



# 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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**23 Sunday after Pentecost: Epistle: Eph.2, 4-10 \* Gospel: Luke 8, 26-39 \* Tone 6- page 123**

**Saturday, October 22** 5:00pm Blessing for All Parishioners

**Sunday, October 23** 9:00 am + За всіх усопших Воїнів, що боронили незалежність і соборність України  
10:00am **PRAYING on the ROSARY for peace in Ukraine and the World**  
10:30am **Blessing for Children and grandchildren of family by Gerald and Olha Tchir**

**Monday, October 24 - Day Off.**

**Tuesday, October 25** 9:00am + Wasyl and Daria Chech by family

**Wednesday, October 26** 9:00am Health for Yuriy and Christine Balynsky by Yuriy and Marta Shevchuk  
6:00pm +John Nahorniak by wife Nadia, children, grandchildren (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Thursday, October 27** 9:00am Здоров'я Ольги від Анни

6:00pm +John Komar by Helen Komar

**Friday, October 28** 9:00am **Благословення для Наталії Попик від Родини (день народження)**

**Saturday, October 29** 9:00am Blessing Johanna Hnedak by rev.Volodymyr Popyk  
5:00pm Blessing All Parishioners

**24 Sunday after Pentecost: Epistle: Eph. 2, 14-22 \* Gospel: Luke 8, 41-56 \* Tone 7 – page 125**

**Sunday, October 30**

9:00 am + John Konopada by wife Katherine; Family (13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

10:00am **PRAYING on the ROSARY for peace in the Ukraine and the World**

10:30am **Благословення Олега, Василя, Ольги, Галини від Родини**

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

**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. 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 prayer 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 the parents. According to our Ukrainian-Byzantine custom we give Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion during one service. For adults there is needed catechetical preparation. Please contact the Pastor and make an appointment.

**First Penance and Solemn First 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 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 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 Sick/Infirm Homebound** If you are homebound and would like 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 contact 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/thanks giving 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 not received intentions. Weekdays are available to serve the Divine Liturgy. The Family has the choice to pick a time of service of the Divine Liturgy on week days. You can make request by calling Father or by using the envelopes.

**BINGO INFORMATION-** Every Tuesday we have Bingo at our parish hall. We are very thankful to all the volunteers 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 dessert or meal that could be for sale at bingo for participants. Thank you very much for your support!

**ROSARY SOCIETY-** 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, especially parents with children!

**RELIGION EDUCATION-** To be educated in the religious life, our parish will have Catechetical classes every Sunday for children at 10:00am. Teacher Sandy will provide classes of Catechism for Sundays. Father Volodymyr will provide Catechism for children on Saturdays at 12.30pm and classes for adult parishioners and visitors on Sundays in "Coffee hour" time at 12:00pm in parish hall. Welcome all faithful!

**UKRAINIAN "NADIYA DANCE SCHOOL"** – Dance classes are provided by choreographer Nadiya Lemega in our parish hall every Thursday at 6:30pm. All children are welcome! Please call the Rectory.

**COLLECTION -\$ 2,137 Thank You for generous Donations!**

\*\*\*\*\***ANNOUNCEMENTS**\*\*\*\*\*

**THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: We welcome all members and new participants pray Rosary with us in Church every Sunday at 10:00am. We pray for intention of peace in Ukraine and good election for new President of the USA.**

**RENTING OF THE HALL:** Our parish hall is available for renting. Six hours of rent will cost \$800 for non-parishioners and \$700 for parishioners. For more information and to sign a rental agreement please call Father Volodymyr 732-505-6053.

**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 for this occasion please contact Oksana Powzaniuk 732-255-6549.

TROPARS:

*THE TROPAR, KONDAK, THEOTOKION, PROKIMEON and COMMUNION VERSE are on PAGE 123 (Tone 6) of the your the Divine Liturgy Book. (Тропар, Кондак, Богородичен, Прокімен та Причасний є на сторінці 122 Голос 6 у вашій Літургичній книзі, що стоять у лавці).*

**The Parish Outreach – Парафіяльна допомога**

In our Parish we have an 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 or outreach@ststephenchurch.us.

**ШКОЛА УКРАЇНСЬКИХ ТАНЦІВ – “Nadiya Ukrainian Dance School” :**

При нашій парафії діє школа Українських танців для дітей та молоді. Заняття відбуваються що четверга, о 6.30 год.вечора. Танцями провадить хореограф Надія Лемега. Просимо записувати своїх дітей в класи танців. Хореограф Надія формує групи, тому просимо телефонувати до неї (732) 778-9367. Сердечно запрошуємо всіх дітей різного віку. Welcome!

