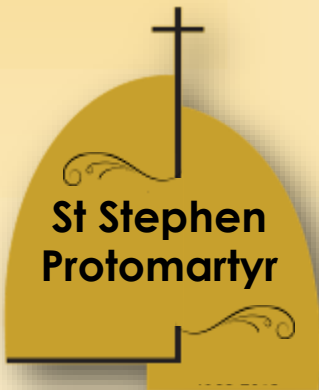


ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 18TH, 2022



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Facebook:
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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 before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers.

The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead,* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

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

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

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.

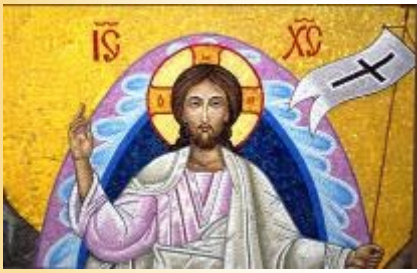
By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

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* 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



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

ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

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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.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ❖ 2023 envelopes are ready to be picked up at the Atrium.
- ❖ 2023 St. Stephen's calendars are ready for pickup
- ❖ 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 Christmas schedule 2022

<https://tinyurl.com/yuyn8t49>





ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

December 21 Wednesday

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

December 22 Thursday

- ❖ 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

December 24 Saturday EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD:

- ❖ 4:30pm – Festal Divine Liturgy (*children's service*)
- ❖ 10:00pm – Great Complines
- ❖ 10:30pm – Festal Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 11:30pm – Christmas Eve Reception

December 25 Sunday NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- ❖ 10:30am – Divine Liturgy *Bilingual Divine Liturgy*

December 31 Saturday

- ❖ 4:00pm – Confession
- ❖ 5:00pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy

2023

January 1 Sunday

- ❖ 10:30am – Divine Liturgy *Bilingual Divine Liturgy*

January 5 Thursday VIGIL OF THEOPHANY (Baptism of Our Lord)

- ❖ 7:00pm – Divine Liturgy *Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil and Water blessing celebrated with St. Basil's Parish*

January 6 Friday FEAST OF THEOPHANY

- ❖ 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 4:30pm – Blessing of the Bow *We will join Assumption parish and bless the River*

January 7 Saturday

- ❖ 4:00pm – Confession 5:00pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy

January 8 Sunday

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



DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

Wednesday, December 21:

- ❖ 9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Jean Janoski and peace and comfort for her family
- ❖ 9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Darlene Yakimetz (40 days) and peace and comfort for her family
- ❖ 7:00pm – Moleben to Emmanuel

Thursday, December 22:

- ❖ 9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Joseph Dobish

Saturday, December 24:

NATIVITY VIGIL

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

Sunday, December 25:

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- ❖ 8:30am – NO Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 10:30am – Festal Divine Liturgy – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Jerry Jumaga

Christmas Caroling St. Stephen's choir

will be going caroling on the feast of Stephen
December 27th
1:00-7:00 pm

Please contact Linda Dudar for more information.
587 998 8566



ST. STEPHEN'S

UKRAINE SUPPORT COMMITTEE (USC)



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 адресюnewcomers@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

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Malanka

Friday, January 13, 2023

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)

buffet:
Perogies, Chicken, Cabbage rolls, Roast, Meat balls, Salad, Buns, Pickles, Dessert)

cost
\$70/person (Dinner & Dance) Tables of 8 or 10 (\$560-\$700)
\$15/person (Dance only)

ticketsellers
Ambrose Comchi : 403-862-3269
David Franko : 403-400-0307
Linda Buck : 403-249-4818 ext. 0
(Linda can accept payment by cash, cheque, e-transfer or credit card)



The Ark Gift Shop

Tree ornaments, prayer books, cookbooks, Nativity sets, icons and more can be found in our gift shop upstairs.

Grab a cup of coffee provided by the hospitality team and stop in for look at gift giving ideas or an add on to a gift as we celebrate with the angels and spread the good news of our Saviour's birth. Please note that the Ark will be closed December 25th.

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 kalivesey@shaw.ca.

For registration, please visit our website at :

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