

# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021



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## **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 before the Nativity of Christ** The Holy Martyr Boniface (230)

***Nativity Fast.***

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

***Troparion, Tone 5:*** 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, Tone 2:*** 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, 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***

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

Brothers and sisters, by faith Abraham dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

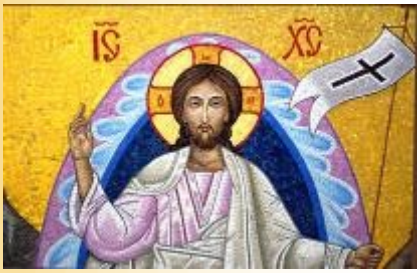
By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he



## **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

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

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

### **DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS :**

Arrangements with the office

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was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

### **Alleluia, Tone 4**

*verse:* 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. (*Psalm 43:2,8*)

### **Gospel— *Matthew 1:1-25***

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king.

David the king begot Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and

Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon *are* fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ *are* fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

### **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 19 Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed on this link at 10:00 am:

<https://youtu.be/D4DoZJyAfXM>

**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!**



# 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)



## 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)

## 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!*



## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

### 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
- ❖ 5:00pm – 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

### Wednesday, December 22:

- ❖ 9:00am – in memory of the repose of the souls of the +Borys family members
- ❖ 7:00pm – Moleben to Emmanuel

### Thursday, December 23:

- ❖ 9:00am – for peace and wellbeing for Bill Chelack
- ❖ 9:00am – for peace and wellbeing for Mike and Verna Rawlyk

### Friday, December 24:

#### EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- ❖ 4:30pm – Festal Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 10:00pm – Great Complines
- ❖ 10:30pm - Festal Divine Liturgy

### Saturday, December 25:

#### NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- ❖ 10:00am - Divine Liturgy

### Sunday, December 26:

#### SYNAXIS OF MOTHER OF GOD

- ❖ 8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul (1 yr) of Jerry Jumaga
- ❖ 10:30am – for health and healing for Dcn. Richard Nibogie
- ❖ 5:00pm – for special Christmas blessings for health and happiness for Ann Sembrat, and many blessings for the New Year





## ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NATIVITY, NEW YEAR AND THEOPHANY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **December 22 - Wednesday**

- ❖ 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 7:00pm – Moleben to Emmanuel

### **December 23 - Thursday**

- ❖ 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

### **December 24 Friday EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD:**

- ❖ 4:30pm – Festal Divine Liturgy (*children's service*)
- ❖ 10:00pm – Great Complines
- ❖ 10:30pm – Festal Divine Liturgy

### **December 25 - Saturday NATIVITY OF OUR LORD:**

- ❖ 10:00am – Divine Liturgy

### **December 26—Sunday—SYNAXIS OF MOTHER OF GOD**

- ❖ 8:30am – Divine Liturgy *Ukrainian with English propers and homily*
- ❖ 10:30am – Divine Liturgy *English*
- ❖ 5:00pm – Divine Liturgy *English sung*

### **January 1—Saturday**

- ❖ 5:00pm – Confession *Fr. Michael will be available for confessions*
- ❖ 6:00pm – Great Vespers *A beautiful evening prayer service (English)*

### **January 2—Sunday**

- ❖ 8:30am – Divine Liturgy *Ukrainian with English propers and homily*
- ❖ 10:30am – Divine Liturgy *English*
- ❖ 5:00pm – Divine Liturgy *English sung*

### **January 5—Wednesday—VIGIL OF THEOPHANY (Baptism of Our Lord)**

- ❖ 7:00pm- Divine Liturgy *Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil and Water blessing*

### **January 6—Thursday—FEAST OF THEOPHANY**

- ❖ 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 4:00pm—Blessing of the Bow *We will join Assumption parish and bless the River*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**