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**12:15pm Luch in honor of T. Shevchenko – Обід на честь Т. Шевченка і Української Армії**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COLLECTIONS – \$2,301. Thank you so much for your generous donations! Дякуємо щиро за офіру!**

**From Sunday, February 27 to Saturday, March 5, 2022** our parish collected \$9,650 for Ukrainian Army and Ukrainians refugees in Ukraine (\$7,650 was offered from people and \$2,000 was offering from our parish). On Monday, February 28 we started to collect clothing for Ukrainian Army and for the Ukrainians in Ukraine. Needed First Aid kits, warm linen, sleeping bags, canned foods, warm socks, baby diapers ... Our parish is a place where people can bring all this things. Be active!

**On Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 12.15pm we will have Lunch in honoring of Taras Shevchenko** and Ukrainian Army. Our Sisterhood will prepare stuffed cabbage (golubky) and all the funds raised will be sent for the needs of the Ukrainian Army. All parishioners and guests are invited for the lunch.

**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. The Ukrainian army needs our support and support from the United States government and the European Union. Lord God can change all this situation but we have to ask. Please pray sincerely! Молімося 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. These requests must include a list with the **NAMES** of your loved once. The offerings for this service are paid to Father therefore please make checks in 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 Cannons 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.

**On Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 12.15pm the Pastoral and Financial Council will have a meeting.** We need to solve the problem of re-opening Bingo. Our parish needs volunteers for work at Bingo Games on Tuesday of every week. Without the help of 8-10 volunteers we will not be able to resume Bingo which has been an important source of funds to pay our mortgage loan. Please contact Father no later than March 5, 2022. Парафія шукає волонтерів для помочі у грі Бінго, яку парафія проводила щовівторка. Для цього є потрібно 8-10 осіб. Просимо зголоситися до Отця не пізніше як 5 березня 2022 року.

**On Saturday, April 9, 2022** we will have “Easter Sale” (Великодній базар)

**“The Family Candels on the Holy Altar” for the month of March** candles are offered from Hac family in memory of + Joseph Hac. **“The Family Candels 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 offerd from Elena Ptchelintseva for the blessing of Ptchelintsev and Evseev families. Thank you for your offering!

**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 purposes 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 Bulletin board 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!

**Envelopes for offers in 2022 are in the church coridor.** Please use them and please deliver some of them to our parishioners that cannot come to church for any reason. Thank you for your help!

**If you have changed your place of residence** (address) please inform Father.

**Attention please!** If you have an **intense cough and/or especially 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, have to be made for **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 Священика. Офіру банківським чеком за Літургію, слід виповнити на ім'я Священика.

**In the parish we have new tradition** to worship The Lord Jesus and His Sacred Heart on the 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.

**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 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!***

**Please pray for our parishioners:** Anna Pyrih, Mary Monani, Walter Adamkewych, Katherine Konopada, Euginia Bobek, Jane Sass, John Libowits, Pamela Chomiak Cavanagh, and Mykola, Luba, Lidia, Jack, 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.

“ 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”