



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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Saturday, August 19 5:00pm Blessing all parishioners.

11th Sunday after Pentecost – 11-а Неділя по Зісланні Св.Духа.

August 20 (Ep.: 1 Cor.9,2-12; Go.: Mt.18,23-35 Tone 2 – page 114-115)

9:00am + Євгена Обаранець від дружини Лесі Обаранець

10:00am Rosary for repentance of the world to God — Молитва на Вервиці

10:30am + Regina McJowan by Nick and Marion Holinaty

Monday, August 21 DAY OFF — office closed

Tuesday, August 22 9:00am +Adella Hanusey by Arlene Luster-Hanusey

Wednesday, August 23 (Fr. Volodymyr works in Archeparchy Office in Philadelphia, PA)
8:00am +Daria Dudra by Marta Cybyk

Thursday, August 24 “ Independence Day of Ukraine - День Незалежності України”

9:00am Blessing of Ukraine – Благословення для України та українського народу

Friday, August 25 9:00am +for souls in Purgatory by an anonymous person

Saturday, August 26 5:00pm Blessing all parishioners.

12th Sunday after Pentecost – 12-а Неділя по Зісланні Св.Духа.

August 27 (Ep.: 1 Cor. 15, 1-11; Go.: Mt.19, 16-26 Tone 3 – page 116-117)

9:00am + Justyn Najdyszak by Sims family (6th anniversary)

10:00am Rosary for repentance of the world to God — Молитва на Вервиці

10:30am + Halyna and Bohdan Bortnyk by children John and Irena Bortnyk

**At 12:00pm – Blessing and raising of new Ukrainian flag at the Grotto–
освячення та підняття прапора України**

Rectory Office Hours: In emergency parishioners can contact Father any time. **Mondays-Day Off - office closed.**

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 on summer break, resuming in September. 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 суботньої 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. The religion classes for adult parishioners and visitors Fr. Volodymyr provides on Sundays during “Coffee hour” time at 12:00pm in the parish hall.

Ukrainian “NADIYA DANCE SCHOOL” – Ukrainian Dance classes are provided by choreographer Nadiya Lemega. 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 occasional 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!

COLLECTIONS - \$644.00. Thank you so much for generous donations! Дякуємо щиро!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you so much to John Dzera for repairing the crown for the Holy Sacrament chalice. Thank you very much Eugene and Lydia Markiv for offer of \$50.00 and to Ihor and Maria Kihiczak for offer of \$100.00 in memory of + Anna Szarkewycz. Vichnaia pamiat for dear +Anna!

Schedule for mowing the grass on church Property — КОШЕННЯ ТРАВИ: The Pastor invites men **to come and help us** to cut the grass on the church property. Please mark a day to come and help: Saturday, August 26 at 8:00am; Saturday, September 9 at 8:00am; Friday, September 29 at 8:00am (on Saturday we will have parish Picnic). All these days are Saturdays. For more information please call caretaker Stefan Dziaba 732-778-5414

Blessing of a new Ukrainian Flag will be held on Sunday, August 27 at 12 noon at the Grotto. After the blessing we will have the raising of the flag. Welcome all parishioners to participate in this Liturgy. We will celebrate Ukrainian Independence day on this Sunday. Please come to church on this Sunday dressed in Ukrainian vyshyvanky. A photo will be made of the parish as a group. В цей день просимо одягнути Українські вишиванки і прийти до Церкви. Після освячення прапора зробимо спільну фотографію.

A Parish Picnic will take place on Saturday, September 30, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. More information will be provided later. Запрошуємо на парафіяльний пікнік 30 вересня о 1 годині!

Pyrohy project will take place on Saturday, September 23 at 9:00am. Welcome volunteers to help us! 23 вересня, в суботу, ліпитимемо пироги. Просимо вашої допомоги!

We're exploring the possibility of a Children's Choir in our church. We are asking parents and children to contact parish choir director George Shevchuk to receive all information for this good project. Хочемо створити в парафії дитячий Хор. Просимо батьків та дітей підійти до Юрія Шевчука.

Next parish Pastoral and Financial Council meeting will be held on Friday, September 8 at 6:30pm. Goal of this meeting is to determine a menu for the parish picnic (September 30) and payment of principle of the church loan. All parish council members are needed to attend this meeting!

Запрошуємо всіх на Концерт із нагоди святкування Дня Незалежності України. Концерт відбудеться при Українському Народному Домі і розпочнеться о 3 годині в неділю 27 серпня. Вхід від особи \$10.00. Діти до 14 років безоплатно. Адреса є 477 Jeremiah Ave., Hamilton, NJ 08610. Більше інформації є на сайті www.ukrainianhome.com

All are welcome to celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day on Sunday, August 27 at 3pm. More information is on the website www.ukrainianhome.com

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka is pleased to announce that our newly nominated Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Rabyi will be ordained by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk during the opening Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Synod of Bishops to take place on Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 in St. George Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv, Ukraine at 11:00am. Co-consecrators will be Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Bishop David Motiuk, Eparch of Edmonton Eparchy (Canada). The newly ordained Bishop Andriy Rabyi will be formally welcomed in the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia with his celebrating a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 3:00pm. Bishop Andriy was born in Ukraine and received his education in the Catholic University of Washington, DC. All faithful are welcome! Father Volodymyr Popyk, pastor of St. Stephen parish, his family and all our parishioners wish for new Bishop Andriy many happy blessed years! Our congratulations dear Vladyko! Многая і Благая літа для Владики Андрія!

Historical Mission:

The Holy See of Rome had entrusted our people with a special honorable mission of converting our separated brethren of the East. Pope Urban 8th said in 1629 to Methodius Terletsky, bishop of Kholm, and Pope Benedict 15th repeated it in 1921 to Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky: "O my Ukrainians, through your meditation I hope that the East will be converted". This shall be done, said Benedict 15th, because they showed their courage during the Russian persecutions of their Church during World War 1. There are about 200,000,000 Eastern Rite Christians who remain outside the Catholic Church. Their conversion is the historical mission of the Ukrainian Catholic Church (AAS. May 1921).
