor Shular and comfort for Diane

DIVINE LITURGY TIMES

SATURDAY: 9:00 am English

SUNDAY: 8:30 am Ukr / Eng

10:30 am English

5:00 pm Liturgy

WEDNESDAY*: 9:00 am English

Doors open 8:30—9:00am

Doors open 8:00—8:30am

Doors open 10:00—10:30am

Doors open 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Doors open 8:30 am—9:00 am

**for seniors and those with underlying medical conditions that put them at a greater risk for severe illness from COVID-19.*

Effective December 12th and as per the Provincial mandate, we are now restricting the amount of people in the church to 50 for our regular Divine Liturgies until Jan 13, 2021.

We will also be able to open up the hall to an additional 40 persons for the 2020 Christmas Divine Liturgies.

St. Stephen's parish will strictly adhere to these new measures outlined in detail below. Changes to our existing mandate are in **bold**:

- Two-meter physical distancing between households must be maintained
- Mask use is mandatory unless you have a medical exemption. Those choosing not to wear a mask will not be permitted to enter the church for the safety of other parishioners.
- Hand-sanitizing at entrance/exit to church is required.
- The faithful are required to sign-in upon entry for tracking purposes should someone present as COVID -19 positive.
- Ushers are to remind the faithful of the above requirements.
- Recited liturgies are encouraged. **Where singing is practiced, no congregational singing. Rather, a single cantor may lead the responses, while the faithful remain prayerfully silent.**
- Online liturgical services are encouraged
- In-person faith group meetings can continue but physical distancing and public health measures must be followed
- **Receptions are not permitted**
- **Maximum of 10 people for weddings, funerals, and baptisms**
 - This includes the officiant, bride/groom, and witnesses
 - This does not include staff or organizers who are not considered an invited guest
 - This applies to any facility, including places of worship and funeral homes.
 - This includes services held indoors or outdoors, seated or non-seated.

*Thank you for continuing to do your part in keeping our parish family safe.
Remember, we are in this together!*

Sunday Divine Liturgy Registration : <https://bit.ly/2N4H1CH>

The FAMILY ROOM can be booked for all three Sunday Divine Liturgies at :

<https://tinyurl.com/yvwouvxz>

(For infants and toddlers accompanied by their parents or guardians. Limit 1 family per Liturgy)

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

PLEASE KEEP OUR DIVINE LITURGIES POSSIBLE!

Ushering and cleaning volunteers are required for ALL Divine Liturgies.

We would appreciate any assistance that you are able to offer. Please join our volunteer crew by contacting our Liturgical Director, Darrell Maleski by email at liturgical@protomartyr.ca or the office by phone 403-249-4818.



Join us for an evening of Christmas celebration with
St. Stephen's Choir and families!

December 30th from 7:00-8:00pm

Zoom link- will be emailed to you on Dec 30th

For signup, please email our choir director Linda Dudar Lindadudar@shaw.ca



2nd Annual UCWLC Christmas Food Hamper Collection

Our Second Annual UCWLC Christmas Food Hamper Collection of families in need.

We are collecting tea, jam, crackers, peanut butter, coffee, cookies, pasta, sauces, canned meat, tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables... (Running until the new year)

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Lewchuk
Cell: 403-815-6055 - lewchukt@hotmail.com



Live-streamer required:

In the new year, St. Stephen's will begin live-streaming
our 10:30 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy!

We are currently looking for an individual who is
interested in filming and recording this liturgy, as well as
working with our CoOrdinator in ensuring that those
participating at home have access through our website

and social media accounts. Equipment and training will be provided. This is an
essential ministry. If you feel called to serve in this manner, or you have further
questions, please contact our parish office.



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Winter 2021

January 15 & 16, February 5 & 6

February 26 & 27, March 12 & 13

reminder

Please pick up your 2020 Christmas package and 2021
donation envelopes from the church at your earliest
convenience.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021



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
24, 2021. Lessons will take place on Sunday
mornings at 9:00 am. There are a total of 10
Lessons ending with First Reconciliation and
First Solemn Communion. In the light of the

pandemic, we realize that our FSC classes may need to be re-structured in an
online format rather than in person. We are flexible and will accommodate
both Covid restrictions and family preferences for either instructional format.
For more information please contact Kathy Livesey at kalivesey@shaw.ca.

For registration, please visit our website at :

www.saintstephencalgary.ca/first-solemn-communion.html

UCWLC Christmas/ Rizdvo Artwork Contest

To capture the TRUE
meaning of Christmas



All children are encouraged to
participate for a chance to win \$50

Check the submission guidelines
and rules here :

[www.saintstephencalgary.ca/
artwork-contest.html](http://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/artwork-contest.html)

Submission Deadline:
January 29, 2021

New year 2021

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