

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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## **Welcome and Glory to Jesus Christ!**

You are welcome here. Join us in prayer and worship of almighty God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### **About the Parish**

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church is a parish of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Eparchy of Parma, which is an eparchy of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church *sui iuris* of Pittsburgh. Bishop Milan (Lach) of Parma is our bishop. Archbishop William (Skurla) of Pittsburgh is our Metropolitan. We are in communion with our holy father Francis, the Pope of Rome.

“The Holy Spirit, Spirit of unity..., has enabled us to rediscover those bonds of communion that have always existed between us. Our Churches have safeguarded the Apostolic tradition with great care, along with the teaching of the first Ecumenical Councils and the Church Fathers.... With God’s help..., we already experience being in communion, even though it is not yet full and complete. The search for the re-establishment of full communion is above all a response to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who on the eve of his Passion prayed that his disciples ‘may all be one’ (Jn 17:21).” – Pope Francis to Patriarch Bartholomew

## Sunday, January 13, 2019

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. Tone 1.

The Holy Martyrs Hermylaous and Stratonikus (c. 309).

Our Venerable Father Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers.

*1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20*

*Ephesians 4:7-13. Matthew 4:12-17.*

8:45am Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy – *for the people of the parish*

*+Virginia Spear, from Susan Spear (2-6-19)*

*+Rev. Cyril Attak, from Maryalice Lukas (2-7-19)*

10:30am Guild Meeting *in small hall*

11:00am ECF

## Monday, January 14, 2019

Leave-taking of the Theophany.

Our Venerable Fathers killed by Arabs in Sinai and Raitho (312).

Commemoration of the Passing of the holy Equal-to-the-apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians.

Hebrews 8:7-13. Mark 8:11-21.

## Tuesday, January 15, 2019

© Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes (c. 345) and John the Hut-dweller (5th Century).

Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23. Mark 8:22-26.

7:00am First Hour

*6:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting*



## Wednesday, January 16, 2019

- © The Veneration of the Chains of the Holy Apostle Peter.

Hebrews 10:1-18. Mark 8:30-34.

9:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Great Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for our venerable Father Anthony the Great

+Joseph Humenik, from Phyllis Humenik

+Helen Humenik, from JoAnn Humenik

## Thursday, January 17, 2019

- © Our Venerable Father Anthony the Great (356).

*Matins Gospel:* Matthew 11:27-30. Hebrews 13: 17-21. Luke 6:17-23.

*(for the day:* Hebrews 10:35-11:7. Mark 9:10-16.)

9:00am Third Hour

*Parish Work Day*

*Fr. John will be out of town Thursday and Friday*



## Friday, January 18, 2019

- © Our Holy Fathers Athanasius (373) and Cyril of Alexandria (444).

Hebrews 11:8, 11-16. Mark 9:33-41.

## Saturday, January 19, 2019

- © Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (390).

Ephesians 5:1-8. Luke 14:1-11.

8:45am Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

+Bennie, Mary, John Thomas, & Sidney, from Mary Ann Osmond

6:00pm Vespers – *Confessions after Vespers*

## Sunday, January 20, 2019

THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2.

© Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great (473).

*2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Mark 16:1-8

Colossians 3:12-16. Luke 18:18-27.

8:45am Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy – *for the people of the parish*

10:30am ECF

## Legend

- ⊕ Great Feast
- ⊕ Feast with a Vigil
- ✠ Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins
- ⊕ Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins
- ⊕ Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers



by tradition, a strict fast day



by tradition, a fast day permitting wine and oil.



by tradition, a fast day permitting fish, wine, and oil



by tradition, a fast day permitting dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil.



## House Blessings

House blessings have begun. It is traditional for us all to have our houses blessed with the Jordan Water consecrated on the feast of Theophany. If you have not already done so, sign up on the sheets available in the back of the Church and in the hall with the best dates and times for me to come and bless your house and we will be in touch.

## PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on Tues., **Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm in the small hall. A joint meeting of the Councils is tentatively on Tuesday, **Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm in the small hall. If you have any questions, concerns, or items for us to discuss, please submit these in writing to Fr. John or a member of the appropriate council.

The terms of these councils end on **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please pray and discern whether you or someone you know should join one of these councils and volunteer or nominate accordingly. Each council may have up to five members, who must be active parishioners.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

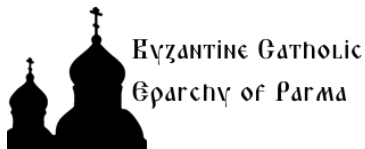
**Join the Guild!** The Guild is dedicated to caring for and beautifying our holy place and all the appointments for our Divine worship. They meet today Sunday, **January 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Join the workers!** All are welcome to join the workers every Thursday after Third Hour at 9:00 AM for our weekly parish work day.

**Join the cleaners!** Please contact Louise Dalbo to volunteer to clean the church for any particular week you're able. Or, get your name put in the rotation of regular church cleaners.

**The Ostentoski and Sutyak Family** is scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Raupp Family** and to all who worked and cleaned this past week. May God grant them many years!

**Regarding my availability**, *though there are often exceptions, Monday is generally my day off and Tuesdays I am generally in Toledo all day.* – Fr. John



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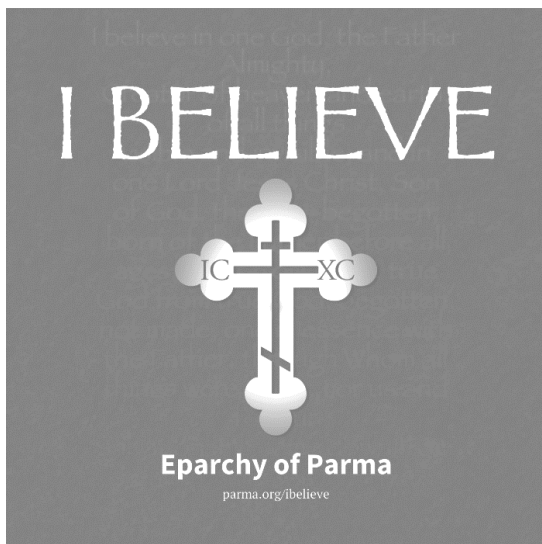
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The effectiveness of this faith community and our Eparchy of Parma depends upon the support of our entire parish family. As stewards, we are challenged to show gratitude to God for bestowing us with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. With your financial support, we help build the Kingdom of God. Think of God first. Give your gift to God from the first fruits, not from what is left over. Thank you for your generosity to this year's Stewardship Appeal! You may mail in the cut-out form in Horizons, or visit us online at [parma.org/ibelieve](http://parma.org/ibelieve) to submit your one-time or monthly donation. Thank you for your generosity!

**Our parish's goal is \$9,200.** As of Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, the Eparchy has received **\$8,405.00** (with \$8,485 pledged) from 38 contributors. Thank you to all who have given so far!

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **54**. Average Sunday attendance  $\approx$  62  
Thank you for coming and worshipping God with us, and for inviting others to join us!

## COLLECTION

The collection on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **\$748.00**

Average Weekly Collection: \$1807.85

Sunday: \$495; Holy Day: \$90; Candles: \$63; Initial Offering: \$100

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



**Saint Stephen**

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