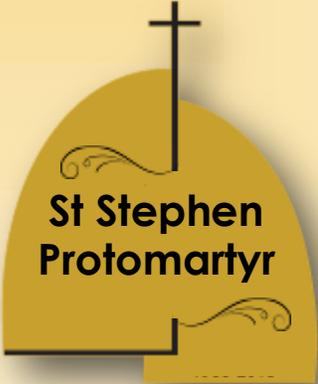
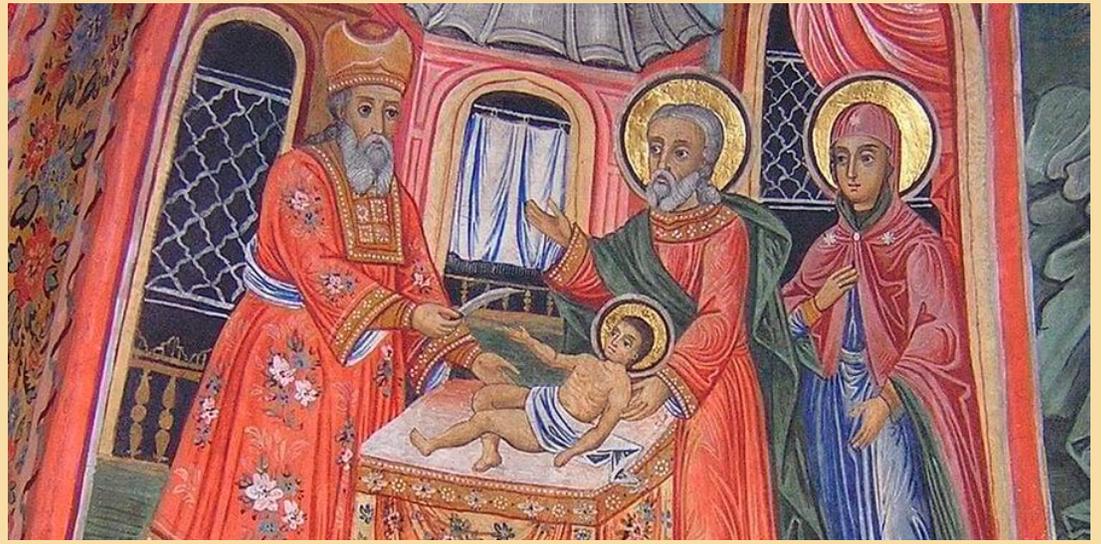


# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023



St Stephen  
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**Eparchy Website:**  
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## **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 Theophany of our Lord.**

### **The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (379)  
*Feast of our Lord. All-Night Vigil Feast. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy.*

#### **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 1:* You are seated on high on a fiery throne,\* with Your Father who is without beginning and Your divine Spirit.\* Yet You willed, O Jesus, to be born of a virgin maiden, Your Mother,\* as a man, You were circumcised on the eighth day.\* Glory to Your all-gracious will,\* glory to Your providence,\* glory to Your condescension, O You who alone love mankind.

*Troparion, Tone 1:* Your message has spread through all the earth.\* it accepted the word with which you taught in a manner befitting God.\* You explained the nature of things and ordered human conduct.\* O namesake of the royal priesthood, venerable Father Basil,\* pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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

*Kontakion, Tone 4:* You have appeared as a firm foundation for the Church,\* maintaining its authority as a sure refuge for mortals,\* sealing it by your doctrine,\* O venerable Basil,\* revealer of heaven. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion, Tone 3:** The Lord of all submits to circumcision\* and in His love cuts off the failings of mortals;\* today He gives the world salvation.\* While in the highest there rejoices\* Basil the hierarch of the Creator and bearer of Light,\* and the divine initiate of Christ.

#### **Prokeimenon, Tone 6**

Save Your people, O Lord,\* and bless Your inheritance.

*verse:* Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (*Psalm 27:9,1*)

#### **Prokeimenon, Tone 1**

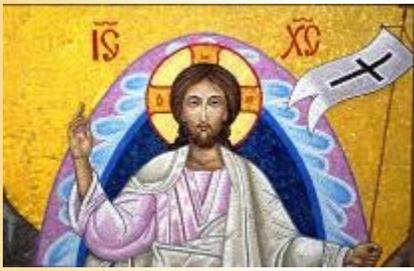
My mouth shall speak wisdom,\* and the meditation of my heart, understanding.

#### **Epistle—2 Timothy 4:5-8; Colossians 2:8-12**

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

Timothy, my son, be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.



## **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

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Brethren, such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.*

Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

### **Alleluia, Tone 8**

verse: God, be merciful to us and bless us.

verse: Make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us. (Psalm 66:2)

verse: Give heed, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like sheep. (Psalm 79:2)

### **Gospel**

Mark 1:1-8; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets:

“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.”

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make His paths straight.’ ”

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose

sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

At that time, Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all.

Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:

“Blessed *are you* poor,

For yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed *are you* who hunger now,

For you shall be filled.

Blessed *are you* who weep now,

For you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when men hate you,

And when they exclude you,

And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil,

For the Son of Man's sake.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!

For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven,

For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

### **Hymn to the Mother of God**

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)\* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. (Psalm 111:6-7)\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.



## **The Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

- ❖ **Thursday, January 5, 2023 7:00pm: Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil and Water blessing celebrated with St. Basil's**
- ❖ **Friday, January 6th, 2023: 9:00 am : Festal Divine Liturgy—FEAST OF THEOPHANY**
- ❖ **Friday, January 6th, 2023 4:30 pm : Blessing of the Bow—We will join Assumption parish and bless the Bow River - Address : SANDY BEACH PARK – 4500 14a St SW, Calgary, AB T2T 2V8**

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ❖ **PICK UP TODAY...** 2023 donation envelopes and calendars are available for pick up in the atrium. Thank you for your continued generosity – May God bless you always!
- ❖ **FAMILY FUN NIGHT & NEWCOMER SING-ALONG—ALL ARE WELCOME!** Come and join us on Saturday, January 7th, 2023 after the Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:00 pm for the family fun night. The family fun night is a monthly event that happens on the first Saturday of the month.
- ❖ **IT'S HOUSE BLESSING SEASON!** If you would like Fr. Michael to bless your house this Theophany season, please contact him through his email: [fathermichael@protomartyr.ca](mailto:fathermichael@protomartyr.ca)



## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 31:

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

### Sunday, January 1:

- 8:30am – NO Divine Liturgy
- 10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Dennis Streich

### Wednesday, January 4:

- 9:00am - No Divine Liturgy

### Thursday, January 5:

- 9:00am – No Divine Liturgy
- 7:00pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy

### Friday, January 6:

#### FEAST OF THEOPHANY

- 9:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy
- 4:30pm – Blessing of the Bow – Sandy Beach Park

### Saturday, January 7:

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

### Sunday, January 8:

- 8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Arnie Wawruch
- 10:30am – prayers for all the living and deceased members of the Borys and Dowhaniuk families

**THE ALPHA PROGRAM** will be offered on Sundays starting on January 15th at 9am for the parents of the First Communicants. Alpha is an 11-week course that creates space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about life, faith and Jesus. This program is open to all parishioners, so please consider joining us!

ALPHA COURSE STARTS THURSDAY 4 JUNE.  
7:30PM AT THE RINGLES CROSS PUB, INCLUDING A MEAL.

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://tinyurl.com/2p894639>

Watch the trailer here : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fViYK\\_Xb3Wg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fViYK_Xb3Wg)

## Sandwich & SNACK SUNDAY January 8th, 2023

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

### LAST CHANCE FOR REGISTRATION

## 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](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)

## Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton



<https://tinyurl.com/3tv34ay8>

## Winter Program Guide 2022-2023



### UPCOMING UCWLC MEETINGS

- January 11th – 7:00 pm
- February 9th - 7:00 pm
- March 2nd - 7:00 pm
- April 13th - 7:00 pm
- May 4th - 7:00 pm





# 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](mailto:ukrainesupport@protomartyr.ca).

**Newcomers:** Please register with Julia Moroz at [newcomers@protomartyr.ca](mailto: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](mailto:адресуюnewcomers@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](mailto: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—JANUARY 27\*\*\*\*

- If you have a job for Ukrainian newcomers please post it at <https://uatoabinfoc.ca/>
- St. Stephen's will be hosting a Job Fair in conjunction with UCC on Friday, January 27, 2023.

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](https://t.me/UANewcomers_StStepnens)

### ВІД ЦЕРКВИ СВ. СТЕФАНА ДЛЯ НОВОПРИБУЛИХ УКРАЇНЦІВ

[https://t.me/UANewcomers\\_StStepnens](https://t.me/UANewcomers_StStepnens)

Це - офіційно найкращий канал для новоприбулих у Калгарі! Новини залітають як свіженьки пиріжки



## UPCOMING EVENTS

January, 7th, 7 pm – 8 pm  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND SINGALONG CONCERT FOR ST STEPHEN'S UKRAINIAN NEWCOMERS PARISHIONERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.**  
 МУЗИЧНИЙ ВЕЧІР ДЛЯ ПАРАФІЯН УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ ЦЕРКВИ СВ. СТЕФАНА, ЇХ РОДИН ТА ДРУЗІВ  
 Please register here : <https://tinyurl.com/vcScr2t>

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January, 14th, 6:45 pm – 7:45 pm  
**TAX AND FINANCIAL PRESENTATION FOR UKRAINIAN NEWCOMERS.**  
 ПРЕЗЕНТАЦІЯ ПРО ПОДАТКИ В КАНАДІБ ДЛЯ УКРАЇНСЬКИХ НОВОПРИБУЛИХ  
 Please register here : <https://tinyurl.com/msss635n>