



# 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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**17th Sunday after Pentecost Epistle: 2 Cor.6, 16-18; 7, 1 Gospel: Mt. 15, 21-28 Tone 8**

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**Saturday, September 10** 5:00 pm +All Souls in the Purgatory by Maria Onyshkevych

**Sunday, September 11** 9:00 am Blessing for All Parishioners  
10:00am **PRAYING on the ROSARY for peace in the Ukraine and the World**  
10:30 am **За здоров'я Івана, Ганну, Олю, Дмитра, Віталія, Наталії, Петра та інших з родини.**

**Monday, September 12 - Day Off.**

**Tuesday, September 13** 9:00am Blessing for Maryan Popyk by Family (15<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

**Wednesday, September 14** “EXOLTATION of the HOLY CROSS”(strict abstinence from meat-dairy prod.)  
9:00am +Микола Ландяк від Родини. Exoltation service after Liturgy. Myrovania.  
6:00pm +All Souls of Dzera family by m/mrs John Dzera. Exoltation service. Myrovania

**Thursday, September 15** 9:00am За здоров'я Петра від Анни

**Friday, September 16** 9:00am +Anna and Iwan-Bohdan Petryshyn by Michael Hajduk

**Saturday, September 17** 5:00pm Blessing for All Parishioners

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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Epistle: 2 Cor. 9, 6-11 Gospel: Luke 5, 1-11 Tone 1**

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**Sunday, September 18**  
9:00 am Blessing for new born baby Mari Kosette by grandparents Gerald and Olha Tchir  
10:00am **PRAYING on the ROSARY for peace in the Ukraine and the World**  
10:30am +Regina McGowan by Marion and Nick Holinaty

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**Rectory Office Hours:** Parishioners can contact Father at any time, especially if an Emergency. Mondays – Day Off.

**Church Membership:** All Faithful are welcome to our Church. Ukrainiane Catholics, Roman Catholics and Orthodox people can pray with us. We would love to see at our Church non-Catholics and unfaithful People. Everyone can come to Jesus and He can give to all His Blessing and Salvation. Come and worship with us our Lord. Welcome! If some of the visitors will feel that our Church is a home of praying and spiritual life, this person can become a member of our parish. We appreciate all contributions for the Church to cover all expenses of our Parish. You can use your Envelopes.

**Baptisms:** All people can become Christians. That is the will of God. Children can become christians through free will of parents. According to our Ukrainian-Byzantine custom we give Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in one service time. For adults there is needed catechetical preparation. Please contact the Pastor and make an appointment.

**First Penance and Solemn First Holy Communion:** Every adult Baptised has to receive Penance at list once a year. Children after the age of 8 have to receive First Penance and Holy Communion according to Church's Law. Catechetical classes are available in our Parish. Please sign your Child up for classes at least one year before the day of the event.

**Confession** is available 30 min. before every Liturgy & other times by request with 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 Sick/Innances Homebound** If you are homebound and would like the Father to visit you, please call the office to make sure your name is on the list. If you are admitted into the hospital, please contact Father as soon as possible to inform him of your admittance. Due to hospital confidentiality rules, the hospitals no longer contacts the clergy without permission. Responsibility of the family is 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.  
**Sanctuary Lamp** - You can dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or in honor/thanksgiving by using the special offering envelope with the date you have chosen. Drop off the dedication and your donation of \$20 into the Sunday collection basket. Names needed. Your offering will be announced in the weekly church bulletin.

**Church Flowers-** Can be sponsored weekly. Parishioners can sponsor these flowers in memory of a loved one, or for any occasion. Anyone interested in sponsoring flowers, please call the rectory.

**LITURGY REQUEST-** Please make Divine Liturgy intentions for your loved ones. For this time the parish has no recieved intentions. Week days are available to serve the Divine Liturgy. The Family has choise to pik up a time of service of the Divine Liturgy on week days. You can make request by calling the Father or by using the envelopes.

**BINGO INFORMATION-** Every Tuesday we have Bingo at our parish hall. We are very thankful to all the voluntiers who help. The pastor of the parish is asking our parishioners to also attend and enjoy Bingo. The income of Bingo can help cover our expenses of the mortgage for the new church. That is why it is important for everyone to be involved. If some of the parishioner can not attend, please support us with your offering of some type of desert or meal that could be for sale at bingo for participants. Thank you very much for your support!

