



# The Saint Stephen Church Parish Bulletin

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## LITURGIES:

SATURDAY-4:00pm, SUNDAY- 9:00 am English; 10:30 am Ukrainian  
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**36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Epistle: 1 Tim. 1, 15-17\* Gospel: Luke 18, 35-43 \* Tone 3 - page 116-117**

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**Saturday, January 21** 4:00pm Blessing of All Parishioners. **At 4:35pm Praying to St. Mykola Churnetskyj**

**Sunday, January 22**

**9:00 am** за здоров'я Наталії від Анни. **Praying to St. Mykola Churnetskyj**

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

**10:30am** + Василя, Тараса, Теодора, Анни, Марії, Дам'яна, Лідії і Йосипа від Ярослави Кохман

**11:40am Moleben to St. Mykola Churnetskyj – Молебен до Свмч. Миколая Чарнецького**

**Monday, January 23** **Day off.** **At 9.30am Moleben to St. Mykola Churnetskyj**

**Tuesday, January 24** 9:00am Blessing William Kopanaiko by a friend. **Moleben to St. M. Churnetskyj**

**Wednesday, January 25** 9:00am Blessing Marie Kuzmow by a family. **Moleben to St. M. Churnetskyj**

**Thursday, January 26** 9:00am + Marta Shevchuk by Vera Wolowodiuk and Jeff Chodakewiecz. **Moleben.**

**Friday, January 27** 9:00am здоров'я всіх з Родини від Люби Бравн. **Moleben to St. M. Churnetskyj**

**Saturday, January 28** 4:00pm + Wasyl and Daria Chech by children

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**Sunday of Zacchaeus: Epistle: 1 Tim. 4, 9-15\* Gospel: Luke 19, 1-10 \* Tone 4 - page 118-119**

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**Sunday, January 29**

**9:00 am** Blessing of All Parishioners

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

**10:30am** + Івана Костюка від Галини і Остапа Якубович

**12:30pm PROSFORA at our Church – Парафіяльна Різдвяна Просфора (Коляда та Вертеп)**

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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. If any 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 may use your envelopes.

**Baptisms:** All people can become Christians. Children can become Christians through the 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.

**First Penance and Solemn 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 the Church's Law. Catechetical classes are available in our parish. Please sign up your child 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 Home-bound Due to Illness:** If you are home-bound and would like Father to visit you, please call the office to make sure your name is on the list. It is the family's responsibility 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.

**Parish Ukrainian School:** Parish Ukrainian school is open. The school days are Saturdays from 9:00am to 12.30pm. The children participate in this school and their teacher Maria Ivanus leads these classes. Children of all ages are invited. **Запрошуємо до Української Школи всіх дітей різного віку!**

**"SCHOLARSHIP of St. Stephen parish":** A scholarship of \$500 is available 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 years before graduation.

**Bingo information-** Every Tuesday we have Bingo at our parish hall. The income from Bingo is helping us to cover our expenses of the mortgage for our 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 the Rosary every day.

**Religion education-** To be educated in the religious life, our parish has Catechetical classes every Sunday for children at 10:00am. Teacher Sandy provides these classes of Catechism.

On Saturdays at 12.30pm, Fr. Volodymyr provides Catechetical classes for a second group of children. The religion classes for adult parishioners and visitors Fr. Volodymyr provides on Sundays during "Coffee hour" time at 12:00pm in parish hall.

**Ukrainian "NADIYA DANCE SCHOOL"** – Ukrainian Dance classes are provided by choreographer Nadiya Lemega every Thursday at 6:30pm at our parish hall. All children are welcome! Просимо записувати дітей у Школу Українських танців - (732)778-9367

**The Parish Outreach – Парафіяльна допомога для кожного.** In our Parish we have an independent group of volunteers. The group, known as THE PARISH OUTREACH, is available 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 Olga or Gerry Tchir 732-364-6838 or George Shevchuk 732-905-0507 or [outreach@ststephenchurch.us](mailto:outreach@ststephenchurch.us).

**Renting of the Hall:** Our parish hall is available for renting. Six hours of rent will cost \$600 for non-parishioners and \$500 for parishioners. For more information and/or to sign a rental agreement please call Father Volodymyr at 732-505-6053. **Просимо винаймати на рент наш зал для ваших веселих подій!**

**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. **Запрошуємо всіх на дружнє спілкування за чашкою гарячої кави! Запрошуємо!**

**COLLECTION -\$2,147; Thank You so much for generous Donations! Дякуємо щиро!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Icon of St. Martyr Mykola Churnetskyj:** Starting January 20 through January 27, the Icon of St. Martyr Mykola Churnetskyj will be presented at our Church. Every day we will have a Moleben service to St. Martyr Mykola. Please come and worship St. Martyr Mykola with us. By praying to Him you, and your Family can receive many blessings and healing of soul and body. В нашій парафії є присутня Ікона Свмч. Миколая Чарнецького від 20 січня до 27 січня. Запрошуємо на спільну Молитву, щоб через Його заступництво отримати Благословення та здоров'я для себе та рідних.

**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 are in the church. New Icons will be bought in Greece for \$3,000 plus \$300 shipping. At this time we have four sponsors that can offer \$2,650. We need an extra \$650. If you would like to make a donation please contact father!

**Parish Prosfora – Парафіяльна Просфора:** On Sunday, January 29 at 12:30pm, we will have “PROSFORA-ПРОСФОРА” lunch in our parish. We will have a presentation of “VERTEP” from Trenton, NJ and special program. Please sign up your name and buy a ticket for \$20. Children under 12 for free. All parishioners and your friends are welcome! Запрошуємо на святкування Просфори в нашому залі 29 січня о 12:30 год. по полудні. Просимо викупляти квитки та реєструватися на лист. Будемо мати гарну різдвяну програму та виступ Вертепу.

**Choir rehearsals:** Every Sunday at 9:30am we have choir rehearsals. All choir members and all interested are welcome. Our choir needs your support if you have a talent to sing. Запрошуємо всіх бажаючих співати в нашому парафіяльному Хорі. Щонеділі маємо репетиції Хору о 9:30 ранку. Долучаймося!

**Cantor position:** Our parish needs a good Cantor for a full time position. Cantor has to know two languages: English and Ukrainian. Cantor will serve Liturgies, Christmas, Lenten and Eastern services, funerals and other services. If someone is interested, please contact Father Volodymyr. Наша парафія потребує постійного дяка. Дяк має вміти читати англійською та українською мовами. Зацікавлених цією працею (служінням) прошу зголоситися до о. Володимира.

**Parish Dues:** Please remember pay your yearly dues of \$40 for 2016 year and for 2017 year. This is your parish membership payment, as we all do with other memberships. Parishioners have many privileges by registration to parish. Those who are not registered to the parish yet please do so. And please remember to use your envelopes for your offerings to the church. We need your name and address. Прошу вписуватися до парафії тих, хто ще не вписався. Це важливо для обліку ваших пожертв і річного звіту. Це стосується особливо тих вірних, що офірують готівкою. Прошу вживати конверти на якій слід написати своє Ім'я та Фамілію.

**Pyrohy project:** Next pyrohy project will be held on Saturday, February 25 at 9:00am. Preparation day is Friday, February 24 starting 9:00am. Please make your plans to come and help us. Плануємо робити знову пироги 25 лютого о 9 год.ранку. Приготовлення робитимемо у п'ятницю, 24 лютого. Просимо запланувати собі прийти і допомогти нам. Ціллю роблення пирогів є сплата позики за нову Церкву.

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**Income Tax Preparation:** Free income tax preparation service is available at many locations in Ocean County from Feb 1 through April 15. This service is provided by IRS-certified volunteers from AARP. AARP membership is not required. A list of locations with service days, times, and appointment phone numbers is posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer. For more information see or call George Shevchuk, one of the participating volunteers, (732) 905-0507.

**Taras Shevchenko Concert:** On Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday), February 26 at 12:00pm our parish will have a concert in honor of Taras Shevchenko. We would like to prepare a good program for the concert. Besides the children of our parish we would like to see some presentation of your talents. We have many talented people.

Please contact Father to participate in the concert program before February 20. Запрошуємо до виступу всіх, хто має талант!

**New Parish Council are approved:** By approval of Chancery of our Archeparchy, the new Parish Councils for 2017 are:

**Financial Council:** Stefan Dziaba, Stiphen Dzubytyj, Volodymyr Powzaniuk, John Bortnyk, Olga Tchir.

**Pastoral Council:** Luba Bonczek, Lilia Zaitsev, Oryst Popovych, Christina Rishiy, Linda Hippel, Ruslan Kelyman, Janina Cermak, Oksana Powzaniuk, Gerry Tchir, Maria Onyszkewycz, George Shevchuk, Walter Krynyk, Orest Pelikan, Bohdan Mizak.

Stefan Dziaba is approved by Father Volodymyr as parish Caretaker of church's property.

Thank you so much ex-financial council Wladimir Kowaliwskyj and Christina Rishiy for good work for parish. Thank you to all ex-councils who were involved for parish duties in 2016. Mnohaia Lita to All!

**Parish Counsel Meeting:** Parish council meeting, with new Counsels for 2017, we will have on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:00pm. All new parish Councils have to attend this important meeting.

**Parish Flea-market:** On Saturday, March 11 our church will hold a flea-market. If you have some good items for sale, please offer it to our church as support. Please contact Jessy Kocuba or Oksana Powzaniuk.

**Parish Caroling:** Thank you so much Gerry Tchir, George Shevchuk, Yaroslava Kochman for volunteering as carolers this Christmas season. With Father, the carolers visited homes of parishioners and sang carols. We thank all the families that invited us to their homes. Carolers received donations of \$350 as support for our Church. May our Lord Bless all richly!

**Йорданське освячення домів:** Якщо хтось хоче поблагословити свій дім йорданською водою то прошу зголоситися до Отця Володимира. Благословення домів відбувається тільки по попередньому узгодженні із Священиком. Контактні дані до Отця є на початку бюлетеня.