

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 11TH, 2022



St Stephen
Protomartyr

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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

DIVINE LITURGIES:

Sunday Services:

8:30 am—Bilingual
10:05—Rosary
10:30 am – English
Vigil Liturgy, **Saturday** at 5:00 pm

Weekday Services:

Wednesday and Thursdays
9:00am



Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite (493)

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death,
O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the
blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the
dead from the nether world,* all the powers of
heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God,
glory be to You!”

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

*A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul
to the Colossians.*

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

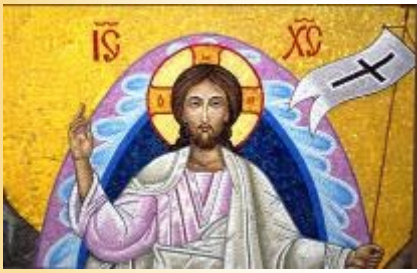
Therefore put to death your members which are on
the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil
desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because
of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the
sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once
walked when you lived in them.

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.

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.
(*Psalms 98:6*)



HOLY MYSTERIES

CONFESSION:

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 pm
Sundays before the 8 am and 10 am
Liturgies OR by appointment
403-249-4818, ext. 2

MARRIAGE, BAPTISM-CHRISMATION- EUCCHARIST, FUNERALS :

Contact the Sacramental Coordinator,
Kim Bombak:
Sacraments@Protomartyr.ca

ANointing OF THE SICK:

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

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS :

Arrangements with the office

CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

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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.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ❖ 2023 envelopes are ready to be picked up at the Atrium.
- ❖ Sunday school is running every Sunday at 10:15 am
- ❖ 2023 St. Stephen's calendars are ready for pickup

St. Stephen's Christmas schedule 2022

<https://tinyurl.com/yuyn8t49>

Christmas Retreat

The Sisters of the Seeds of the Word
would like to invite you to
Preparing for Christmas as a family Retreat
On December 17th, 2022 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

At St. Bernard's Parish—711 37St NW, Calgary

Talk, Adoration, and Spiritual Direction available
For more information, Please contact
Sr. Rafaela at 587-703-2997
<https://www.seedsoftheword.org/>

UCWLC Christmas Food collection

UCWLC will be having a Christmas Food Collection in support of the **Calgary Food Bank**. Please be generous in your donation to help all the needy in Calgary. The Donation box will be available until **December 18th**. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Blessings to you all"



ST. STEPHEN'S MALANKA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

ST. STEPHEN'S CULTURAL CENTER 4903 — 45 Street, S. W., Calgary	
TIMES: 6:00 PM	COCKTAILS & APPETIZERS
7:00 PM	BUFFET
8:30 PM	DANCE (Music by ABSOLUTE)
LATE LUNCH	ASSORTED TREATS
ENTERTAINMENT: ABSOLUTE UNPLUGGED & TRYZUB (Ukrainian Dance Ensemble)	
COST: \$70 / Person [Dinner & Dance] [TABLES OF 8 OR 10: (\$560 / \$700)]	
\$15 / Person [Dance Only]	
TICKET SELLERS:	
Ambrose Comchi: 403-862-3269	awc@shaw.ca
David Franko: 403-400-0307	d.franko@telus.net
Linda Buck: 403-249-4818	(Ext. 0; Parish Office)
(Linda can accept payment by cash, cheque, e-transfer, or credit card)	

BUFFET		
PEROGIES	CHICKEN	CABBAGE ROLLS
ROAST	MEAT BALLS	SALAD
BUNS	PICKLES	DESSERTS

FORMED

I remember in 2017 when I visited the Holy Land as a new priest and saw all the sites related to the Birth of Christ. I was struck by the amazing reality of walking, visiting and praying where Jesus Himself lived. All too often we can fall into the temptation of understanding our faith in a type of "story book" way. After visiting the Holy Land, I realized the humanity of Christ- the fact that our faith isn't a set of beliefs at its core, but rather the response to a historical event, the birth of Christ, the God-Man in time and space. Although I had grown up in the faith and attended Church most of my life, it took this trip to really make me appreciate the incredible gift the Lord has given to humanity.

I'm thrilled that you can participate (even in a smaller way) in a pilgrimage through the program **Adventus** through our new FORMED subscription. I hope you've had the chance to watch the program with your family or friends to gain a deeper understanding of this tremendous gift of God. What spoke to you the most in the film? Was it the Holy sites of the visitation of Mary and Elizabeth? Or perhaps the shepherds who first hear the good news? Perhaps it is the traditional site of Christ's birth in the cave?

I pray the Lord continues to guide you in a deeper understanding and appreciation of the amazing gift of Himself that we are preparing to celebrate once again this Nativity!

Remember, if you haven't signed up to FORMED, it's not too late and easier than ever!

To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code (T3E 3W5- or type our parish name)
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching **FORMED Catholic** in your app store.



UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS
ALBERTA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

КОНГРЕС УКРАЇНЦІВ КАНАДИ
ПРОВІНЦІЙНА РАДА АЛЬБЕРТИ

Calgary Ukrainian Evacuee Welcome Committee
Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council
December 6, 2022

Attention: PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS

RE: Invitation to Participate in Ukrainian Evacuee Job Fair – January 27, 2023

On behalf of the Calgary Ukrainian Evacuee Welcome Committee UCC – APC, I would like to invite you to take part in a Hiring Fair for Ukrainian Evacuees.

