

PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY—GCU Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Maggie's Place, 11:30 am to 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Adults \$7.00, Children \$5.00. Menu: Garden Salad with Italian Dressing, Garlic Bread Stick, Pasta with Meatless Sauce, Parmesan Romano Cheese, Sauced Meatballs, Your Choice of Cake for Dessert.

21 Monday—**Accordion Club Dinner**, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Menu: Spaghetti with marinara sauce, meatballs, garden salad & garlic bread.

21-25—**Clergy Days & the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Holy Angels Church in San Diego**. All the clergy will join with our new bishop for a week of lectures and prayer. No daily liturgies will be held at St. Stephen.

30 Wednesday—**Vigil for the Holy Day of Obligation of the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord**. 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy.

May 1—**Thursday Holy Day Feast**. 9:00 am Liturgy.

May 2—**Fish & Pierogi Dinner**. Come give us a hand ... and invite your friends!

May 2-4—**"Life in Christ"** Archeparchial Ministry Conference for catechists, adult faith formation teams and directors of youth ministry at the Antiochian Village, Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Call Sr. Celeste Strohmeyer at 412-231-4000 ext. 23 or youthministry@archeparchy.org

May 4—We'll honor **Father Stephen's 30th Anniversary of Ordination** to the priesthood with a continental breakfast after the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.
ECF End-of-Year Picnic—Encanto Park beginning at approximately 1:00 pm.

May 3—**Mother's Tea** to benefit the GCU scholarship fund. 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Contact: Joanie Mahar 602.920.0607 or Diane Papke 480.686.9331.

May 10—**Fifth All Souls Saturday** 9:00 am Liturgy with the reading of the names.

May 11—**Pentecost Sunday & Mother's Day Brunch** after the Sunday morning liturgies.

✠ **ALTAR SOCIETY**—Mike and Gilda Dougherty are the church cleaners for this week.

✠ **GCU LODGE 999 SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE** applications and letters of recommendation are to be returned on or before May 15th. If you did not receive an application in the mail and are interested, please call Steve Durkit 480-471-7278.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!



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Sr. Christopher Malcovsky, OSBM, Pastoral Associate
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APRIL 20, 2008

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



JESUS MEETS A SAMARITAN WOMAN at Jacob's well.

Knowing her sad spiritual condition, Jesus offers her salvation with the words: "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again. But anyone who drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. The water that I shall give will become in him a fountain of water springing up to everlasting life."

The Jewish people had two ways of using the word for water. In addition to the regular meaning, they often spoke of the thirst of a soul for God which could only be satisfied with living water, that is, with God and His grace. Jeremiah the Prophet, speaking for God, refers to this when he said: "Two evils have my people done: they have forsaken me, the source

of living waters. They have dug cisterns, broken cisterns, that hold not water" (Jer. 2:13).

The Samaritan woman did not understand that Jesus was speaking of spiritual water—that He was offering her salvation. He tells her that He is the fountain of living waters. It is from the very throne of God that the river of life flows.

In the Easter Canon, we sing: "Come, O faithful! Let us drink a new drink produced miraculously, not from a barren rock, but which springs from the tomb, the tomb of Christ, the fountain of immortality from which we are strengthened."

Like the woman of Samaria, we may question, misunderstand, and argue, but the truth is that only Jesus can satisfy our innermost longings, only He provides the Living Water.

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN SERVICES & DIVINE LITURGIES

19 Saturday and Vigil for Sunday, p. 104 and special handouts

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy Kelli Flannery by Kathleen Curtis

20 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN, p. 186

8:00 am +Georgette Tirpake by Diane Papke

9:45 am *Matins --Easter Canon (use folders)*

10:00 am For our parish family and friends

ECF Classes

Monday-Friday—No services.

26 Saturday Vigil for Sunday p. 104 and special handouts

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy +Mary O'Connor by Donald & Charlotte Gullucci

27 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND, page 189

8:00 am +Helen Danko by Diane Papke

9:45 am *Matins --Easter Canon (use folders)*

10:00 am For our parish family and friends

ECF Classes

Confessions are heard one half hour before all Services before the Icon of the Prodigal Son.

