



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, December 2 4:00pm Blessing all parishioners - Благословення Парафіян

26nd Sunday after Pentecost – 26-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа
December 3 Ер.: Herb. 11, 33-40; 12, 1-2 Go.: Lu. 12, 16-21 Tone 1- page 112-113

9:00am Blessing for Katrusia and Alexandra by Grandparents
10:00am Rosary for repentance and peace of the world to God — Молитва на Вервиці
10:30am + Maria Hajduk by Michael Hajduk and Mary Ann Strauss

Monday, December 4 DAY OFF — office closed

Tuesday, December 5 9:00am + Joseph S. Bukowinski by Linda Hippel and “Aunt Lil” Rosalie Quigley

Wednesday, December 6 “Nicholas of Myra Archbishop” - Св. Миколая Архиепископа Мирлікійського
9:00am + Victor Tkachenko by Irene and John Bortnyk. Myrovania

Thursday, December 7 9:00am +Adella Hanusey by Arlene Luster-Hanusey

Friday, December 8 9:00am + Марія Городиська від Лесі Обаранець. “Moleben to Virgin Mary”

Saturday, December 9 “Maternity of the Holy Anna – Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary”
4:00pm Blessing all Parishioners – Благословення Парафіян

27nd Sunday after Pentecost – 27-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа
December 10 Ер.: Eph. 6,10-17 Go.: Lu. 13, 10-17 Tone 2- page 114-115

9:00am + Stephen Sawchuk by Sonia Kochbarski
10:00am Rosary for repentance and peace of the world to God — Молитва на Вервиці
10:30am + Maria and Pawel Kapitula by Borkiewicz family (+ Mykola Bargiuk by wife Lidia)
12:00pm Baptism, Confirmation and first Holy Communion of Julian Dmytrij Kapusniak

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. Time of six months is needed for all preparations. 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 now open. The school days are Saturdays from 9:30am to 1:00pm. We have three groups of children. The children participate in this school and their teachers Maria Ivanus, Galia Ivanus and Natalia Koshkina lead these classes. Children of all ages are invited. **Запрошуємо до суботньої Української Школи всіх дітей різного віку! (732) 505-6053 or (732) 267-3655**

“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, at 7:00pm, 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. **Please come and play bingo!**

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. On Saturdays at 1:00pm (after Ukrainian school) Father have 30 min. religion classes for children. All are welcome!

Ukrainian “DANCE SCHOOL” – Ukrainian Dance classes will start shortly. All children are welcome! Просимо записувати дітей у Школу Українських танців – (609) 372-7161

The Parish Outreach – *Парафіяльна допомога для кожного.* In our parish we have an independent group of volunteers. 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 - \$1,464. Thank you so much for generous donations! Дякуємо щиро!

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**”. **We need your kind assistance in considering to bring in several dozen "Home-baked" cookies/treats as a donation, so they can be sold at the Christmas Food Sale. It would be very helpful and appreciated if you can bring them to the church hall on December 13th. And also we need help to pinch pierogies on December 16 from 9:00am. Please contact *Oksana Powzaniuk* 732-255-6549.**

Thanksgiving Lunch gross income was \$2,804.00. Expenses \$674.89. Total net income is \$2,156.11. Thank you very much for all attenders, especially thank you so much to the volunteers: Irene Dziaba, Luba Bonzcek, Irene Humeny, Janina Cermak, Oksana and Wolodymyr Powzaniuk, Olga and Gerry Tchir, George Shevchuk, Nataliya Popyk, Ivanka Kelyman, John and Irene Bortnyk, Olga Rabik, Christina Rishiy. Also we thank you to all who stayed after the lunch to help clean up and arrange tables. We thank you George Shevchuk and children that presented such a nice concert. May Lord Jesus Christ Bless all for Many Happy Years!

On Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00pm will be meeting for parish Finance Council. Parish finance Council members are invited to attend: Wolodymyr Powzaniuk, Stefan Dziaba, Stephen Dzuby, Olga Tchir, John Bortnyk.

Thank you so much Wolodymyr and Oksana Powzaniuk for the offer of 12 new embroidered Icons for the Holy Holiness (Святилище) and new frames for these Icons (cost of expenses was \$1,452.00). These Icons present 12 Holy Feast Days of the Liturgical Year and will be used all year around. Thank you very much for this gift!

Thank you very much Yaroslava Kochman for offer of \$300.00 for parish.
Thank you so much Stefania and Dmytro Wychopen for offer of \$500.00 for church.
Thank you so much Mykhailo and Galyna Ivanus for offer of \$100.00 in honor of 90th Birthday of father Myhailo. Thank you to all for these gifts. May Lord Jesus Bless all richly for many years!

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!

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 1:15PM after the religion classes. Дитячий хор нашої парафії матиме репетиції кожної суботи після української школи, о 1:15 годині.

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: _____
