

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming Event: On Sunday, December 17 at 12:00pm “**St. Nicholas Day for children**”. Children have to be registered for this event. Please call Father Volodymyr before December 12.

On Saturday, December 16 parish “**Christmas Food Sale**”. For preparation help needed!

On Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00pm. meeting for preparation of “Christmas Food Sale”.

Please visit our parish website. New photos are added.

The parish Ukrainian School has now opened. Every Saturday from 9:30am to 1:00pm we have classes for three groups of children. These groups are led by three teachers – Maria Ivanus, Galia Ivanus and Natalia Koshkina. All children of the parish and non-parishioners are welcome to attend the school. Записуймо дітей до нашої Української Школи!

Religion class for children that speak the Ukrainian language is provided every Saturday at 1:00pm (after Ukrainian school classes). **Religion class for English-speaking children** are every Saturday at 1:35pm. Father Volodymyr invites all children of the school and all interested children to visit religion classes. Уроки релігії для дітей проводяться щосуботи о 1 год. по полудні (після уроків української школи). Отець Володимир запрошує на ці уроки всіх дітей та батьків. Виховуймо із малку своїх діточок в релігійному дусі. Будьмо свідомими того у що віруємо!

Religion education for adults Father Volodymyr will do on every Sunday at “Coffee hour” time at parish hall. We will discuss many religious things. All interested are welcome!

Catechetical preparation for First Holy Confession and Holy Communion has started. This class is provided by Father Volodymyr every Saturday at 1:35pm at the church. Father is asking parents to register their children. The children will receive First Holy Confession and Holy Communion in May, 2018. Parents and other adults are invited to participate in the CCD classes too. Please contact Father Volodymyr.

The children's choir meets for rehearsals on Saturdays at 1:30PM after the religion classes. Дитячий хор нашої парафії матиме репетиції в суботи після української школи, о год. 1:30.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS – Individuals who are 70 ½ or older can support charities through IRA distributions. The donation must be made directly from your IRA (IRA Roll-over) to a “Qualified Charity”. These gifts count toward your required minimum distribution but are not treated as income, thus creating a tax advantage for many people. To qualify for a tax benefit for 2017, all IRA Roll-over charitable donations must be made by Dec. 31st. Please consider making such a donation to St. Stephen’s. It would be a great benefit to our parish and could be a tax break for you. Remember to consult your tax planner or financial advisor prior to making your decision.

FORM OF DONATION FOR OUR NEW CHURCH: All who would like to offer a donation for our parish can use this form of registration of donation:

Offer for: St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Amount of donation: _____

Check # _____ **or cash:** _____ **or Money order #** _____

Signature: _____

“Catechism of the Catholic Church” (page 41):

To believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God

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

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 (Holy Trinity).