



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

**Saturday, November 19** 5:00pm Blessing for All Parishioners

**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 (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Monday, November 21** – “ENTRANCE OF THEOTOKOS”- Введення в Храм Пресвятої Богородиці  
9:30am За щасливу операцію для Орисі Бурдяк від Марії Данилюк. Мировання.

**Tuesday, November 22** 9:00am + Wasyl and Daria Chech by a Family

**Wednesday, November 23** 9:00am за здоров'я Корнилія Галушка від доньки Ірини  
6:00pm + Marta Shevchuk by Maria Onyshkewycz

**Thursday, November 24** “THANKSGIVING DAY” – День Подяки Господу Богу  
9:00am Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy

**Friday, November 25** 9:00am + Анатолія, Марти, Оксани, Дмитра, Степана і Василя від Ірини Капусняк

**Saturday, November 26** 9:00am за здоров'я Марії, Мирослава, Богдана та інших від Тані  
5:00pm за здоров'я Стефанії Ліндедук від Софії Палуга

**28 Sunday after Pent. : Epistle: Coloss. 1, 12-18 \* Gospel: Luke 14, 16-24 \* Tone 3 – page 116-117**

**Sunday, November 27**

9:00 am Blessing All Parishioners  
10:00am **PRAYING on the ROSARY for peace in Ukraine and the World**  
10:30am + Mychailo Pecylak by daughter Eugenia Pecylak Rishiy and Family

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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 the 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 confer Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 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/Innances 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/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.

**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 to 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 provides 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 -\$1,471; Thank You for generous Donations!**

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

**THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:** The Rosarians will have the recitation of the Holy Rosary after the Divine Liturgy on Monday, November 21 – “Entrance of the Theotokos” day. All are encouraged to participate!

**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 Лемєга. 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. 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.дня. 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 leads these classes. All children of all ages are invited. All children have to be registered.

**FOR SPONSORS:** Our parish is asking for donations to buy 8 new Icons for our new Church. We have space on wall on left and right side of church. These Icons will have the same size and style as other Icons that we have at Church. If you would like to make a donation please contact father Volodymyr!

**THANKSGIVING:** Happy Thanksgiving Day to all our parishioners, friends and neighbors! We are very thankful to the Lord God for sending this year His many Blessings. We thank you all our parishioners for your love, donations and volunteering for our Church. May our Lord Bless All! Многая Літа та здоров'я всім людям!

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR-PYROHY PROJECT:** In December we will make pyrohy for Christmas Holy Days. Friday, December 16 is preparation day. Saturday, December 17 is pyrohy making day starting at 8:30am. We will 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 to 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 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”:** **Християнське ім'я – The Christian Name:**

2156 Таїнство Хрещення вділяється «в ім'я Отця, і Сина, і Святого Духа» (Мт. 28,19). У Хрещенні ім'я Господа освячує людину, і християнин отримує своє ім'я в Церкві. То може бути ім'я святого, тобто учня, який прожив життя у вірцевій вірності своєму Господові. Покров такого святого становить вірність любові і забезпечує його заступництво. «Хресне ім'я» може виражати ще християнське таїнство чи християнську чесноту. «Батьки, хресні батьки і парох мають пильнувати за тим, щоб не давалося ім'я, чуже християнському духові» (Кодекс канонічного права, кан. 855). 2157 Християнин розпочинає свій день, свої молитви і свої дії знаком Хреста «в ім'я Отця, і Сина, і Святого Духа. Амінь». Хрещений посвячує свій день Славі Божій і просить благодаті Спасителя, яка дозволяє йому діяти в Дусі як дитині Отця свого. Знак Хреста зміцнює нас перед спокусами та в труднощах. 2158 Бог кличе кожного за власним ім'ям (Пор. Іс. 43, 1; Ів. 10,3.). Ім'я кожної людини є святим. Ім'я є іконою особи. Воно вимагає пошани - як виразу гідності того, хто його носить. 2159 Отримане ім'я залишається навічно. У Небеснім Царстві таїнствений та унікальний характер кожної людини, позначеної Іменем Бога, засяє в повному світлі. «Переможному (...) дам камінчик білий і на камінчику - ім'я нове написане, не знане нікому, крім того, хто його приймає» (Од. 2,17). «І глянув я, і от Агнець стоїть на горі Сіоні, і з ним сто сорок чотири тисячі, що мають Ім'я Його та Ім'я Отця Його, написане на чолах своїх» (Од. 14,1).

2156 The sacrament of Baptism is conferred "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."85 In Baptism, the Lord's name sanctifies man, and the Christian receives his name in the Church. This can be the name of a saint, that is, of a disciple who has lived a life of exemplary fidelity to the Lord. the patron saint provides a model of charity; we are assured of his intercession. the "baptismal name" can also express a Christian mystery or Christian virtue. "Parents, sponsors, and the pastor are to see that a name is not given which is foreign to Christian sentiment."86 2157 The Christian begins his day, his prayers, and his activities with the Sign of the Cross: "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." the baptized person dedicates the day to the glory of God and calls on the Savior's grace which lets him act in the Spirit as a child of the Father. the sign of the cross strengthens us in temptations and difficulties.2158 God calls each one by name.87 Everyone's name is sacred. the name is the icon of the person. It demands respect as a sign of the dignity of the one who bears it. 2159 The name one receives is a name for eternity. In the kingdom, the mysterious and unique character of each person marked with God's name will shine forth in splendor. "To him who conquers . . . I will give a white stone, with a new name written on the stone which no one knows except him who receives it."88 "Then I looked, and Lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads."89