



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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Saturday, January 13 4:00pm + Євгена, Василя, Стефанію Обаранець від Лесі Обаранець

Sunday of Zacchaeus - Неділя Закхя

January 14

Ep.: 1Tim. 4, 9-15 Go.: Lu. 19, 1-10 Tone 7- page 124-125

9:00am Blessing all our Parishioners – Благословення парафіян.

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

10:30am Благословення Марії Шевчук від Юрія Шевчука (85-ття Дня Народження)

Monday, January 15 Day off (office closed)

Tuesday, January 16 9:00am за здоров'я Дмитра Галько від брата Миколая

Wednesday, January 17 9:00am Blessing of Bohdan and Stefania Hupalowsky by Marion Woloshyn

Thursday, January 18 9:00am God's Blessing and success for the “March for Life” in Washington, DC by Maria Onyszkewycz

Friday, January 19 9:00am Blessing and health for Carol Bishop by Dawn Bishop. **Moleben-Молебінь**

Saturday, January 20 4:00pm Blessing all our Parishioners – Благословення парафіян

Sunday of Publican and Pharisee - Неділя Митаря і Фарисея

January 21

Ep.: 2 Tim. 3, 10-15 Go.: Lu. 18, 10-14 Tone 8- page 126-127

9:00am +Adella Hanusey by Arlene Luster-Hanusey

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

10:30am +Luba Lyga by Irena and John Bortnyk (40th Day)

+Gene Strot by Anna Dzera (34th Anniversary)

12:00pm Parish “PROSFORA” (Christmas Lunch) - Парафіяльна “Просфора”

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 & at 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 - \$1,823. Thank you so much for generous donations! Дякуємо щиро!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Sunday, January 21 at 12:00pm we will have parish “PROSFORA” (Christmas Lunch). We welcome all parishioners and your family members to attend and celebrate together as one parish family. We will enjoy a very good meal according to our Christmas custom. Cost for the lunch is \$20.00 per person. Everyone has to be registered before January 16. Tickets are available after Liturgies or call 732-255-6549. Please buy tickets and order tables for you and your relatives immediately. All preparations at the kitchen and hall will be done on Saturday, January 20 from 9am.

All parishioners have new envelopes for the 2018 year. Please take them home and use for your contributions for the church. They are available at the entrance of the church. If someone is not registered as a parish member please contact Father Volodymyr.

Father Volodymyr is asking parishioners to offer intentions for your Divine Liturgies to serve them at church in 2018 year. At this time Father has no Liturgies to serve on weekdays. Please remember to pray at church for your loved ones.

All parishioners can bless their homes in 2018 by pastoral visit (with Jordan holy water) of Father Volodymyr. Please sign your name or call the office to make an appointment of time to for your blessing. Якщо хтось бажає поблагословити свій дім йорданською водою то прошу зголоситися до отця Володимира. Дякую.

Religion class for children that speak the Ukrainian language is provided every Saturday at 1:00pm (after Ukrainian school classes). **Religion classes 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!

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 години.

Annual Festival of Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 3:00pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception: 210 N. Franklin St., Philadelphia, PA. Everyone is welcome! Фестиваль різдвяних колядок відбудеться у Катедральному Соборі у Філадельфії о 3 год., 14 січня. Всі є запрошені.

Our parish Ukrainian School after vacation is resuming. All children of the school have to attend all classes according to the schedule. Next vacation will be at Easter time. School classes are held every Saturday from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Пригадую батькам, що зимові канікули закінчилися і діти мають відвідувати школу щосуботи від 9:30 год. ранку до 1 год. по полудні. Наступні канікули діти матимуть в часі Великодніх свят.

Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Profession of Faith: AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD (page 108-109)

I. Jesus 430

Jesus means in Hebrew: “God saves.” At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. 18 Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, “will save his people from their sins.”¹⁹ In Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men. 431

In the history of salvation God was not content to deliver Israel “out of the house of bondage”²⁰ by bringing them out of Egypt. He also saves them from their sin. Because sin is always an offense against God, only he can forgive it. 21

For this reason Israel, becoming more and more aware of the universality of sin, will no longer be able to seek salvation except by invoking the name of the Redeemer God.²² The name “Jesus” signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son, made man for the universal and definitive redemption from sins. It is the divine name that alone brings salvation, and henceforth all can invoke his name, for Jesus united himself to all men through his Incarnation, ²³ so that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” ²⁴

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The name of the Savior God was invoked only once in the year by the high priest in atonement for the sins of Israel, after he had sprinkled the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies with the sacrificial blood. The mercy seat was the place of God’s presence. ²⁵When St. Paul speaks of Jesus whom “God put forward as an expiation by his blood,” he means that in Christ’s humanity “God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.”²⁶

434 Jesus’ Resurrection glorifies the name of the Savior God, for from that time on it is the name of Jesus that fully manifests the supreme power of the “name which is above every name.” ²⁷The evil spirits fear his name; in his name his disciples perform miracles, for the Father grants all they ask in this name. 28

435 The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayer. All liturgical prayers conclude with the words “through our Lord Jesus Christ.” The *Hail Mary* reaches its high point in the words “blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.” The Eastern prayer of the heart, the *Jesus Prayer*, says: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word “Jesus” on their lips.