



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 17 10:00am “Sorokousty Service” - Сл. Божя 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

Monday, February 19 Day Off. Office closed

Tuesday, February 20 Aliturgical day

Wednesday, February 21 1:00pm Stations of the Cross (Eng.), provided by parish Rosary Society

Thursday, February 22 Aliturgical day

Friday, February 23 5:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy – Літургія Напередосвячених Дарів

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

Saturday, February 24 10:00am “Sorokousty Service” - Сл. Божя і Парастас за Усопших (Сорокоусти)

+ Bohdan Smolynsky by Marta Cybuk

4:00pm Blessing All parishioners – Благословення Парафіян

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast - 2-а Неділя Посту

February 25 Ep.: Hebr.1,10-14; 2,1-3 Go.: Mark 2, 1-12 **Tone 5- page 120-121**

9:00am + Emilia Onyszkewycz by Maria Onyszkewysz. + Anna Bodnar by Popyk family

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

10:30am St Basil Divine Liturgy: + Helen Dzera by John, Paul, Rick and Family.

Blessing for Vika. + Dimitrij, Roman and Myhail by Olga Rabik.

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 Школи 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 - \$1,497. Thank you so much for generous donations! Дякуємо щиро!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Thank you so much Barbara Mediuch for offer of \$500.00 for the principle of church loan. May Lord Jesus bless you and all our benefactors for Many Happy Years!

“The Great Fast – Lent” has begun. Fridays are meatless days. Mondays through Fridays are aliturgical days except the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. No music or dancing for this time. Do not schedule any celebrations with music for Lent time. Service of “Sorokousty” is served on Saturdays at 10:00am. Holy Confession is available at any time. Please ask Father Volodymyr.

“Sorokousty” service (Liturgy and Parastas) is served every Saturday of the Great Lent at 10:00am. Please offer intentions for your deceased members using the yellow envelope to Pastor.

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 (Plaschanitsia) 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. Volunteers are needed!

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.

Father Volodymyr is asking parents to register their children for receiving First Confession and Holy Communion. If we have any children for these Holy Sacraments we will have celebration in the month of May, 2018. Children need to be at age of 7 through 8 and have to be baptized.

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

Abstinence in the Ukrainian Catholic Church:

1.Monday of the first week of Lent. 2.Good Friday. 3.All Fridays of the Year and Lent time (except the Compact Weeks). 4.Christmas and Epiphany eve, even though it falls on Sunday. 5.Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of Holy Week. 6.Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist (except when it falls on Sunday). 7.Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. **It would be a mortal sin to violate them.** Holydays which occur during Lent do not affect abstinence. It is permitted to eat meat on the Liturgical Holy Days-feasts when they fall on Friday. Other products like milk are permitted to be eaten any time except Monday of the first week of Lent, Good Friday and Saturday of Holy Week. To drink water or take medicine is permitted any time and any days of Lent. Dancing and listening to music is not permitted at Lent time.

Вимоги щодо посту: Заборонено їсти м'ясні страви: 1.В перший Понеділок посту. 2.В страстну п'ятницю та суботу Страстного Тижня. 3.В святвечір на Різдво та Йордан. 4.У всі п'ятниці року. 5.В свято Усікновення Голови Івана Хрестителя та на свято Воздвиження Честного Хреста. Є смертним-тяжким гріхом їсти м'ясо в ці дні. В день Благовіщення Марії є загальниця. Молочні страви є дозволено їсти цілий рік окрім першого дня посту-понеділка, в Страсні п'ятницю і суботу. Пити воду і вживати лікарство є дозволено будь-коли. Вода і лікарство посту не ломить навіть в часі Великого посту. Танці і слухання музики в часі Великого посту є заборонені.
