



The Saint Stephen Church Parish Bulletin

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LITURGIES:

SATURDAY-5:00pm, SUNDAY- 9:00 am English; 10:30 am Ukrainian
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Saturday, September 30 At 9am Moleben for children - 1st day of School.

From 1:00pm to 5:00pm - Парафіяльний пікнік — Parish picnic

5:00pm + Anna Sharkewycz by members of the parish Altar Rosary Society (myrovania)

17th Sunday after Pentecost – 17-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа – “Покров Матері Божої”

October 1 “Protection of the Theotokos” (Ep.: 2 Cor. 6,16-18;7,1 Go. Mt. 15,21-28 Tone 8- page 126-127)

9:00am Blessing All parishioners – Благословення Парафіян. (myrovania)

10:00am Rosary for repentance of the world to God — Молитва на Вервиці

10:30am + Elias and Emilia Onyszkewycz by Maria Onyszkewycz (myrovania)

(Pilgrimage to the Mother of God on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Basil in Fox Chase Manor, PA)

Monday, October 2 DAY OFF — office closed. О 5:00pm здоровя Ольги від Ганни Тюрдіо

Tuesday, October 3 9:00am + Stefania Muzychka by Anna Pyrih

Wednesday, October 4 6:00pm Moleben to Holy Mother of God – Молебень до Пречистої Діви Марії

Thursday, October 5 9:00am + Marta Shevchuk by Katrusia and Vlodko Wolowodiuk. **ADORATION of Jesus**

Friday, October 6 9:00am + Elias Onyszkewycz by Maria Onyszkewycz (6th Anniv.). **Moleben to Jesus**

Saturday, October 7 5:00pm + Anna Sharkewycz by Nadia Nahorniak

18th Sunday after Pentecost – 18-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа

October 8 (Ep.: 2 Cor. 9, 6-11 Go.: Lk. 5, 1-11 Tone 1- page 112-113)

9:00am Blessing All parishioners – Благословення Парафіян.

10:00am Rosary for repentance of the world to God — Молитва на Вервиці

10:30am + Elizabeth Bodnar by Vladimir Kowaliwskyj

12:00pm Baptism and Confirmation service.

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 will feel that our

Church is a home 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.

Baptisms: All people can become Christians. Children can become Christians through the free will of the parents. According to our Ukrainian-Byzantine custom we give Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in one service. For adults there is needed catechetical preparation.

First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion: Every adult Baptized has to receive Penance 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 & other times by request of the priest.

Marriages All couples contemplating marriage are required to attend counseling sessions. 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 will start on September 30. The school days are Saturdays from 9:00am to 12.30pm. The children participate in this school and their teacher Maria Ivanov leads these classes. Children of all ages are invited. **Запрошуємо до суботньої Української Школи всіх дітей різного віку! (732) 267-3655**

“SCHOLARSHIP of St. Stephen Parish”: A scholarship of \$500 is available from our parish to high school graduating students. To receive this, graduating students would have to visit our parish every Sunday and be active in the parish at least 3 years before graduation.

Bingo information- Every Tuesday, at 7:00pm, we have Bingo at our parish hall. The income from Bingo is helping us to cover our expenses of the mortgage for our new church.

Rosary Society- Our Parish has a very spiritual group called the Rosary Society. The group keeps the will of the Holy Mother of God to pray the Rosary every day.

Religion education- To be educated in the religious life, our parish has Catechetical classes. The religion classes for adult parishioners and visitors Fr. Volodymyr provides on Sundays during “Coffee hour” time at 12:00pm in the parish hall. On Saturdays, after Ukrainian school, Father will have 45 min. religion classes for children. All are welcome!

Ukrainian “DANCE SCHOOL” – Ukrainian Dance classes will start shortly. All children are welcome! Просимо записувати дітей у Школу Українських танців – (609) 372-7161

The Parish Outreach – Парафіяльна допомога для кожного. In our parish we have an independent group of volunteers. The group, known as THE PARISH OUTREACH, is available to provide assistance and/or companionship for our parishioners who have a need of such. Offer includes providing occasional transportation to/from our church for services, visiting the home-bound, visiting those who are laid up in a hospital or rehab. Please contact Olga or Gerry Tchir 732-364-6838 or George Shevchuk 732-905-0507 or outreach@ststephenchurch.us.

Renting of the Hall: Our parish hall is available for renting. Six hours of rent will cost \$600 for non-parishioners and \$500 for parishioners. For more information and/or to sign a rental agreement please call Father Volodymyr at 732-505-6053. **Просимо винаймати на рент наш зал для ваших веселих подій!**

Coffee hour: We welcome all parishioners to participate in the Coffee Hour at our parish hall after all Liturgies on Sundays. If you would like to offer cakes please contact Oksana Powzaniuk 732-255-6549. Запрошуємо всіх на дружнє спілкування за чашкою гарячої кави! Запрошуємо!

COLLECTIONS - \$1,673. Thank you so much for generous donations! Дякуємо щиро!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The income of sales of Pyrohy project was \$1,939.00. Expenses - \$690.45. Net income is \$1,248.55. Thank you so much to our volunteers for helping us to make this needed project!

Thank you very much Stefan and Irene Dziaba for offer of \$500.00 for our church. Thank you very much Orest Popovych for offer of \$1,000.00 to pay principle of church loan (mortgage). May Lord Jesus bless all richly for many happy years!

Thank you Nadia Nahorniak for the offer of used shoes for church flea market. If you have any good items for sale at the parish flea market, please offer it to our church.

On Saturday, October 7, at 1pm there will be a meeting for parents of children that attend our parish Ukrainian school. This meeting is very important for our parish school. Please make time to come!

Parish group photo, that was taken on Sunday, August 27, can be ordered for yourself and your friends. Please contact Father Volodymyr. Offer for 1 photo is \$5.00. This donation will help us pay church loan. This photo is available to be viewed in the church vestibule.

On Sunday, October 1, a Pilgrimage to Virgin Mary in our Archeparchy will be held on the grounds of the Sisters of Basil the Great, located at 710 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. All faithful are welcome to attend all services especially Moleben to Holy Mary at 4:00pm. Agenda for this day is available in the church vestibule. At 4:00pm will be a Moleben to Holy Mother of God. For more information call 215-379-3998, Ext. 17.

Schedule for mowing the grass on church Property — КОШЕННЯ ТРАВИ: The pastor invites men **to come and help us** to cut the grass on the church property. Please mark a day to come and help: On Saturday, October 7 at 8:00am; On Saturday, October 21 at 8:00am. For more information please call parish caretaker Stefan Dziaba 732-778-5414

A Parish Picnic will take place on Saturday, September 30, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on the parish grounds. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to enjoy each other's company, and admission for parishioners and families is free, but donations are excepted. Volunteers are needed. Please offer for picnic any kind of salads and cakes. Запрошуємо парафіян на парафіяльний пікнік 30 вересня о 1 годині! Потребуємо волонтерів до помочі у приготуваннях.

Next Pyrohy project will take place on Saturday, October 28 at 9:00am. Welcome volunteers to help us! 28 жовтня, в суботу, ліпитимемо пироги. Просимо вашої допомоги!

The classes of parish Ukrainian School started on Saturday, September 30 at 9:00am. All children of the parish and non-parishioners are welcome to attend the school. For more information please contact our teacher Maria Ivanus 732-267-3655.

To have Ukrainian dance classes at our parish this year we need a new teacher. If someone knows any dance teachers please contact Father Volodymyr. To organize new groups for dance classes parents need to contact Father Volodymyr 609-372-7161

Below is information concerning a course: BYZANTINE ONLINE COURSE ON THE UGCC "CHRIST OUR PASCHA" CATECHISM! Byzantine Christian Catechesis and Christ Our Pascha: A Study of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Catechism. You and catechists may find this online course beneficial and enriching for your parish catechetical program. This post-baccalaureate course explores the three main pillars of Byzantine Christian catechesis – the Faith of the Church, the Worship of the Church, and the Life of the Church – as presented in Christ Our Pascha, the Catechism of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Students will also explore the ministry of catechesis and evangelization in support of the Church's mission to transmit the Gospel and make disciples of all nations. <http://online.bcs.edu/register/>

Story of installation of the feast of Mary's protraction (pokrov):

In 911 the Mohammedan hordes attacked city Constantinople during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise. The terror-stricken people gathered within the church to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mother of God saved them from utter destruction and captivity. St. Andrew and his disciple St. Theophanius, **both from Ukraine**, entered the church of the Holy Wisdom where the people were praying all night while the Christian army fought against the attacking Saracens. At dawn St. Andrew and St. Theophanius saw the Blessed Virgin appearing with outstretched arms and imploring God's mercy upon the besieged Christians. She held a veil (omophor) over the attacked city as a sign of assured protection. To the great joy of the inhabitants the Christian soldiers were blessed with a striking victory over the Moslems. On their return home the two Saints publicized the miracle among our people. Thus the feast of "Pokrova" (Patronage) of the Blessed Virgin Mary was introduced into the Church to denote Mary's protection over our people. This feast day is very popular in Ukraine. Holy Mother of God is protecting every one who is asking her for help.