**ROSARY SOSAETY-** Our Parish has a very spiritual group called the Rosary Society. The group keeps the will of the Holy Mother of God; that all faithful pray the Rosary daily. The priest of the parish and the members of the praying group are asking all the parishioners to pray the Rosary daily at home and on Sundays, at 10:00am at our Church. Welcome everyone! Come pray with us, especaly parents with children!

**CATEHETICAL-BIBLE CLASSES-** To be educated in the religion life, our parish will have Catehetical classes every first and third Sunday of the month. Father will provide classes of Catehism and the Bible for children and teenagers at 12:00pm at the Church starting from October. In addition, every second and fourth Saturday of the Month Father will provide religion classes for adult parishioners and visitors at 6:00pm starting from October. Please sign up on the registration list that will be on the table at the churchs enterance. Welcome All!

“NADIYA DANCE SHOOL” – We would like to open in the Parish “Dance School” on October, 2016. Dance cleses will provid choreographer Nadiya Lemega. All perents with children have contact to Nadiya by call (732)778-9367 or E-Mail: nadiya-163@yandex.ru

**COLLECTION -\$ 1,462 Thank You for generous Donations!**

\*\*\*\*\***ANNOUNCEMENTS**\*\*\*\*\*  
**THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** meeting will be held at our Church on Monday, September 26 at 1pm. We welcome all members and new participants! On Sunday, October 2 at 10am, all members of the Altar Rosary Society will renew their “Promise of Faith and Praying”. For new members please contact Maria Onyshkevych 732-279-9939.

**FINANCIAL & PASTORAL COUNCILS and other parishioners meeting:** After our meeting on Thursday, September 1, our Parish will restart making Pyrohy on a monthly basis, starting on Saturday, October 22. Parish will have a St Nicolas Day for Children, Christmas Bazzar, Prosfora, Taras Shevchenko Concert, Sviachene, Festival-Picnic on Father's Day, weekly coffee hour. In the Parish we will create a group of the “Mothers in prayer for children”, group of men “St.

**Stephen's Brotherhood" and Ukrainian dance School for Children. Parish will buy 2 tractors for cutting grass and plowing snow. Parish will install a new sign for liturgical and Bingo information in front of our Church. Parish Hall will be available for renting. Thank you to all participants of this very important initial meeting. Pastor would like to see for the next meeting more new participants.**

**This year the Wedding Anniversary** Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 11.00am in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA. All Married Faithful are invited to celebrate your wedding anniversary in this very special way.

**МОЛИТВА НА ВЕРВИЦІ** - Сестрицтво Св. Вервиці буде відмовляти вервицю у кожную неділю кожного місяця о 10.00 годині ранку. Запрошуємо всіх Вірних до молитви за спокій у всьому світі, особливо в Україні та добрий вибір нового президента для США. Молитва на Вервиці має надзвичайну силу адже Діва Марія дала обіцянку у підримці та опіці тим хто молиться Вервицю. Хто немає Вервиці прошу звернутися до отця Володимира. Хай матір Божа всіх нас веде у всіх наших потребах.

#### **ЗВЕРНЕННЯ СВЯЩЕНИКА ДО ПАРАФІЯН!**

Дорогі Брати і Сестри у Христі! З Божим Благословенням розпочинаємо нову сторінку життя нашої молоді парафії. Бачу, що наша парафія має великий потенціал зробити багато добрих справ для Бога та добра нас самих і тих людей, що відвідують нашу церкву. Я покладаю велику надію на всіх вас щоб ми разом могли здійснити наші плани для зросту парафії. Маю велику надію, що новоприбулі Українці будуть дуже активними при Парафії і допомагатимуть Церкві. Те, що збудоване минулими поколіннями та ініціативними людьми, нам нині слід підтримати та розвивати. Не будьмо байдужими до справ церкви, духовної Матері та Святого місця. Церква нам допомагає у справі спасення наших Душ та стоїть завжди поруч у наших радощах і смутках. Прошу! Єднаймося разом не тільки в молитві але і в праці, тут в нашій парафії. Це ваша Церква. Це ваш духовний скарб. Чекаю на той день, коли зможу побачити як багато мужчин та жінок разом сходяться на молитву та волонтирську працю. Хочемо щомісяця ліпити пироги, хочемо мати Різвяний базар, Просфору по Різдві та Свячене по Великодні, що радіти разом тим святочним столом. Матимемо Школу українських танців, матимемо Дитячий Хор. Матимемо Концерт на свято Т.Шевченка. Це все можна зробити тільки як ви прийдете та приведете своїх дітей. Зрештою, все це є один великий процес у вихованні ваших дітей та достатку парафії. Тож прошу долучитися до тих людей, що хочуть зміни у най парафії. Проявіть ініціативу! Хай Господь всіх поблагословить та нам допоможе! Слава Ісусу Христу!

#### **TROPARS AND THE EPISTLE FOR SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

*THE TROPAR, KONDAK, THEOTOKION, PROKIMEON and COMMUNION VERSE are on PAGE 127 (Tone 7) of the your the Divine Liturgy Book. (Тропар, Кондак, Богородичен, Прокімен та Причасний є на сторінці 126 у вашій Літургічній книзі, що стоять у лавці).*

#### **THE EPISTLE (2 Cor. 6, 16-18; 7, 1):**

16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."  
17 Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."  
18 And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

#### **The Parish Outreach – Парафіяльна допомога**

In our Parish we have a newly-formed independent group of volunteers. The group, known as THE PARISH OUTREACH, has as its mission to provide assistance and/or companionship for our parishioners who need of such. Offer include the providing transportation to/from our church for

services, visiting the home-bound, visiting those who are laid up in a hospital or rehab. Please contact Marta or George Shevchuk 732-905-0507 or Olga or Gerry Tchir 732-364-6838.

#### **Announcement of the Pastor of Parish!**

Our Parish is searching for a person who can help out with the office services: printing of Bulletins, maintaining the files and the data base. This is a Secretary volunteering position. All who are interested please contact Father at any time. Thank you.

#### **ШКОЛА УКРАЇНСЬКИХ ТАНЦІВ – Nadiya Dance Shool:**

При нашій парафії відкривається школа Українських танців для дітей та молоді. Танцями провадитиме хореограф Надія Лемега. Просимо записувати своїх дітей в класи танців негайно. Хореограф Надія формує групи тому просимо телефонувати до неї (732) 778-9367 або через імейл [nadiya-163@yandex.ru](mailto:nadiya-163@yandex.ru) Сподіваємось, що уроки розпочнуться вже в місяці Жовтні і провадитимуться що-четверга у вечері в нашому парафіяльному залі.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank all parishioners for a very nice welcoming to myself as your new pastor and to my family. May our Lord Bless all very richly for many years!

Thank you so much to Vladimir Kowaliwskyj for offering a new printer (\$100.00) for the rectory. Thank you to John Bortnyk for offering of \$90.00 for buying a Quicken software program for office.

Thank you very much to Janina Cermak, Christina Rishiy, Olga Rabik, Vladimir Kowaliwskyj and Stefan Dziaba for painting and cleaning of the ladies restroom. God Bless All for many happy years!

**MEETINGS:** On Sunday, September 18 at 12:00 PM there will be a meeting of our parish choir with our pastor, Rev Popyk. All choir members are invited and also all cantors of our parish are invited!

On Friday, September 23 at 6:00 PM, the Parish Outreach group (парафіяльна допомога) will meet with our Pastor. All volunteers and people interested in helping are also invited!

On Sunday, September 25 at 12:00 PM, there will be a meeting of the "Holy Name Society" with Rev Popyk. All former members and prospective new members are invited!

**WE NEED SPONSORS:** Our parish needs sponsors to buy for Altar Services a new liturgical plate "dyskos", a new "hupka" for Liturgy and new liturgical towels "rushnychky". These items are available in Byzantine Church supply in Philadelphia. You can call them, ask for the price, and make a donation for the church. Phone # 215-627-0660. Your offering will be the best gift for the Lord's Altar!

We need sponsors to buy altar candles that will be used for all Liturgies in Church! We need sponsors to buy 12 icons for 12 Liturgical Holy Days of the year. These icons will be used on the church "Tetrapod" for every Holy Day. We do not have them at this time

We need sponsors to by a new mower and other items to cut grass and remove snow on the church property. It would cost us over \$1,500.00. This offering can be combined with 2-5 families.

**"SCHOLARSHIP of ST.STEPHEN PARISH":** A Scholarship of \$500.00 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 3-4 years before graduation. Volunteering for parish activities is always appreciated. Please register your child by contacting Father Volodymyr.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Maryan Popyk, who will celebrate on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Maryan is son of Father Volodymyr and Nataliya Popyk. Many wishes and Blessings! Happy Birthday to All Parishoners that Celebrate Birthdays during September. Многая і Благая Літа!