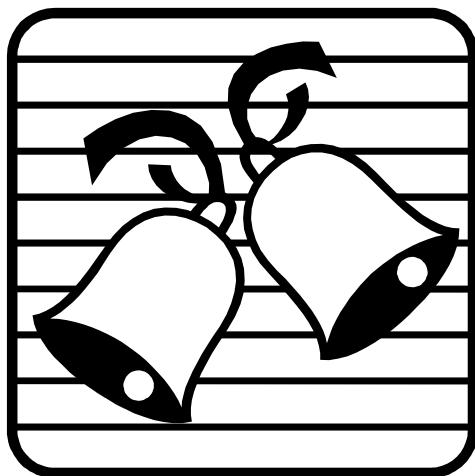




Supplications will be offered for +Alexandra Kozak, **given by Maria Perkun.**

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## ***Church Bells***

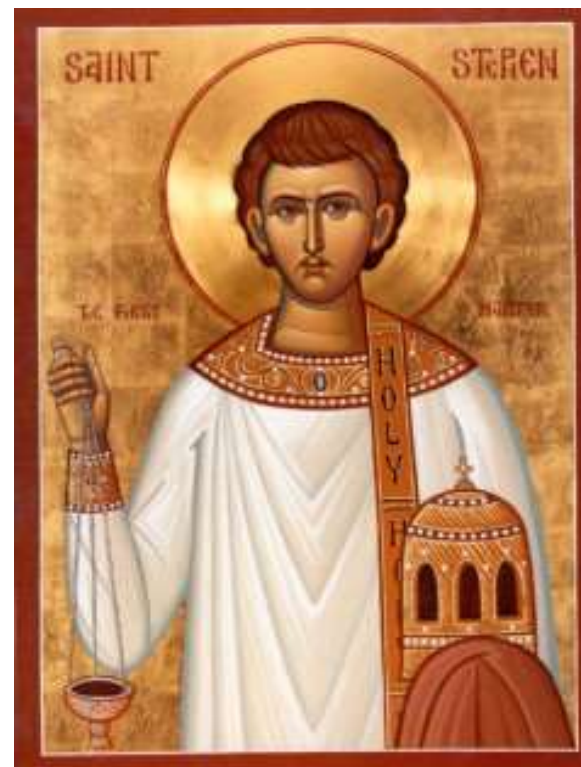
Traditionally every Church has its bell tower. But did our Churches always have bells? No, history tells us. During the years when the Christians were persecuted there were no bells. When they had to be notified that they were to congregate some place to worship Almighty God, they were informed by other means, they were notified secretly.

In the Christian East, bells appeared for the first time in Constantinople in the year 865 AD. A certain nobleman from Venice, Italy, sent Emperor John twelve bells as a gift for the Church of the Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia). They were called “campanes” because they were made from certain metals from the mines of Campania, a district in Italy. When the bells were first rung in Constantinople, the pious people felt a great joy. They thought that the angels had come down to earth and were sounding the trumpets, calling people to Church.

Church bells are useful. Just as soldiers are called by the trumpet, Christians, who are called and should be soldiers of Christ Our Savior, are called by the Church bells. They are called to Church to fight the demons with the most powerful spiritual weapon, prayer. The Church bells call us to worship on Sundays and to celebrate the great Holy Days of Christianity. It is true that the Church bells are connected with our whole life: when one is baptized the Church bells ring, when a couple is married they ring, but also to announce with a sad tone when one is being led in a funeral procession for burial.

During my travels to Eastern Europe I have witnessed how the faithful, when they would hear the bells ringing, would cross themselves in a pious way. This is a very good and healthy tradition that we should also practice in our lives.

We must be reminded of the fact that there are those who dislike the ringing of Church bells. They blaspheme when they hear them ringing. Sadly, we also have in our midst indifferent and cold Christians who are not moved at all when they hear the Church bells ringing. We must pray for them and ask Our Lord to open their hearts to the ringing of our Church bells that call us all to a life of sanctification-divinization, to Divine Worship and Christian fellowship which we can all experience in our Holy Churches.



**August 2, 2020**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost,  
Tone 8; The Transfer of the  
Holy Relics of the First-martyr  
and Archdeacon Stephen (5th  
c.)**

**Changeable Part: Pages 12-13  
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts  
(Small white book)**

## **Announcements:**

### **Feast of the Transfiguration**

On Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord. To celebrate this Major Feast Day we will have Wednesday evening, August 5<sup>th</sup>, a Vespereal Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of the Fruit at 7:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Fruit will take place again on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, as we will continue to celebrate the after-feast of the glorious Transfiguration of Our Lord. If you wish to have your fruit blessed (at any of the Divine Services this week), please place them in the center of the Church on the Tetrapod.

### **Back with Pyrohy- please volunteer**

We will be back on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with our pyrohy production. As usual on Wednesday morning we will be preparing the potatoes and sauerkraut and on Thursday morning we continue with the production of our delicious pyrohy- varenyky. We are always looking for help with this important fundraiser in our parish. If you can, please come down to be part of this parish activity.

**Collection (St. George) - May God bless you...**

The total for Sunday of July 26, 2020 was **\$1,014.00.**

(Regular: \$860.00, Online donation: \$150.00, Loose: \$4.00)

**Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!**



**Prayer of Protection from the Coronavirus**

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable goodness, look down upon Your people gathered in Your Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. You know our weakness. You hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart.

O Lord Who loves mankind deliver us from the impending threat of the coronavirus. Sent Your Angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve You in peace and glorify Your Most Honorable and Majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.



Sheptytsky Arms has a one-bedroom Apartment and an Efficiency Apartment for rent.

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**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

*You are also God's building. Using the gift that God gave me, I did the work of an expert builder and laid the foundation...Some will use gold or silver or precious stones in building on the foundation...And the quality of each person's work will be seen when the Day of Christ exposes it.*

*1 Corinthians 3:9-17*

In today's Epistle reading, St. Paul speaks of various foundations on which people build their lives; gold, silver, wood, hay... Some foundations will survive, he says; others will not.

Every one of us is building a house called life. It is a lifetime job. Everything we think and do and say goes into the structure to become part of our life house. One day – says Our Lord – this life house will be tested to see of what material it is made. The storm will come. And whether the house stands or falls will be due not to the weather but to the material that went into it, to the foundation underneath.

A story is told of a little boy who fell out of a boat and climbed upon a rock during a storm. After he was rescued, he was asked if he had been afraid. "Sure, I was afraid," he replied, "I trembled all over, but never once did the rock ever tremble."

In Psalm 18: 2 we read the following" "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Today let us ask ourselves: Are you building your life on this rock? Even though the Apostle Peter was drowning today we witness later on in Matthew 17:17-19 how Our Lord called Peter a Rock. It is on such believing, fully surrendered persons that Christ Our Savior has built His Church through the centuries. "You are Peter – a rock, and upon this rock I will build My Church." The Apostle Peter's faith made him a rock.

What is important for us is a foundation that holds; a foundation that does not shake; a foundation that affords security in time of need, that solid foundation is none other than Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

