



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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26 Sunday after Pentecost: Epistle: Hebr. 11, 33-40; 12, 1-2 * Gospel: Luke 12, 16-21 * Tone 1- page 112-113

Saturday, November 12 9:00am + Sally Smaligo by Helen Komar
5:00pm + Mary Hnedak by Johanna Hnedak

Sunday, November 13 9:00 am + Anna Choimiak by Peg; Mike Choimiak
10:00am **PRAYING on the ROSARY for peace in Ukraine and the World**
10:30am Blessing All Parishioners

Monday, November 14 - Day Off.

Tuesday, November 15 9:00am + Wasyl Antoniuk by John and Anna Dzera

Wednesday, November 16 9:00am за Душі у чистилиці від Анни
5:00pm Blessing Kris, Ron Schley by Helen Komar

Thursday, November 17 9:00am здоров'я Корнелія Галушки від доньки Ірини
6:30pm + Олександру від доньки Оксани-Марії і Йосипа

Friday, November 18 9:00am + Wasyl and Daria Chech by Children
5:00pm здоровя Валентини Паранюк від Софії Палуґа

Saturday, November 19 5:00pm Blessing All Parishioners

27 Sunday after Pent. : Epistle: Eph. 6, 10-17 * Gospel: Luke 13, 10-17 * Tone 2 – page 114-115

Sunday, November 20

9:00 am Blessing John Bortnyk by Sofia Paluha
10:00am **PRAYING on the ROSARY for peace in Ukraine and the World**
10:30am + Metodij Mediuch by wife Barbara and family (10th Anniversary)

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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 unfaithful people. Everyone can come to Jesus and He can give to all His Blessing and Salvation. Come and worship with us our Lord. If some 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 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 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. 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.

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. 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.

BINGO INFORMATION- Every Tuesday we have Bingo at our parish hall. The income of Bingo can help cover our expenses of the mortgage for the 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 pray on the Rosary every day.

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

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 -\$1,063; Build Fund - \$537.00 Thank You for generous Donations!

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: We welcome all members and new participants to pray Rosary with us in Church every Sunday at 10:00am. Next meeting will be on Monday, November 14 at 1:00pm.

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 at 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 please contact Oksana Powzaniuk 732-255-6549.

The Parish Outreach – Парафіяльна допомога для кожного. 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 have a need of such. Offer includes 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 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 (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. 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.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: If you are 70½ or older and have an individual retirement account (IRA) from which you must take a required minimum distribution, please consider making a qualified charitable contribution to St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church. Since these IRA charitable rollover gifts do not need to be reported as taxable income, they can provide a tax break for you and a benefit to our Church. To qualify for a tax benefit for 2016, all IRA Rollover charitable donations must be made by Dec. 31st. Please consult your attorney or financial advisor before proceeding.

“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.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY – СВЯТКУВАННЯ СВ. МИКОЛАЯ: On Sunday, December 18 at 12:00pm our Parish will celebrate St. Nicholas Day for Children. Welcome all children of our Parish to the hall. Запрошуємо всіх дітей нашої парафії та дітей наших друзів на святкування свята святого Миколая у неділю, 18 грудня о 12 год.До дітей прийде св.Миколай і діти матимуть виступ. Спеціальний солодкий стіл буде приготовлений для дітей. Для додаткової інформації просимо телефонувати до голови батьківського комітету Лілії Зайцева 732- 618-5287.

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 lead these classes. All children of all ages are invited. All children have to be registered.

FUNERAL: On Friday, November 11, 2016 passed away Marta Shevchuk, the wife of Gorge Shevchuk. We would like to offer our sympathy and sorry to George, regent of parish choir, and to all Shevchuk family members. Other information will be announced in Church. Вічна пам'ять Марті Шевчук! Пам'ятаймо про молитву за неї!

THANKSGIVING LUNCH: 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. 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. Preparation days for Thanksgiving Lunch are Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19. Please come and help us !

PYROHY PROJECT: In November we will make pyrohy again. Wednesday, November 16 is preparation day. Thursday, November 17 is making pyrohy day starting 8:30am. We need help from our parishioners for these Days. And, please remember to place your orders for pyrohy.

FORM OF DONATION FOR OUR NEW CHURCH: All who would like offer donation for our parish to help pay off the mortgage can use this form of registration of donation:

Offer for: St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Amount of donation: _____

Check # _____ **or cash:** _____ **or Money order #** _____

Signature: _____

I am agree to pay this amount of donation for paying principle of mortgage for new church.

This amount will be deposited only to Build Fund of St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church.

“Catechism of the Catholic Church”: Визначення гріха - The Definition of Sin:

1849 Гріх є провинною проти правди, розуму, чистого сумління; він є браком справжньої любові до Бога і до ближнього через шкідливу прив'язаність до деяких благ. Він ранив людську природу і посягає на людську солідарність. Його визначили як «вчинок, слово чи бажання, які суперечать вічному Законові» (Св. Августин, Проти Фауста Манихея, 22, 27; св. Тома Аквінський, Сума теології, 1-2,71,6.).

1850 Гріх є образою Бога: «Тобі, Тобі єдиному, згрішив я, і зло на очах Твоїх учинив я» (Пс. 51,6). Гріх бунтує проти любові Бога до нас і відвертає наші серця від Нього. Як первородний гріх, звичайний гріх є непослухом, повстанням проти Бога через бажання стати «як Бог» у пізнанні і визначенні добра і зла (Бут. 3,5). Таким чином, гріх є «себелюбством аж до погорди Бога» (Св. Августи, Про Боже місто, 14, 28.). У цьому гордому звеличванні себе гріх є цілковито протилежний до спасенного послуху Ісуса (Пор. Флп. 2, 6-9.). 1851 Саме у страстях, у яких милосердя Христа перемагає гріх, гріх найкраще виявляє свою жорстокість і різноманітність: невіра, смертельна ненависть, відкидання і насмішки з боку керівників і народу, боягузтво Пилата, жорстокість жовнірів, зрада Юди, така гірка для Ісуса, відречення Петра і втеча учнів. Однак саме в годину темряви і «князя світу цього» (Пор. Ів. 14,30) жертва Христа таємничим способом стає джерелом, з якого випливатиме невечернє прощення наших гріхів.

1849 Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as "an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law."¹²¹ 1850 Sin is an offense against God: "Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight."¹²² Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it. Like the first sin, it is disobedience, a revolt against God through the will to become "like gods,"¹²³ knowing and determining good and evil. Sin is thus "love of oneself even to contempt of God."¹²⁴ In this proud self-exaltation, sin is diametrically opp 1851 It is precisely in the Passion, when the mercy of Christ is about to vanquish it, that sin most clearly manifests its violence and its many forms: unbelief, murderous hatred, shunning and mockery by the leaders and the people, Pilate's cowardice and the cruelty of the soldiers, Judas' betrayal - so bitter to Jesus, Peter's denial and the disciples' flight. However, at the very hour of darkness, the hour of the prince of this world, ¹²⁶ The sacrifice of Christ secretly becomes the source from which the forgiveness of our sins will pour forth inexhaustibly.