



September 3, 2023
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- Sept. 2. (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
For our Parish Family
- Sept. 3 (Sun) FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Tony Marsiglio req by Bob Lanyi
- Sept. 8 (Fri) BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS**
Divine Liturgy 6:30pm
+Tony Marsiglio req by wife Kathy, Dominick, and Sloan
- Sept. 9 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Virginia Flynn req by Marian Barry
- Sept.10 (Sun) SUNDAY BEFORE**
THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Eleanor Timko on the occasion of her 94th Birthday
Req by Karen, Kevin & Family

Our Tithe to our Parish - August 27, 2023 - \$2297.00

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Sept. 3 thru Sept. 9 for the homebound of our parish.



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



To Celebrate Grandparents' Day on September 10, 2023, we invite you to send a picture of your grandparents to Janet at esquire53@hotmail.com to be posted on St. Stephen Facebook page. Please identify who is in the picture, and perhaps where and when the picture was taken. We will post the photo for you. Be sure to identify yourself as the sender. It will be lovely to see parishioners and our ancestors.

Jan Bishop, George Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete,
 Margaret Gegick, Barbara Gulich, John Hresko, Kevin Ianni, Jeff Kaloski,
 Helen Magdic, Anna Prodan, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Sr,
 Mark Sethman

BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS



The Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The birth and life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

Fund Raising Activities

STEELER FOOTBALL POOL

Any questions or to purchase, contact Julee

\$100/square. Keep the same square all season. Numbers change every quarter and every week.

Payouts: 1st & 3rd quarters - \$50

Half - \$100

Final - \$150

Payments will be accepted:

\$40 due 9/10

\$30 due 10/8

\$30 due 11/5

BACK TO SCHOOL MINI BINGO

Sunday, September 24

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Doors open at noon

\$10 for 10 games

Specials, paint-stick bingo, & 50/50 extra

Food will also be for sale

Please contact Julee for any questions or to volunteer

412-378-6953 or annieace15642@msn.com