



The Saint Stephen Church Parish Bulletin

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LITURGIES:

SUNDAY- 9:00 AM English; 10:30 AM Ukrainian

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Sunday of the Fathers of the six Ecumenical Councils – 8 Неділя по Зісланні Святого Духа

July 18

Ep.: Heb.13,7-16

Go.: Jn.17,1-13

Tone 7

9:00AM God's blessing for all parishioners – Благословення Парафіян

10:00AM Rosary for the conversion of the world – Вервиця за навернення світу

10:30AM + Розалія Лашок від Лідії Барджук

“Coffee Hour” at the parish Hall – Кава у залі для парафіян

Monday, July 19 Day off. Office closed

Tuesday, July 20 9:00am No Liturgy

Wednesday, July 21 9:00am No Liturgy

Thursday, July 22 9:00am No Liturgy

Friday, July 23 9:00am No Liturgy

Saturday, July 24 9:00am No Liturgy

9th Sunday after Pentecost – 9 Неділя по Зісланні Святого Духа

July 25

Ep.: 1Cor.3,9-17

Go.: Mt.14,22-34

Tone 8

9:00AM + Maria Cybyk from Martha Cybyk

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Rectory Office Hours: In emergency, parishioners can contact Father any time. **Mondays-Day Off - office closed.**

Church Membership: All faithful are welcome to our Church. Ukrainian Catholics, Roman Catholics and Orthodox people can pray with us. We would love to see at our Church non-Catholics and unaffiliated people. If any of the visitors feels that our Church is a house of prayer and spiritual life, this person can become a Christian and member of our parish. We appreciate all contributions for the Church to cover expenses of our Parish. You may use your envelopes.

Baptism: All people can become Christians. Children can become Christians through the consent of the parents. According to our Ukrainian-Byzantine custom Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion is combined into one service. For adults Catechetical preparation is required.

First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion: Every baptized adult must go to Confession at least once a year. Children after the age of 8 have to receive First Penance and Holy Communion according to the Church's Law. Catechetical classes are available in our parish. Please sign up your child for classes at least one year before the day of the event.

Confession is available 30 min. before every Liturgy & at other times by requesting the priest.

Marriages All couples contemplating marriage are required to attend counseling sessions. A period of six months is needed for all preparations. Please contact Father as soon as you make plans to wed.

Anointing of the Home-bound Due to Illness: If you are home-bound and would like Father to visit you, please call the office to make sure your name is on the list. It is the family's responsibility to inform the pastor on time, especially of an emergency.

Funeral: Have your funeral director contact the rectory immediately after the death to make proper funeral arrangements.

Parish Ukrainian School: Parish Ukrainian school is now open. The schedule is Saturdays from 9:30AM to 1:30PM. Children of all ages are invited. **Запрошуємо до суботньої Української Школи всіх дітей різного віку! (732) 505-6053**

“SCHOLARSHIP of St. Stephen Parish”: A scholarship of \$500 is available from our parish to high school graduating students. To be eligible, graduating students must attend the Liturgy and services every Sunday and be active in the parish at least 3 years before graduation.

Bingo information- Every Tuesday, at 7:00PM we offer Bingo at our parish hall. The income from Bingo is used to cover the mortgages of our new church. **Please come and help us. We need volunteers!**

Rosary Society- The Rosary Society is a prayer group that fosters devotion to the Holy Mother of God through daily recitation of the rosary. We are welcome new members.

Religion education- Our parish holds catechetical classes for the promotion of spiritual development. The religion classes for adult parishioners and visitors are provided by Fr. Volodymyr on Sundays during “Coffee hour” at 12:00PM in the parish hall. On Saturdays at 1:30PM (after Ukrainian school) Father has 30 min. of religion classes for children. All are welcome!

Renting of the Hall: Our parish hall is available for rental for six hours until 10:00PM. For more information and/or to sign a rental agreement, please call Father Volodymyr at 732-505-6053. **Просимо винаймати наш зал для ваших потреб!**

Coffee hour: We welcome all parishioners to participate in the Coffee Hour at our parish hall after 10:30 Liturgy on Sundays. If you would like to donate a cake please contact Oksana Powzaniuk 732-255-6549 or Irene Dziaba 732-778-5414. **Запрошуємо всіх**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COLLECTIONS – \$1,358. Thank you so much for your generous donations! Дякуємо щиро за офіру!

For anyone who is planning to have a vacation at Wildwood Crest, NJ! Father Volodymyr is inviting all interested persons to attend the Divine Liturgy at 5901 Pacific Ave., Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260 at 6:30pm. Welcome! Служба Божа у Wildwood Crest, NJ. Запрошуємо!

Father Volodymyr would like to restart the Ukrainian language classes at our parish Ukrainian School. But we need a teacher. If someone is interested, please contact to Father. Парох парафії хоче відновити уроки вивчення Української мови у парафіяльній школі із вересня. Але ми не маємо вчителя. Якщо хтось є зацікавлений у цій позиції то прошу зголоситися до отця Володимира.

After the over year of deferment of the Bingo Games at our parish, we would like to re-start Bingo on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7pm. To reach that goal, Father Volodymyr is inviting all, who are interested to help parish to run Bingo. Parish needs your support. Просимо щиро в допомозі у провадженні гри “Bingo”. Нам потрібно молодих людей для перейняття досвіду, щоб у майбутньому провадити грою Bingo. Запрошуємо!

