

# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

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[www.saintstephencalgary.ca](http://www.saintstephencalgary.ca)

**Parish Calendar:**  
[www.saintstephencalgary.ca/  
calendar1.html](http://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/calendar1.html)

**Facebook:**  
[https://www.facebook.com  
protomartyr.ca](https://www.facebook.com/protomartyr.ca)

**Eparchy Website:**  
[www.edmontoneparchy.com](http://www.edmontoneparchy.com)

## **DIVINE LITURGIES:**

**Sunday Services:**  
8:30 am—Ukr/Eng  
10:05—Rosary  
10:30 am—English  
(live-streamed on Facebook &  
[www.saintstephencalgary.ca/](http://www.saintstephencalgary.ca/))  
5:00 pm—English

## **Weekday Services:**

**Wednesdays & Thursdays** at 9:00am  
**Saturdays**  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Vespers



## **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers**

Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (337-61)  
*Nativity Fast.*

### ***Troparia and Kontakia***

***Troparion, Tone 4:*** 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, Tone 2:*** By faith You justified Your ancestors\* and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations.\* The saints exult in glory;\* from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed.\* By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

***Kontakion, Tone 6:*** 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, Tone 4***

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. (*Daniel 3:26,27*)

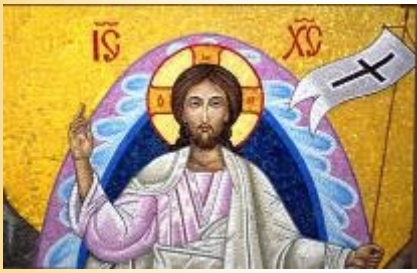
### ***Epistle***

***Colossians 3:4-11***

Brothers and sisters, when Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.



## **HOLY MYSTERIES**

### **CONFESSION:**

Saturdays 5:00 to 5:45 pm  
or by Appointment  
403-249-4818, ext. 2

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

Arrangements with the Pastor  
403-249-4818, ext. 2

### **ANOIDING OF THE SICK:**

For emergencies call  
403-249-4818, ext. 9

### **DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS :** Arrangements with the office

## **CLERGY & RELIGIOUS**

### **Pastor :**

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FatherMichael@Protomartyr.ca  
Office:403-249-4818, ext. 2

### **Pastor, St. Basil's Melkite Greek Catholic Church**

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## **PARISH OFFICE**

### **Office Administrator:**

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### **Sacramental Coordinator:**

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### **Communications Coordinator:**

Mirna Farahat  
coordinator@Protomartyr.ca

## **HALL RENTAL INQUIRIES**

Maria Dwulit, cell: 403-816-5610,  
email: Hall@Protomartyr.ca

## **HALL & KITCHEN**

403-249-4818, ext. 6

## **Alleluia, Tone 4**

**verse:** Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

**verse:** They called on the Lord and He heard them.  
(Psalm 98:6)

## **Gospel**

**Luke 14:16-24**

The Lord told this parable: "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have

married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1). \* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1). \* Alleluia, alleluia, \* alleluia.

The Church will be limited to 110 people, with overflow seating in the hall (pre-registration/registration are not required). We will keep counts of attendees.

Sunday December 12 Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed on this link at 10:00 am:

[https://youtu.be/LP\\_mrwlleOs](https://youtu.be/LP_mrwlleOs)

## **PICK UP TODAY...**

2022 donation envelopes and calendars are available for pick up in the atrium. Please note that some envelope numbers have been changed for more efficient processing. Thank you for your continued generosity – May God bless you always!

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

For the upcoming **Festal Liturgies** we must continue to adhere to the current **Covid restrictions**, with attendance limited to 1/3 fire code capacity in both the church and the hall. This is a total of 102 in the church and 138 in the hall. There will be no pre-registration or proof of vaccination requirement. Seating will be on a first-come-first-serve basis with ushers keeping track of numbers. We strongly encourage you to come early to secure a spot at both Christmas Eve liturgies. As an alternative to those that cannot attend or forego in person attendance on Christmas Eve, please consider joining us at the Christmas Day Liturgy at 10:00am (usually lower in attendance), or online through our live-stream feed. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work together to Glorify Him in a safe and respectful manner.

## **St. Stephen's ADVENT MISSION Living a Public Catholic Faith**

December 10 – 12, 2021

Guest Speaker: Fr. Dcn. Andrew Bennett

❖ **Friday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** with Moleben to Emmanuel  
(Confessions available)

**Talk 1:** Our Baptism Calls us to a Public Faith  
Livestreaming: <https://bit.ly/3rtt1bY>

❖ **Saturday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM** with Great Vespers  
(confessions available starting at 5 PM)

**Talk 2:** Saints as Examples of a Public Faith  
Livestreaming: <https://bit.ly/31lzBpC>

❖ **Sunday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at all three liturgies**

**Talk 3:** Preparing to Live our Faith Publicly  
Livestreaming: <https://bit.ly/3Ef9gsb>



# Liturg y H e l p e r s



St. Stephen's Parish Council is interested in encouraging Parishioners to consider getting involved in various aspects of our Liturgy for all ages. Plans are in the works to re-introduce Parishioners to participate in the following:

- Rosary prior to 10:30am liturgy
- Epistle reading at all liturgies
- All children are invited to hold candles during the gospel reading at all liturgies
- New choir members are welcome
- Myrrhbearing Girls and Altar Boys – embracing our children's roles within the church

Parishioners are currently involved with Hosting, Ushering, Candle Holding, Collection and Cleaning. We encourage all Parishioners to help in a way they are comfortable. Over the next number of weeks, we will focus on re-introducing the Ministry Scheduler Pro application for organizing our liturgical scheduling. We would love to see you utilize your talents to assist with all aspects of our liturgy which are available. If interested, please contact any of the following Parishioners for more information and having your name added to the list of liturgical help in our Parish.

