



## The Saint Stephen Church Parish Bulletin

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### LITURGIES:

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

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### 4th Sunday of the Fast – 4 Неділя Посту

March 27

Ep.: Heb.6:13-20

Go.: Mk.9:17-21

Tone 3

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 God's blessing for Ukraine and its Army  
Благословення Українського Народу і Армії

Monday, March 28

9:00am For the victory of Ukraine over the enemy russia

Tuesday, March 29

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Wednesday, March 30

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2:00pm Stations of the Holy Cross (is held by Rosary Sosaety and Sisterhood)

Thursday, March 31

9:00am For the victory of Ukraine over the enemy russia

Friday, April 1

**1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH – Перша п'ятниця Місяця**

10:00am Divine Liturgy for the blessing for Ukraine. **MOLEBEN to Jesus**

6:30pm Хрестна Дорога (по Молитві св. Причастя буде роздано вірним)

Saturday, April 2

10:00am “Sorokousty” Service – Св. Літургія і Парастас за Усопших  
(Akafistos Saturday)

### 5th Sunday of the Fast – 5 Неділя Посту

April 3

Ep.: Heb.9:11-14

Go.: Mk.10:32-45

Tone 4

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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 the 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 11:30AM. 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! WE HAVE NO BINGO THIS TIME!**

**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 11:30AM (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. **NO RENTAL HALL THIS TIME!**

**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 Iryna Bortnyk 609-290-5503. **Запрошуємо всіх**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COLLECTIONS – \$2,239. Thank you so much for your generous donations! Дякуємо щиро за офіру!**

**On Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 11am to 2pm we will have “Easter Food Sale” Великодній Базар.** We are asking our parishioners and non-parishioners to make your orders of Easter food no later than April 3, 2022. We will sell Stuffed cabbage for \$3 per one, babka- \$15 per babka (plain or raisin), kobasa - \$15 per ring, rolls - \$20 per roll (poppy, prune, apricot, cheese). NO PIEROGIES/VARENYKY THIS TIME. Paper sheet for orders is at church lobby, or you can make orders by phone 732-505-6293. Your order is a great help for our Church. Please share this event with other people. All Sisterhood members will be involved in all preparations. Preparation time will be announced shortly.

**We are welcome new parishioners to our parish Family:** Roman Hac, Maria and George Tur, Mykola and Maria Kikta, Ihor and Tania Bojcun. May Lord grand to all our parishioners good health and His grace for to have blessed life!

**From March 20 to March 27, 2022 we collected \$1,320** as donations for Ukrainian refugees. Thank you to everyone, who made these special offerings. May God bless all!

**On Thursday, February 24, 2022 Russia attacked Ukraine. The great war began.** We must all pray for victory over the enemy Russia and an end to the war. Ukrainian army needs our support and support from the United States government, as well as the European Union. Lord God can change all this situations but we have to ask. Please pray sincerely! Молимося за Україну та її воїнів щиро і ревно!

**On Monday, February 28, 2022 the Great Fast will begin.** On every Saturday of the great fast at 10am will be celebrated Divine Liturgy ( SOROKOUSTY) for all our deceased relatives. Please use Blue Envelope and make request. This request must include a list with the **NAMES** of your loved ones. The offering for this service are made to Father, and please make checks for Father's name (not St. Stephen UCC). Please make your all plans for the period of the Great Fast according to our Ukrainian Catholic traditions and the Byzantine Canons of the Law. Please do not plan to have any parties and celebrations with dances. It's forbidden. On the First Day of the Great Fast and all Wednesdays and Fridays, and Good Friday we as Ukrainian Catholics refrain from eating meat.

**“The Family Candles on the Holy Altar” for the month of March** candles are offered from Hac family in memory of + Joseph Hac. **“The Family Candles on the Holy Altar” for the month of April** candles are offered from son Roman and Hac family in memory of + Stefania and Joseph Hac. **“The Family candles for the month of May** candles are offered by Elena Ptchelintseva for the blessing of Ptchelintsev and Evseev families. Thank you for your offerings!