✠ **PRAYERS NEEDED FOR** Robert Crossley, John Bayus, Alice Johnson, Fran Philpot, William and Elizabeth Gelety, Martha Maleta (Freedom Plaza Nursing Care), Carmen Aragon (grandmother of Deacon John), Fr. Christopher Zuger, Florence Gunt, Mary Mihalko (Good Samaritan Hospital), Mary Hrinko, George Chelena, Louis Rabiej, Jim Cochlin (brother of Jane Brown), Tom Gerez (Dorothy Dumnich's son-in-law), Robert Rankin (father of Fr. Robert Rankin), Olga Uram, Luddy Popovich, Daniel Mundall, Fr. Joseph Ridella (one of our retired priests), Julia Menlicavage, Daniel Dougherty.

✠ **7-DAY CANDLES – ETERNAL LIGHT:** +Frank S. Slonka by Kathy Slonka. **TETRAPOD:** +Michael Mraz. **TETRAPOD:** Health of Florence Gunt by Alice Garcia. **SHROUD OF THE DORMITION:** God's blessing on Martha Maleta by Don, Evelyn & Linda Sopiak. **SHROUD OF OUR LORD:** Health of Louis Rabiej by Alice & Abigail Garcia. **CHRISTMAS ICON:** Available. **THEOPHANY ICON:** Health of Martha Maleta by Alice Garcia. **PENTECOST ICON:** Health of Louis & Diane Rabiej by Martin, Ken & Kahlua. **RESURRECTION ICON:** God's blessing on Louis Rabiej by Fr. Christopher Zuger. **ST ANTHONY:** Available.



CONGRATULATIONS TO RICHARD & MEGHAN WEISHEIT. Last Thursday night Kylie, a baby girl, was born. Mother and daughter are doing well. God grant them many happy and blessed years. This makes seven grand children for Joel and Christine Weisheit.

✠ **INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW** how many pierogi we made last weekend. Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who made 652 dozen potato and cheese pierogi!

✠ **PHOTO PARISH DIRECTORIES** are available in the back of the church. Each directory has a name on it in order to make sure that each household of our parish has a directory. Special thank you to Mary Popovich and Kathy Slonka for working on this project for the last 5 months.

✠ **SPECIAL ADDRESSES FOR OUR SHUT-INS:**

John Bayus is at "The Place at Glendale." His daughter's address for his mail: 6323 Abraham Lane, Glendale, AZ 85308. He welcomes cards and letters.

Frances Philpott is in Five Roses Adult Care, 18202 N. 67th Avenue (South of Union Hills). Stop by and visit.

Louis Rabiej is at Chandler Health Care Center, 2121 W. Elgin Street, Chandler, AZ 85224.

✠ **ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED:**

Aloisio Toa Mageo and Alexis Andrea Sasala—August 8, 2008

Joseph Mikitish and Jennifer Lynn King—October 17, 2008

Please note that the dates are subject to change. Please remember them in your prayers as they begin their preparation for marriage. God grant them many happy and blessed years.

✠ **COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**—The honor system for donations at the coffee social is a failure. We are not recovering the cost of the doughnuts from the goodwill baskets. Any suggestions?

✠ **ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL.** Last year's Bishop's Appeal Rebate and hopefully this year's rebate will be used to paint our building complex.

Paid up pledges: 35, totaling \$17,200.00, sent to the Eparchy.

Pledges on payment schedule: 24, totaling \$4,500.00.

59 households have responded as of April 4.

Parish goal for parish: 139 households x \$200 = \$27,800.00.

80 households have not responded. \$5,150.00 needed to make our goal.

Here is a sample of the paid up pledges: 1—\$5,000, 2—\$1,500, 1—\$1,000, 1—\$800, 9—\$500, 3—\$300, 16—\$200, 3—\$100, 3—\$50.

Give what you can to help our Eparchy which also helps our parish through the rebate.

Make your check payable to "**St. Stephen Church.**"

✠ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:**

"Myrrh-bearers" Women's Retreat—A retreat experience for girls and women from 7 years of age through adulthood. June 27-29 at Mount Claret on Lincoln Drive. For more information refer to the flyers on the Greeting Table. Plan now.

ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2008 "Moved by the Spirit in the Windy City" Thursday, July 31—Sunday, August 3, at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. July 1 deadline for registration. See Father Stephen for registration forms.