- Choir Director; Linda Dudar [lindadudar@shaw.ca](mailto:lindadudar@shaw.ca) or (587) 998-8566
- Liturgical Director; Len Beblow, [liturgical@protomartyr.ca](mailto:liturgical@protomartyr.ca) or (403) 589-2086
- Leading the Rosary; Bill Lewchuk [kc4life@telus.net](mailto:kc4life@telus.net) or (403) 850-5859
- Epistle Reading; Glen Kulak [glen.kulak@icloud.com](mailto:glen.kulak@icloud.com) or (403) 831-3376
- Myrrh Bearers/Altar Boys; Kim Bombak [Sacraments@Protomartyr.ca](mailto:Sacraments@Protomartyr.ca)

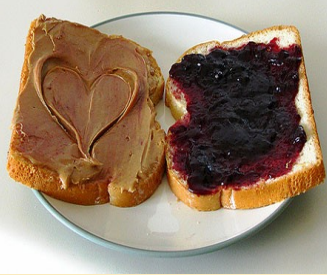


## Christmas Ukrainian Food Order

UCWLC Fundraiser

Please pick up your orders at St. Stephen's North Entrance – 10am – 1pm, Dec 11 & 12  
Thank you for your support!

*All funds are directed to UCWLC'S Commitment to Catholic Faith / Ukrainian Culture / Social Development / Charitable Activities*



### WE NEED YOUR HELP! Sandwich / Snack Sunday

TODAY, December 12th — (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)

UCWLC request parish members and families to participate in supporting the "Street Sisters" who are in need of 65 lunches. WHAT is NEEDED? A loaf of sandwiches, ONLY peanut butter and jam/jelly, Cheeze Whiz or Nutella. Pack each sandwich in individual sandwich bags. ALSO: granola bars, juice boxes, bottled water, bags of apples or oranges and fruit cups. For further information contact Katherine Letwin 403-922-9768 Cell/Text



- Dec . 16th UCWLC Annual Meeting: 6 pm till 10 pm.



## St. Nicholas Treat Bag

St. Nicholas hopes that all the children in St. Stephen's and St. Basil's parish enjoyed the treat bags last Sunday.

We would like to acknowledge the UCWLC and the KofC for each of their contributions and coordinating the delivery of treat bags from St. Nicholas. Thanks so much!



## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 11:**

**Mission – Day 2**

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

**Sunday, December 12:**

**Mission – Day 3**

- ❖ 8:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +Ernie Kindrat, +May Kindrat and +Terry Palaniuk
- ❖ 10:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Lydia Krill
- ❖ 10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Pat Biss and peace and comfort for his wife Geri and family
- ❖ 5:00pm – for health and healing of Mike Hryhoryshyn

**Wednesday, December 15:**

- ❖ 9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Victoria Tycholis and peace and comfort for her family
- ❖ 9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Albert Giesbrecht and peace and comfort for his family (w/ Panakhyda)
- ❖ 7:00pm – Moleben to Emmanuel

**Thursday, December 16:**


- ❖ 9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Claire Fedeyko and peace and comfort for her family

**Saturday, December 18:**

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

**Sunday, December 19:**

- ❖ 8:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +Mike and +Helen Sluchinski
- ❖ 10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Victoria Tycholis and peace and comfort for her family
- ❖ 10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Josephine Procyk and peace and comfort for her family
- ❖ 5:00pm – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Michael Procyk



# MOLEBEN TO EMMANUEL

Wednesday evenings during Advent  
Nov 17 - Dec 22  
at 7:00 pm

*This is a beautiful service and wonderful way to prepare our hearts anew for the Incarnation of the Lord!*



A concrete way to help those in need this Christmas is to collaborate with the Knights of Columbus' annual initiative **Coats**

**for Kids Program**, which provides warm clothing for children during our cold prairie winters.

A case of 12 winter coats costs only \$330 (including shipping). Contact your local Knights of Columbus Council to make a monetary donation towards this exceptional cause.

Any monetary donation is appreciated, none is too big or too small. You do not need to donate a whole case.

Children during the Holodomor perished from hunger during the cold winter of 1932-1933. Let us honour their memory by providing warmth for our children today. Coats are being directed to St John Reception Centre and Jacket Racket



## Looking for some last minute Christmas gifts?

Stop by the Knights of Columbus Room to view offerings from the Ark gift shop. This will be a temporary location for the next 2 Sundays to allow for some social distancing while shopping. The Ark will be open between liturgies and after the 10:30 liturgy until 12:30 on Sunday, December 12 and December 19

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

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 23, 2022. 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](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)



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

DECEMBER 12

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) each year marks the **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples** on **December 12**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas (Roman Catholic liturgical calendar).

In view of this day of prayer, the CCCC issued a [Message for the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples](#), with the theme *We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation*.

In addition, [educational resources](#) have been prepared to accompany the [Advent videos and scripts entitled Indigenous Peoples and the Church Walking Together Toward Healing and](#)

[Reconciliation](#). The resources are based on the theme of the weekly Advent video to encourage further learning and discussion as we prepare for the Indigenous delegation going to Rome, 17-20 December 2021. There are suggestions for individuals and groups, historical content with reflection questions, biographical notes of significant people, and table prayers for the family.

**SCAM ALERT!**

**PLEASE BEWARE OF SCAM EMAILS OR MESSAGES USING FR. MIKE**

Hackers are constantly targeting people asking for money or information using other people's information. **Fr. Mike would never send an email or text message asking for money or a favor. Always call the office directly if you are in any way uncertain.**