

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COLLECTIONS – \$1,337. Thank you so much for your generous donations! Дякуємо щиро за офіру!

Our Church is open for public services. Due to the coronavirus regulations there is a limit of 50 participants at the liturgy. **Masks are required for all visitors who must keep a 6-foot distance from each other (except for members of the same immediate family).** Holy Communion is distributed during Liturgy and the priest will disinfect the liturgical spoon after each communicant. For more info/details, please call the pastor Rev. Volodymyr or come and look!

Thank you so much John and Irene Bortnyk, and Maria Ochotskj for offering of Magnolia Trees for church property. May Lord grant you good health and Many Happy Years of blessed life!

Thank you so much Osyp Fedyna for offering of \$300 for church needs. God bless you and your family!

Sales of Pierogies/Varenyky (pyrohy)! We have homemade potato pierogies on sale for \$8 per dozen. You can buy them after services at the church or on Tuesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

A reminder to all parishioners to pay their annual dues (Dues — Річний внесок) for 2020 and 2021. They are \$25.00 – for single person, and \$40.00 for the family. Просимо пам'ятати про свою річну колекту (внесок), що є \$25 від особи або \$40 від родини.

Your attention please! Due to the coronavirus quarantine regulations, we have Sunday services only 50 or less that can attend church. As a result, parishioners have not had the opportunity to make regular donations, which has negatively affected the parish's ability to pay its bills and expenses. 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.**

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

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.

“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)

“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candele or the mirror that reflects it.” - Edith Wharton

“Humility is the only thing that no devil can imitate” - St. John Climacus

*“His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation”
- St. Luke 1:50*

Religion education is temporarily unavailable. The religion classes are provided by Fr. Volodymyr every available Sunday at the coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy. The classes for children are provided by Fr. Volodymyr on every Saturday after Ukrainian School from 1:30PM to 2:00PM

RESPECT FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: *Since we are created by God in its image and likeness, all life is sacred. God being our creator is the sole Master of our lives. All are therefore encouraged to respect all life from the moment of conception to natural death. Life is the most precious gift from God for which we should be most grateful and cherish for ourselves and for others. Therefore, it is our duty as Christians to be committed to defend life by ending abortion, euthanasia and all forms of violence, and persecutions through fervent prayer, voting for pro-life candidates and passage of pro-life legislation. Let America and the rest of the world once again foster and promote a “Culture of Life”!*

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”

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“What the world really needs is more love and less sins” - Pearl Bailey

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