



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

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

**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

**Monday, November 28** – Day off.

**Tuesday, November 29** 9:00am + Rev. Stephan Bachtalowsky by Martha Cybyk

**Wednesday, November 30** 9:00am + Marta Shevchuk by Lydia Bargiuk

**Thursday, December 1** 9:00am Blessing for John T. Komar by Helen Komar  
**6:00pm Prayer of the worshiping of Lord Jesus in Holy Eucharist**

**Friday, December 2** 9:00am + Good health Sick/homebound by Marion Woloshyn  
**6:00pm Moleben to Christ the Lover of Mankind** - (1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month)

**Saturday, December 3** 9:00am за здоров'я Ксенії, Миколи, Агафії, Стефана і Оксани від Тані  
5:00pm Blessing All Parishioners

**29 Sunday after Pent. : Epistle: Coloss. 3, 4-11 \* Gospel: Luke 17, 12-19 \* Tone 4 – page 118-119**

**Sunday, December 4**

9:00 am Good health of Sandra O'Connell by Lydia Bargiuk  
10:00am **PRAYING on the ROSARY for peace in Ukraine and the World**  
10:30am + Maria Hajduk by Hajduk and Strauss families

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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. 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 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 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/Illnesses 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 from 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 -\$4,102; Building Fund \$1,015 Thank You for generous Donations!**

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

**THANKSGIVING LUNCH:** Gross Income \$2,533; Expenses \$549.92; Net Income \$1,983.08 (Fund Raising Account). Thank you so much to all volunteers for preparing such a tasty Lunch. Thank you to all parishioners and guests for attending this Thanksgiving Lunch. May our Lord bless all and give us His support!

**PYROHY PROJECT** (November): Pyrohy - Kolbasa Gross Income \$3,643; Expenses \$1,408.63; Net Income (Pyrohy Account) \$2,234.37. Thank you very much to all volunteers for helping us make pyrohy. Многая Літа!

**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. 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. 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 Зайцев 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 place on the walls on the 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!

**THANK YOU:** Thank you very much Bohdan and Halyna Mizak for offer \$2,000 for our church. Thank you so much Orest Popovych for offer \$1,000 for your parish. Thank you for your generous donations! Многая і Благая Літа!

**Special thank** you very much Ruslan Kelyman, Taras Kelyman and John Shyndak for repainting our Parish hall. Thank you for offering your great work and all expenses for this project. Дякую сердечно і хай Господь винагородить вам сторицею. Здоров'я вам та Божого Благословення на Многії літа!

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR-PYROHY PROJECT:** In December we will make pyrohy for Christmas Holy Days. Friday, December 16 is preparation day. Saturday, December 17 is making pyrohy day starting at 8:30am. We will need help from our parishioners for these days. And, please remember to place your orders for pyrohy.

**FIRE OF PEACE OF BETHLEHEM – ВИФЛИЄМСЬКИЙ ВОГОНЬ МИРУ:** After December 10<sup>th</sup> our parish will receive “Fire of Peace of Bethlehem” from “Ukrainian Plast” organization, NY. By this “fire” of candle all our candles will be lighted in our Church for the whole Christmas season. All faithful can take a “lighted candle” to your home for Christmas Dinner. Хай світло Христового Різдва освітить та загіє наші доми та серця!

**MOLEBEN SERVICES:** Starting December, on every Friday we will serve “Moleben to Christ the Lover of Mankind” in our Church. This Moleben can be offered for your intention or for Peace and Blessing for Ukraine and for good health and protection for soldiers in Ukraine. All parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome!

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**“PRAYER TO St. Michael the Archangel”:**

“St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, o Prince of the Heavenly Spirit, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. “

**“SPECIAL PRAYERS”:**

“From pestilence, hunger, fire and war, deliver us, O Lord.  
From sudden and unexpected death, deliver us, O Lord.  
As sinners, we beseech You, our God, hear us, O Lord.  
As sinners, we beseech You, our God, forgive us, O Lord.  
As sinners, we beseech You, our God, have mercy on us, O Lord.  
O Jesus, Son of God on high, have mercy on us sinners.  
O Mary, Virgin Mother of God, intercede for us sinners.  
O Saint Joseph, Patron of the Catholic Church, pray for us sinners.  
O Saint Josaphat, priest and martyr for Christ, pray for us sinners.  
O Saint Stephen, the First Martyr for Christ, pray for us sinners.  
O Saint ... (saint of your name), my protector and friend, pray for me and my family.  
O Saint Guardian Angel, my guardian and friend, stay with me and pray for me. Amen.”

**“Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you...” (Matthew 6:4)**

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