**Our parish has Sisterhood.** Iryna Bortnyk is the Chairwoman of Sisterhood (Голова Сестрицтва). New members of the Sisterhood are: Natalya Popyk, Galyna Ivanus, Luba Kelyman, Lida Kelyman, Halyna Pelikan, Ivanna Kelyman, Oksana Powzaniuk, Irene Dziaba, Nadya Kashuba, Iryna Stremska, Iryna Karol, Luba Bonszek, Viktoria Kelyman, Lesia Obaranec, Lesia Bashta. Our congratulations to new members of Sisterhood. **The main purpose of the Sisterhood are** to work for the good and development of the

parish through serving the people of our parish and to help others in their needs, and help the Pastor in service to the people and financial support of the parish. To be a member of Sisterhood you need to be registered. All the women of our parish are invited to join the Sisterhood of our Parish. The letter of registration to the Sisterhood is on Bulletinboard in the corridor of the church. Лист реєстрації до Сестрицтва є на дошці оголошень. Запрошуємо щиро всіх жінок та дівчат до Сестрицтва для добра Парафії та її розвитку!

**Attention please!** If you have an **intense cough, and/or especially if you have a fever**, please do not come to church. Your visit of the church may put other people at risk to get disease. Please watch the Liturgy online!

**Attention please!** If you make request of the Divine Liturgy in the same day of requested service, please pass this on to father before the service in person. Offering of the check, for the service, should be made to **Father’s Name. Якщо ви робите** замовлення Служби в той самий день, то прошу вірних подавати замовлення на відправу Св. Літургії перед службою підійшовши до отця. Якщо ви хочите Службу на інші пізніші дні, то замовлення можна поставити в кошик або підійшовши до Священника. Офіру банківським чеком за Літургію, слід виповнити на ім'я Священника.

**In the parish we have new tradition** to worship The Lord Jesus and His Sacred Heart on every First Fridays of every month. That was will of the Lord Jesus. У парафії маємо звичай Перших П'ятниць кожного місяця, так як нам заповів сам Ісус. Кожної Першої п'ятниці матимемо Сповідь і Св. Причастя.

**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!

**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.

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

**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.

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**The religion classes** for adult are provided by Fr. Volodymyr on every available Sunday at the coffee hour time (after second the Divine Liturgy). Father would like to get some questions from parishioners.

**God's Love for you is...**

UNENDING – God's love is eternal. He loved you yeasterday, loves you today and will love you forever! (Jeremiah 31:3)  
UNSELFISH –God didn't wait for us to love Him first. His love was freely given.(1 John 4:19)  
UNDESERVED – God is Holy, righteous, and just. As sinners, we have done nothing to deserve God's love. But He loves us anyway. (Romans 5:8)  
UNIMAGINABLE- God's love led Him to send His Son Jesus to bear the punishment for our sins on the cross. Can you imagine watching someone you love being punished to the point of death for something they didn't do? (John 3:16)  
***WILL YOU CHOOSE to accept God's love? Then you too can experience God's unfathomable love for all eternity!***

“ Hail Mary Most Pure, conceived without sin save our souls! “  
“О Непорочно Зачата Діво Маріє врятуй наші душі !”

**ВШАНУВАННЯ ПЕРШИХ П'ЯТНИЦЬ МІСЯЦЯ. ОБІЦЯНКИ, ЩО ДАВ ГОСПОДЬ ІСУС ДО МАРІЇ МАРГАРЕТИ АЛЯКОК:**

- 1.Уділю їм усіх ласк для виконання обов'язків їхнього стану.
- 2.Поверну взаєморозуміння роз'єднаним родинам.
- 3.Втішу в усіх їх терпіннях.
- 4.Моє Серце стане їм притулком на протязі життя, особливо у годину смерті.
- 5.Зміцнюватиму їх у праці й благословлю усі їхні наміри й бажання.
- 6.Грішники знайдуть у моєму Серці джерело й океан Милосердя.
- 7.Байдужі стануть ревними. 8.Ревні скоро підіймуться до високої досконалості.
- 9.Щедро благословлятиму місце, де буде розміщений і вшанований образ мого Серця.
- 10.Священикам дам силу зворушувати найбільш закам'янілі серця.
- 11.Імена тих, котрі поширюватимуть це набожєнство, будуть записані в моєму Серці, й ніхто вже не буде в силі їх звідти викреслити.
- 12.У потоці милосердя Мого Серця обіцяю, що Моя всемогутня любов надасть ласки остаточного витривання всім тим, які приймуть святе Причастя в кожную першу П'ятницю на протязі дев'яти місяців підряд. Вони не помруть без Моєї ласки і без прийняття святих Таїн, а Моє Серце стане для них безпечним притулком у ті останні хвилини.

**“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”