**MAKE SHAWLS:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Stephen Church, newly formed, is looking for volunteers who can knit or crochet. We make shawls or lap throws to be donated to people in nursing homes or home bound to keep them warm. Every Wednesday we make them at our parish hall from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Welcome All! Call Johanna Hnedak, 732-279-6625 for more information.

**MEETINGS: On Sunday, October 23** at 12:00 PM there will be a meeting of our parish Bingo volunteers with our pastor, Rev Popyk. All Bingo volunteers are invited and also new volunteers of our parish are invited!

**WE NEED SPONSORS:**

We need sponsors to buy altar “lytijnyk” for Vespers Services at Church! We need sponsors to buy 12 icons for 12 Liturgical Holy Days of the year.

We need sponsors to buy 2 new mowers and other items to cut grass and remove snow on the church property. It would cost us over \$2,500.00. This offering can be combined with 3-6 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.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you so much Liliya Zaytseva for offering school chalk-board for our parish Ukrainian School. Thank you very much for all generous gifts! May our Lord Bless all parishioners for many happy years! Дякую і всім парафіянам за вашу жертвенність та допомогу.

**PARISH UKRAINIAN SCHOOL:** Parish Ukrainian School is open. The School Days are Saturdays from 9:00am to 12.30pm. The children will participate in this school and teacher Maria Ivanus will lead

these classes. All children of all ages are invited. For more information and to sign up child to school please call teacher Maria 732-267-3655 or Father Volodymyr. All children have to be registered.

**PARISH RELIGION SCHOOL:** We have Religion School for children every Sunday at 10am. Teacher Sandy provides this classes. Father Volodymyr will provide Catechism for a second group of children every Saturday at 12.30pm right after Ukrainian school classes. Children have to be registered. For adult parishioners Father will have religion conversation during “Coffee Hour” time every Sunday at 12:00pm in our parish hall. Welcome!

**PARISH CHOIR:** Our parish choir is forming. Choir director Yuriy Shevchuk (732-905-0507) is working well with our choir. All choir members and every one who would like to sing in the choir needs to attend choir practice held every Sunday at 12:00pm after Liturgy. Welcome talented people. We need your support!

**THANKSGIVING LUNCH: As you may recall, our Thanksgiving feast is always well received, The Fundraising Committee is gearing up for another one to be held in our Parish hall on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 12 noon. All welcome. Invite your family and friends and together let’s give thanks to our Lord for the many blessings he bestowed on us this year. Thanksgiving Lunch tickets are \$25 per person and \$30 at the door. Children under 12 free. Tickets will be sold after all liturgies by committee members. Thank you for your support.**

**Catechism of the Catholic Church:**

Цнотливість і гомосексуалізм – Chastity and homosexuality:

2357 Гомосексуалізм означає стосунки між чоловіками або між жінками, які відчувають винятковий або переважачий сексуальний потяг до осіб такої ж статі. Він набирав найбільш різноманітних форм упродовж століть і культур. Його психічне походження залишається загалом нез’ясованим. Спираючись на Святе Письмо, яке розглядає гомосексуальні дії як важкі спотворення (Пор. Бут. 19, 1-29; Рми. 1, 24-27; 1 Кор. 6, 9-10; 1 Тим. 1, 10.), Церковна Традиція завжди проголошувала, що «акти гомосексуалізму за самою своєю внутрішньою природою є невідповідними» (Конгрегація віровчення, Декл. «Persona humana», 8.). Вони суперечать природному закону і виключають із сексуального акту дар життя. Вони не виникають із правдивого чуттєвого і сексуального взаємодоповнення. У жодному випадку вони не можуть бути виправдані.

2358 Немало чоловіків і жінок мають глибоко закорінені гомосексуальні нахили. Такий нахил, об’єктивно невідповідний, для більшості з них є випробуванням. Таких людей треба сприймати з повагою, співчуттям і тактовністю. У ставленні до них слід уникати будь-яких ознак несправедливої дискримінації. Ці особи покликані виконати Божу волю у своєму житті і, якщо вони є християнами, долучити до жертви на Хресті Господа ті труднощі, з якими вони можуть зустрітись з огляду на свій стан.

2359 Гомосексуальні особи покликані до цнотливості. Через чесноти панування над собою, які вчать внутрішньої свободи, інколи через підтримку безкорисливої приязні, через молитву і сакраментальну благодать вони можуть і повинні поступово й рішуче наблизитися до християнської досконалості.

(Eng.) 2357 Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, 140 tradition has always declared that “homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.” 141 They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

2358 The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God’s will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord’s Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.

2359 Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection.