



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, February 10 4:00pm Blessing all Parishioners – Благословення Парафіян (**Forgiveness prayer**)

Sunday of Cheese- Fare - Сиропусна Неділя

February 11 Ep.: Rom. 13, 11-14; 14,1-4 Go.: Mtt. 6, 14-21 Tone 3- page 116-117

9:00am + Arthur O'Connell by Lydia Bargiuk (**Forgiveness prayer**)

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

10:30am + Daria Chech (2nd Anniv.) and + Wasyl Chech (10th Anniv.) by Children

(Forgiveness service – Молитва Всепощення)

Monday, February 12 - 1st Day of the Great Fast – Початок Великого Посту

Tuesday, February 13 Aliturgical day

Wednesday, February 14 Aliturgical day

Thursday, February 15 Aliturgical day

Friday, February 16 12:00pm Stations of the Cross (**Eng.**)

5:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy – Літургія Напередосвячених Дарів

6:00pm Stations of the Cross (**Ukr.**)

Saturday, February 17 10:00am “Sorokousty Service” - Сл. Божа і Парастас за Усопших (Сорокоусти)

4:00pm + Michael Popyk and Michael Kovalchuk by Rev. V. Popyk, family

1st Sunday of the Great Fast “Orthodoxy” - 1-а Неділя Посту - “Православ’я”

February 18 Ep.: Hebr.11, 24-40 Go.: John 1, 43-51 Tone 4- page 118-119

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

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

10:30am **St Basil Divine Liturgy:** Blessing All parishioners – Благословення Парафіян

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 - \$2,070. Thank you so much for generous donations! Дякуємо щиро!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Saturday, February 17 we will make pierogies (pyrohy). We are asking our parishioners to place your orders (order sheet is in the vestibule) and make time to come and help us to pinch pierogies. We need your help to pinch pierogies on Saturday, February 17 from 9am.

Parish “Flea Market” will be held on Saturday, March 10. We are asking parishioners to offer some good items for sale for church needs. All items have to be very clean and prepared for sale. All vendors are welcome. For more information please contact Janina Cermak 732-323-0168 (address for Janina is: 14 Dorset Rd., Manchester, NJ 08759).

Parish “Rosary Society” will have a meeting on Thursday, February 15 at 1:00pm. All Rosarians are invited to attend. For more information please contact Maria Onyszkewycz.

On Monday, February 12 begins “The Great Fast – Lent”. Strict fast, abstinence required. No meat or dairy products for Monday (first day of Lent), Wednesdays and Fridays. Mondays through Fridays are aliturgical days except the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. No music or dancing for this time. Do not make any celebrations with music for Lent time. Service of “Sorokousty” will be held on Saturdays. Holy Confession is available at any time. Please ask Father Volodymyr.

“Sorokousty” service (Liturgy and Parastas) will be served on every Saturday of the Great Lent at 10:00am. Please offer intentions for your deceased members with yellow envelope to pastor before Lent begins.

Shroud of Jesus Christ (shroud of Turin): From Thursday, March 15 to Tuesday, March 20 in our parish a copy of the Shroud of Turin (Plashanitsia) will be displayed. All parishioners and non-parishioners are invited to visit this special event in our parish. Father Volodymyr will provide all explanations for the Shroud every day of that period. To visit the Shroud by groups from schools or other parishes please contact the office 732-505-6053. This is a very unique moment in our parish and in your life. **“Come and see!”**. До нашої церкви буде привезена оригінальна копія Туринської Плащаниці (Плащаниця Ісуса Христа). Після кожного Богослужіння і на протязі всіх днів перебування Плащаниці отець Володимир проводитиме пояснення всіх подробиць та досліджень Плащаниці. Це є рідкісна можливість побачити Плащаницю Ісуса Христа. Запрошуємо вірних інших церков та шкіл. **Прийдіть та подивіться!**

Bingo Support: We are asking parishioners to come and help us with bingo. We need help for selling tickets every Tuesday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Help in the kitchen is needed too. If you would like to help us please contact Luba Bonczek 732-505-8782. Your help will contribute to pay church loan and you will enjoy good friendship with people that help with bingo. Welcome!

On Saturday, March 24 we will have “Easter Sale” in our parish. Parishioners can place orders two weeks before the event.

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

1:30pm. 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 годині.

Sunday of Cheese-fare:

The Sunday of Cheese-fare immediately precedes the beginning of Lent. The corresponding term in Ukrainian is “syropust” or abstaining from cheese. According to an ancient discipline Eastern Rite Catholics start Lent on Monday following the Cheese-fare Sunday. The Eastern Rite Church (and Ukrainian) presents to her faithful on this Sunday the main means for improving their lives: prayer, fasting, and good works. Then next day, is the beginning of Lent. After each church service throughout the whole of Lent, except Sundays and Saturdays, the following anthem is sung in honor of Christ's Passion: “O Jesus Christ, Thou Who hast suffered the Passion for our sake, have mercy on us” (3 times with prostrations).

Daily Prayer for Lent time with prostrations (prayer of St. Ephrem):

“O Lord and Master of my life, give me not the spirit of sloth, indifference, lust of power and idle chatter. **(prostration)**

Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of temperance, humility, patience and love. **(prostration)**

Yea, Lord and King, grant me the grace to see my faults and not to condemn my brother; for You are blessed for ever and ever. Amen”. **(prostration)**

Prayer for unborn Children:

“O Most Holy Blessed Mother who carried the “Source of All Life” in your virginal holy womb; intercede with your tenderly maternal love and graces answering our prayers to end abortion and save precious infant lives. Amen”