Dear parishioners! Father is asking all parishioners to **remember to make** their donations so that the parish can continue to provide essential services to our congregation. Donations can be made by mailing them to the parish. Our address is: 1344 White Oak Bottom Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755.

“**The Family Candles on the Holy Altar**” for the month of July are offered from Roksanna Stecura in loving memory of deceased father + Orest Stecura. Thank you for your offering! Vichnaia pamiat to Orest Stecura. Вічна Пам'ять! “**The Family Candles on the Holy Altar**” for the month of August are offered from Luba and Andrij Lyga, and from Halyna and Bohdan Bortnyk. Thank you so much for your offerings!

At our parish we have established a new tradition of the “Family candles on the Holy Altar”. Candles can be offered by a family for any intentions, and these candles will be lighted for every Divine Liturgy on Altar of the church for all month. Your candles will become a part of the Liturgical service and the family will receive many blessings from God. The offering for the “Family candles on the Holy Altar” is \$45 per month. Please contact Father Volodymyr!

Please pray for our parishioners: Anna Pyrih, Mary Monani, Walter Adamkewych, Katherine Konopada, Euginia Bobek, Jane Sass, John Libowits, Pamela Chomiak Cavanagh, and Mykola, Igor, Luba, Lidia, Jack, John Dzera, Gabriele, Alanna Tufaro, Olga Lucyk, Natalia Andrusyk, Ann Ogden, Jessy Kacuba. They need your support of prayers.

Religion education is temporarily unavailable. The religion classes are provided by Fr. Volodymyr every available Sunday at the coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy.

Your name or names of your family members can be displayed on a new board of donations for the church loan for 2020-2021. To receive this acknowledgment the parish is requesting an offering of

\$500 or more for the payment of the church loan. Your contribution will help the parish repay the church mortgage. Please make the check out to St. Stephen Church and note the purpose on the check. The new board of benefactors will be made and displayed on the wall at the church entrance.

Important to know:

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1. **EXTREME UNCTION:** Extreme Unction should be administered by a priest of that Rite to which the person belongs. In case of emergency any Catholic priest can administer this Sacrament.
 2. **BURIAL:** All the faithful must be buried by a priest of their own Rite (Can. 1216). Cremations are not recommended. All funeral services must be done before cremation.
 3. **MATRIMONY:** Marriage between Catholics of different Rites must take place in the Rite of the groom and be blessed by his pastor. The marriage ceremony of Catholics of the same Rite usually takes place in the parish church of the bride (Can. 83, 3).
 4. **ATTENDANCE AT MASS (DIVINE LITURGY):** Eastern Rite Catholics should attend Liturgy on Sundays and Holydays of obligation in their own church, if there is one in the place in which they live. (E.R. Can. 2).
 5. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION-CONFESSION:** First Holy Communion ought to be received in the Rite to which the parents belong. If there is a diversity of Rites, all children should receive First Holy Communion in the Rite and the parish of the father (if parents have no understanding of each other). All faithful should receive their Easter Communion, if possible, in their own Rite and parish church. The same rule applies to Easter Confession (Can. 866, 2 & 859, 3).
 6. **ABSTINENCE:** Ukrainian Catholics must keep abstinence, that is, they must abstain from meat every Friday of the year, except during the so-called “Zahalnytsi” or Compact Weeks. Ukrainian church has the following “abstinence” periods: 1. Advent (Pylypivka, from Nov. 15 to Dec. 24); 2. “Petrivka” from the Monday following All Saints Sunday up to the feast of the Apostls Peter and Paul; 3. “Spasivka” from Aug. 1 to Aug. 14 (Transfiguration of our Lord); 4. Lent (Great Fest) begins on the Monday after Cheesefare Sunday until Resurrection of our Lord. All these periods are forbidden time for any celebrating of marriages, hold dances and amusements with music.
 7. **ADVANTAGES OF THE HOLY COMMUNION:** Holy Communion unites our soul with Jesus Christ, increases the amount of sanctifying grace within soul, forgives venial sins and the punishment due to mortal sins which have already been forgiven, preserves the soul against sin, helps the soul to do all things well and to fulfill properly the duties of its state of life.
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“**Rosary of the Divine Mercy – Вервиця до Божого Милосердя**”:

Using Rosary beads, begin with:

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., the Apostles' Creed...

On the large bead before each decade say:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those that needs your mercy.

On the ten small beads of each decade:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

After the last decade, recite the following prayer three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world (3 times)

Jesus invites everyone: *“Come to Me, all you who are weary and are burdened, and I will relieve you!”*

Prayer: *“O Lord God, bless all people of the USA to live in the peace, faith, hope and love to You and all people in the country. Protect all lives, especially unborn children”!*

Prayer: “O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, grant that our hearts become the altar of Your love, that our lips proclaim Your bountiful mercy, that our eyes constantly gaze into the wound of Your most Sacred Heart, that our minds meditate upon Your unfathomable perfections, that our memory guard the precious souvenirs of Your mercy. O Lord, our God, let everything within us praise the ineffable love of Your most Sacred Heart, for Your name is blessed, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, world without end”. Amen

Prayer for unborn Children:

“O Most Holy Blessed Mother who carried the “Source of All Life” in your virginal holy womb; intercede with your tenderly maternal love and graces answering our prayers to end abortion and save precious infant lives. Amen”