As you are aware, many Ukrainians have been forced to flee their homeland because of the Russia violent unlawful invasions of Ukraine and the ongoing war. To date over 6,000 have arrived in Calgary. They have intentionally chosen Calgary because of job opportunities, the good cost of living, and a great quality of life. These professional and skilled laborer newcomers are hardworking, responsible, and well educated and are eager to secure employment. Our previous Job Fair in October 2022 was very successful. We had 28 employers and over 700 Ukrainian evacuees attend, with over 150 job offers being extended. We expect that your participation in the January 27 Job Fair will be equally successful.

The Job Fair will take place at St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall (north entrance), 4903 45 Street SW, Calgary, between 9 am to 3 pm on Friday, January 27.

We invite interested employers to reserve a table to connect newcomers with job opportunities in your organization. Many individuals coming from Ukraine are arriving with very little and are looking for work immediately.

If you are interested in participating in the Job Fair, please email Julia Moroz at newcomers@protomartyr.ca before Friday, December 23, 2022 to reserve your table. Please include details regarding your available positions and the qualifications required. Tables and chairs will be provided in addition to onsite volunteer translators. There is no cost to participants.

Please bring all recruitment materials related to your organization. If you are unable to attend the Job Fair but are still interested in hiring, please advise Julia Moroz. Thank you for your consideration.

Yuliya Gorbach

Chair, Calgary Ukrainian Evacuee Committee (UCC - APC)



DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Friday, December 9:

- ❖ 9:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 10:

- ❖ 4:00pm – Confessions
- ❖ 5:00pm – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Al Hober

Sunday, December 11:

- ❖ 8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Vera Chyzowski
- ❖ 10:30am – for improved health and healing for Victor Siroishka
- ❖ 10:30am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +Nick and +Jennie Franko

Wednesday, December 14:

- ❖ 9:00am – for the health and healing of Alex Nagorski

Thursday, December 15:

- ❖ 9:00am – in thanksgiving to God for wellbeing of Tatianna and family

Saturday, December 17:

- ❖ 4:00pm – Confessions
- ❖ 5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Sunday, December 18:

- ❖ 8:30am – for health and salvation of Tilley and Ignatius Sych
- ❖ 10:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Michael Procyk



The USC is dedicated to providing support to recent newcomers from Ukraine. Our efforts and funds are directed towards providing newcomers with basic needs, English language classes and accommodation. We also provide different instructional presentations and workshops to help assist newcomers as they adjust to their new lives in Calgary. If you are helping a Ukrainian Newcomer family and would like help in supporting them, please contact us at ukrainesupport@protomartyr.ca.

Newcomers: Please register with Julia Moroz at newcomers@protomartyr.ca to get information about how we can help and newcomer events at our church.

Будь-ласка, відправте, будь-ласка, вашу контактну інформацію за адресоюnewcomers@protomartyr.ca, щоб отримувати інформацію про заходи для новоприбулих у нашій церкві від нашої координаторки для новоприбулих від Юлії Мороз.

HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED:

Calgary has become a preferred city of choice for arrivals from the war in Ukraine. The flow of evacuees to Calgary is not slowing, and many Ukrainian newcomers are arriving in our city daily, without a place to stay. Please consider hosting Ukrainian arrivals in your home. There are a few settlement agencies that can assist:

- Register with Centre for Newcomers at <https://refugeeshousedhere.ca/registration/register-as-a-host/> or email the Centre for Newcomers at: n.shen@centrefornewcomers.ca
- Register with PIA (a settlement agency) by calling Marie at 403-668-0299 ext 7, or
- Contact Marianna at CCIS at 403-262-2006

To become a host home, the Centre for Newcomers simply requires registration, a security check, and a tour (can be a video tour) of your home to ensure we can make an appropriate match to a person or a family. A person from the Centre for Newcomers will also be able to answer any of your questions about becoming a host home.

JOBS FOR UKRAINIAN NEWCOMERS

If you have a job for Ukrainian newcomers please post it at <https://uatoabinfo.ca/>

St. Stephen's will be hosting a Job Fair in conjunction with UCC on Friday, January 27, 2023.

If you are an employer interested in participating, please email Julia Moroz at newcomers@protomartyr.ca before Friday, December 23, 2022 to reserve your table. If you are a Ukrainian Newcomer to Calgary, we hope you will attend.

DONATIONS WELCOME Please consider a small donation to support our initiative. Please visit our [website](#) for details.

A ST STEPHEN'S TELEGRAM CHANNEL has been created to provide information for newcomers. It can be found at https://t.me/UANewcomers_StStepnens

ВІД ЦЕРКВИ СВ. СТЕФАНА ДЛЯ НОВОПРИБУЛИХ УКРАЇНЦІВ

https://t.me/UANewcomers_StStepnens
Це - офіційно найкрутіший канал для новоприбулих у Калгарі! Новини залітають як свіженьки пиріжки



Echoes of Ukraine Association presents: 25ий Калгарський Фестиваль Колядок 25th Annual Calgary Ukrainian Carol Festival



Sandwich and Snack Sunday December 11, 2022

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. Contact Katherine Letwin 403-922-9768 Cell/Text



The Ark gift shop

has been stocked with Christmas greeting cards, nativity sets, ornaments and more for gift giving ideas and to help prepare as we celebrate the good news of our Lord's birth.

Stop by and have a look at the variety of items from Bibles to puzzles, pins and keychains... some great stocking stuffers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023



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 15, 2023. Lessons will take place on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. For more information please contact **Kathy Livesey** at kallivesey@shaw.ca.

For registration, please visit our website at:
www.saintstephencalgary.ca/first-solemn-communion.html