

We greet Pani Matka Ann who, 61 years ago today, became a Pani Matka in our Ukrainian Orthodox Church with Fr. Stephen Hankavich's ordination into the Holy Priesthood on December 4, 1950. Pani Matka Ann has been a valuable part of our St. Vladimir parish family for 51 years, since 1960. We pray that Our Lord will bless her with good health and much happiness for many years. Mnohiya Lita!

Yesterday evening, before Vespers, a memorial service was held for the repose of Fr. Stephen. Memory eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

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On November 28th, our Holy Orthodox Church began the solemn preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. During this period, we are called to fast from meat products, if not the entire period, at least on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. We are also instructed to do works of charity for the poor and needy, refrain from partying, discuss the true meaning of Christmas with our children and grandchildren and – most important - receive the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion. Your spiritual fathers pray that these weeks of preparation, known by many as Advent or St. Philip's Fast, will be spiritually uplifting and will enable you to celebrate the true meaning and reason of Christmas – the Birth of Jesus Christ.

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Since thanks are extended to Nestor & Nina Kostyryk who, on the occasion of the Baptism & Chrismation on November 26th of twin grandsons, donated \$600.00 to the needs of our parish.

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Prayers and condolences are offered to Mr. Fred Suprunenko on the death of his brother, William (Wasył) on Saturday, November 26th at the age of 74. Funeral services were held from our church on Tuesday. May his memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

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On Tuesday, December 13th, at 1:00 p.m., our 60+ Club will sponsor a Pre-Nativity Pot-Luck Luncheon in the parish center. Non-60+ club members are invited to attend. However, you must register in advance by calling 60+ Club president, Roman Malysz or the parish office by December 7th.

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In preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas – all parish youth, together with their parents, are requested to participate in the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion on Sunday, December 18th at the 8:30 a.m. bilingual Liturgy. Following the Liturgy, brunch will be served in the parish center and the Sunday School children will present a St. Nicholas program.

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Please notify the clergy of any sick and hospitalized parishioners, as well as when they have been discharged from the hospital to their homes or gone to a nursing home. This is the duty of the family.

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Attention Choir members: In preparation for the Pan-Orthodox Christmas Choir Concert on Sunday, December 11th at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, a joint choir rehearsal of our English and Ukrainian choirs will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m. All choir members are requested to attend. As always, new members are always welcome. Also, this year, Orthodox parishes are encouraged to have youth participate in the concert and our choir director, Markian Komichak is organizing a youth choir in our parish. Parents and grandparents – please have your children join and sing at the concert. For more information, contact Markian Komichak.

**Please check out
our new parish website by going to <http://www.stvladimirs.org>**

Calendar of Events for the week of December 4th.

Sunday (today)- 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., U.O.L. Christmas Cookie Walk

Monday - 9:00 a.m., Potato peeling for UOL Craft Fair
- 4:00 p.m., Cabbage prep for UOL Craft Fair
- 7:00 p.m., Monthly Brotherhood meeting

Tuesday - 2:00 p.m., Making pyrohy for UOL Craft Fair

Wednesday - 7:00 a.m., Pyrohy Project (peeling)
- 8:30 a.m., Moleben for sick parishioners
- 12:30 p.m., Pyrohy Project (scooping)
- 5:30 p.m., Ukrainian Dance School, Bandura School, Art & Pottery classes
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Library Hours

Thursday - 6:00 a.m., Pyrohy project (making)
- 10:00 a.m., Pyrohy project (peeling)
- 12:30 p.m., Pyrohy project (scooping)
- 4:00 p.m., Cabbage & noodles prep for UOL Craft Fair
- 7:30 p.m., Joint English / Ukrainian choir rehearsal for Sunday's Christmas concert

Friday - 5:00 a.m., Pyrohy project (making)

Saturday - 9:00 a.m., UOL to make holubtsi & set up hall for Craft Fair
- 9:00 a.m., Ukrainian School
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Library Hours
- 5:45 p.m., Confession
- 6:00 p.m., Vespers

Sunday - **7:00 a.m., Confession**
- **7:15 a.m., Pro-Liturgy with Communion for Craft Fair workers**
- **8:30 a.m., English Divine Liturgy followed by Sunday School**
- **10:00 a.m., - 3:00 p.m., UOL Christmas Craft Fair**
- **10:15 a.m., Ukrainian Divine Liturgy**
- **5:00 p.m., Orthodox Christmas Concert at St. Sava Cathedral (see announcement)**

