

# The Saint Stephen Church Parish Bulletin

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LITURGIES:

SATURDAY-5:00pm, SUNDAY- 9:00 am English; 10:30 am Ukrainian Rectory Phone 732-505-6053, Fax 732-505-6295

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

Saturday, December 3 9:00am + Ксенії, Миколи, Агафії, Стефана і Оксани від Тані

5:00рм Blessing All Parishioners

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

Monday, December 5 – Day off

Tuesday, December 6 "St. Nicholas of Myra Archbishop" – Св. Миколая Чудотворця

9:00am Blessing Marie Kuzmov by a friend. Myrovania

Wednesday, December 7 9:00am + Marta Shevchuk by Sandy O'Connell

6:00pm Blessing William Kopanaiko by family

**Thursday, December 8** 9:00am + Wasyl and Daria Chech by children

Friday, December 9 "Maternity of the Holy Anna" – Непорочне Зачаття Діви Марії

9:00am + Stephen Paliansky by Mom; Family. Myrovania

9:35am Moleben to the Holy Mother of God

**Saturday, December 10** 9:00am + Roman Ochotsky by Maria Ochotsky

5:00pm Blessing of All Parishioners

Sunday of the Forefathers: Epistle: Coloss. 3, 4-11 \* Gospel: Luke 14, 17-24 \* Tone 5 - page 120-121

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am + John Nahorniak by wife Nadia (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

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

10:30am + Оксана Гарасимюк від Іванки Калиман і Родини

<u>Church Membership</u>: 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.

<u>Baptisms:</u> 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.

<u>First Penance and Solemn First Holy Communion</u>: 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.

<u>Marriages</u> 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.

<u>Sanctuary Lamp</u> - 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.

<u>LITURGY REQUEST</u>- 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.

<u>ROSARY SOCIETY</u>- 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.

<u>RELIGION EDUCATION-</u> To be educated in the religious life, our parish will have Catechetical classes every Sunday for children at 10:00am. Teacher Sandy provides the 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.

<u>UKRAINIAN "NADIYA DANCE SCHOOL"</u> – 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 -\$1,191.19; Building Fund \$1,275 Thank You for generous Donations!

ЗАМОВИТИ СЛУЖБУ БОЖУ: Пригадую парафіянам, що замовити Службу Божу в церкві є дуже легко. Для цього слід звернутися безпосередньо до Пароха о.Володимира через телефон Мобільний (609) 372-7161 або зателефонувавши до офісу (732) 505-6053. Також можна вжити імейл <a href="mailto:pastor@ststephenchurch.us">pastor@ststephenchurch.us</a> Також можна підійти безпосередньо до Отця Володимира після Служби Божої, або в часі кави яку маємо в залі.

**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 adviser 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 – CBЯТКУВАННЯ CB. 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 парафі 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. 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 the walls on the left and right sides of the church. These icons will have the same size and style as other icons that we have at the church. If you would like make a donation please contact father Volodymyr!

**THANK YOU:** In memory of Marta Shevchuk our church received donations of \$ 500 from George Shevchuk and \$500 from Ilia and Maria Shevchuk, \$100 from Roman and Maria Mykyta. \$100 from Cantors of our parish. \$100 from Orest Popovych. \$100 from George and Christine Balynsky. \$50.00 from John and Anna Dzera. \$50.00 from Paul Dwyer. \$25.00 from Marion Woloshyn. We thank you so much for these donations in blessed memory of Marta Shevchuk. May the Lord grant her rest in a place of light, a place of verdure, and a place of tranquility, from which pain, sorrow and mourning have fled. Вічная пам'ять!

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR-PYROHY PROJECT:** In December we will make pyrohy for Christmas Holy Days. Friday, December 16 is the preparation day. Saturday, December 17 is making pyrohy day starting at 8:30am. We will need help from our parishioners. Ordering pyrohy time is from Sunday, December 4 through Monday, December 12.

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 a 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 загріє наші доми та серця!

## Catechism of Catholic Church: "The Faith – Bipa"

## Вірити тільки в Бога

150 Віра означає насамперед особисте пригорнення до Бога; водночас і невіддільно вона є добровільним визнанням усієї Правди, яку Бог об'явив. Як особисте приєднання до Бога та визнання Правди, яку Він об'явив, християнська віра відрізняється від віри в людську особу. Добре й праведно повністю довіритися Богові й абсолютно вірити в те, що Він говорить. Фальшивою і даремною була б така віра, що покладається на творіння (Пор. Єр. 17, 5-6; Пс. 40, 5; 146, 3-4.).

#### Вірити в Ісуса Христа. Сина Божого

151 Для християнина вірити в Бога невіддільно означає вірити в Того, Кого Він послав, у «Його Сина улюбленого», Якого Він Собі уподобав (Мр. 1,11); Бог велів нам слухати Його (Пор. Мр. 9, 7.). Сам Господь сказав Своїм учням: «Віруйте в Бога, віруйте й у Мене» (Ів. 14,1). Ми можемо вірити в Ісуса Христа, тому що Сам Він - Бог, Воплочене Слово: «Ніхто й ніколи Бога не бачив; Єдинородний Син, що в Отцевому лоні, той об'явив» (Ів. 1,18). Оскільки Він «Отця бачив» (Ів. 6,46), Він один знає Його і один може Його об'явити (Пор. Мт. 11,27.).

### Вірити у Святого Духа

152 Не можна вірити в Ісуса Христа, не маючи причастя Його Духа. Саме Святий Дух об'являє людям, Хто є Ісус. Бо «ніхто не може сказати "Ісус Господь", як лише під впливом Духа Святого» (1 Кор. 12,3). «Дух досліджує все, навіть глибини Божі (...). Так само й того, що в Бозі, ніхто не знає, крім Духа Божого» (1 Кор. 2,10-11). Тільки Сам Бог знає Бога повністю. Ми віримо у Святого Духа, бо Він є Богом. Церква не перестає визнавати свою віру в єдиного Бога, Отця, Сина і Св. Духа.

#### To believe in God alone

150 Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature.17

#### To believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God

151 For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his "beloved Son", in whom the Father is "well pleased"; God tells us to listen to him.18 The Lord himself said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me."19 We can believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh: "No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known."20 Because he "has seen the Father", Jesus Christ is the only one who knows him and can reveal him.21

#### To believe in the Holy Spirit

152 One cannot believe in Jesus Christ without sharing in his Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to men who Jesus is. For "no one can say "Jesus is Lord", except by the Holy Spirit",22 who "searches everything, even the depths of God. No one comprehends the thoughts of God, except the Spirit of God."23 Only God knows God completely: we believe in the Holy Spirit because he is God.

The Church never ceases to proclaim her faith in one only God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit