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

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

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)

Monday, January 30 "Three Holy Hierarchs- Трьох Архиєреїв Св. Василія, Св. Григорія і Св. Івана"
6:00pm Divine Liturgy. Myrovania
Tuesday, January 31 9:00am + Marta Shevchuk by Paul and Emilia Liteplo

Wednesday, February 1 9:00am + Wasyl and Daria Chech by a family

Thursday, February 2 "Encounter or our Lord – Стрітення Господнє". "Adoration of Jesus" at **5:00pm**

6:00pm Blessing and health all ill and home-bound by Marion Woloshyn. **Освячення свічок-Bless. of Candles**

Friday, February 3 9:00am за душі перебуваючі в Чистилищі від Марії Онишкевич. **Молебень до Ісуса**

Saturday, February 4 4:00pm Blessing and health for Sandra O'Connell by Maria Onyszkewycz

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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Epistle: 11 Tim. 3, 10-15 * Gospel: Luke 18, 10-14 * Tone 5

Sunday, February 5

9:00 am Blessing of All Parishioners
10:00am PRAYING the ROSARY for peace in Ukraine and the World
10:30am + Івана, Катерину, Йосипа, Настю, Василя від Софії Палуга
12:00pm Presentation of "Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholic in USA" by Eugene Luciw, Director

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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.

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 -$1,439 Thank You so much for generous Donations! Дякуємо щиро!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 a special program. Please sign up with 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. NO REHEARSALS ON JAN. 29 OR FEB. 5. 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 to 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 the 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 пятницю, 24 лютого. Просимо запланувати собі прийти і допомогти нам. Ціллю роблення пирогів є сплата позики за нову Церкву.

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!

Parish Council Meeting: Parish council meeting, with new Councils for 2017, will be held 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 them to our church as support. Please contact Jessy Kocuba or Oksana Powzaniuk.

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.

Providence Association: On Sunday, February 5 at 12:00pm we will have a presentation of "Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America" by Eugene A. Luciw, Director. We would like to invite all parishioners to attend this important presentation. Eugene will offer brief comments about Providence, its mission and role within the Ukrainian Church and community. Запрошуємо ласкаво!

Lenten Time: Monday, February 27 is First day of the Great Fast (Lent). Every Saturday, at Lent time, we will have "Sorokousty" services (Lenten Commemoration of the dead). Please send to Father the yellow envelope (Sorokousy) with names of your dear ones that passed away. Father will use these names every Saturday of Great Lent for the "Sorokousty" services.
Великий Піст розпочнеться 27 лютого, 2017 року. Щосуботи служитимемо Сорокоусти в нашій церкві. Прошу завчасно подати до Священика імена Усопших із Родини, щоб за них відправляти Сорокоусти. Прошу незабути за свою Родину, яка відійшла до позагробового життя.

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Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican: *This Sunday is so called because of Christ's parable. Pride is the main obstacle to all virtues. Christ reveals the value of humility. The four Sundays (Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican, Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Sunday of Meat-Fare and Sunday of Cheese-Fare) form a pre-Lenten period, preparing us for the Lenten season. Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican is followed by the "Zahalnytsia- загальниця" or Compact Week when eating meat is permitted even on Friday.*
Неділю Митаря і Фарисея так називаємо бо читаємо того дня притчу про Митаря і Фарисея. Від цієї неділі розпочинається період приготовлення вірних до великого Посту, що розпочнеться відразу по Сиропусній неділі. Це є також період Загальниці, коли дозволено їсти мясні страви аж до Мясопусної неділі. Різні чемні забави є дозволені. Є дозволено слухати музику і мати танці. Але помимо цих позволень слід пам'ятати про своє духове очищення яке приходить через добру і щиру Сповідь та повстримання.

Feast of the Three Holy Bishops: *St. Basil was born in Cappadocia in Asia about 330, and was Bishop of Caesarea. He died in 379. St. Gregory was born at Nazianzus in Cappadocia about 325. He died in 390. St. John Chrysostom was born at Antioch about 347. He was archbishop of Constantinople (Istanbul today). He revised our Liturgy which bears his name. He died in exile in 407.*
The feast of the three Holy Bishops was introduced in the eleventh century. In that century an argument arose among the Christians of Constantinople, who tried to decide which of these three Saints was the greatest. A great dissension broke out among the people. Thereupon the three saints appeared to the saintly Bishop John of Euchydia, a suburb of Constantinople, and told him that they were equal in the eyes of God, asking him to institute a feast common to the three of them. John made the vision known to the people. Their spirits were appeased and peace returned to the Christian community.

Христос Рождається! Славіте Його! *Christ is Born! In-did Hi is Born!*