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Food Drive

The annual 60+ Club Food Drive is currently underway. Donations of canned and dry goods are being collected throughout the month of November and part of December. Special boxes for these groceries are located in the church vestibule. All food collected will be given to St. Herman Orthodox House of Hospitality to distribute to the poor in our community. Please be generous in your donations to the poor and encourage your children to participate by bringing groceries to the church or the parish office from Monday thru Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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Because of the success of their last Holubtsi (stuffed cabbage) sale on Friday, November 18th, the Senior U.O.L. will be having another sale on Thursday & Friday, December 15th & 16th. Advance orders are advised and can be placed by calling the parish office at (440) 886-3223 Monday thru Friday between 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. or the rectory at (440) 885-1509.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, December 11th - U.O.L. Christmas Craft Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 18th - Youth Sunday / St. Nicholas Program

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During the Nativity Fast, the clergy ask that parishioners who are unable to attend Liturgy and wish to receive Holy Communion at home please call the rectory to request a home visit.

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Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Office Phone: (440) 886-3223

The 2012 parish offering envelopes are now available in the church vestibule. Please pick them up following the Liturgies and be generous in your offerings to our St. Vladimir parish.

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Extra Volunteers are needed every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, continuing until before Christmas, December 25th, to assist the Pyrohy Group, which will be working 3 days a week. Please check the parish calendar of events for the schedule and give some of your time, even if only for a few hours. Also, for those parishioners who work during the day, special evening sessions will be held. These, too will be printed in a future bulletin.

Last month, our Pyrohy Group donated \$34,000. to repair the leaking roof in the gallery of our cultural center. Because of this generous donation, we do not have to ask for special donations from parishioners, as is done in most parishes when emergency repairs are needed. We are fortunate to have our dedicated pyrohy group to help offset these types of expenses.

Please help them by volunteering as many hours as possible over the next 3 weeks. The funds raised this month will most likely be used to defray future projects, such as paving the parking lot and other major projects. Please volunteer!!!

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The All Saints Camp Boosters, which are sold annually to help raise funds for camp maintenance, are now on sale. They cost \$25.00 each and make great Christmas gifts. Please see Mrs. Mary Ann Sklaryk for more information about this project and to purchase your boosters.

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Happy Birthday!!! ... to Protodeacon Ihor who celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, November 30th. May Our Lord continue to bless him with good health and happiness to serve our Holy Church for many more years. Mnohiya Lita!

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Our Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies invites everyone to their annual St. Nicholas program at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 10th in the parish cultural center. This year, our Saturday Ukrainian School has an enrollment of 173 students.

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On Sunday, November 28th, at 3:00 p.m., our Ukrainian community of Parma gathered at our Famine Monument to remember the millions of victims of Stalin's man-made Famine – Holodomor – in Ukraine in 1932-33. Over 10 clergy representing all local Ukrainian parishes, together with their faithful, came together in prayer. Please go to our parish website to view the pictures of the memorial service.

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It's Malank̄a Time!

All parishioners and friends are invited to the Annual Malank̄a (Julian New Year) Dinner/Dance, sponsored by St. Vladimir's Brotherhood on Saturday, January 14th, immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Vespers. It will be held in the parish's Grand Hall. Tickets cost \$35.00 per person and may be obtained by calling Walter Syder at (216) 661-5646 by January 10th. Music will be provided by Fred Ziwich & the International Sound Machine. Please support this annual event and invite a friend to join you.



Poinsettia Tradition Continues at St. Vladimir's

A beautiful part of our Christmas celebration is to see over 100 poinsettias decorating the Lord's Temple. These flowers remind us of our departed loved ones who are in our hearts at the Christmas season.

If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones with a poinsettia that will be place in church during the Christmas season - January 6th - 19th - please fill out the necessary information below. Be sure to write all names in English.

Your Name -----

In memory of -----

*Please give this slip and your donation of \$7.00 per plant to
Pani Matka Ann Hankavich, Ms. Ludmilla Rowinsky
Mrs. Vera Malysz, parish secretary, Mrs. Irene Pavlyshyn or the clergy
Deadline: Wednesday, December 30, 2011*



**Have you paid your parish dues for 2011?
If you're not sure, be sure to ask at the church office on Sunday morning
or call the parish office at 440-886-3223 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday.**