

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

We are in communion with all the other *Byzantine Catholic Churches*, which are the Albanian Greek Catholic Church, the Belarusian Greek Catholic Church, the Bulgarian Greek Catholic Church, the Greek Catholic Church of Croatia and Serbia, the Greek Byzantine Catholic Church, the Hungarian Greek Catholic Church, the Italo-Albanian Catholic Church, the Macedonian Greek Catholic Church, the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, the Romanian Greek Catholic Church, the Russian Greek Catholic Church, the Slovak Greek Catholic Church, and the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, *as well as the Alexandrian Catholic Churches*, which are the Coptic Catholic Church, the Eritrean Catholic Church, and the Ethiopian Catholic Church, *as well as the Armenian Catholic Church*, *as well as the East Syriac Catholic Churches*, which are the Chaldean Catholic Church, and the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, *as well as the West Syriac Catholic Churches*, which are the Maronite Church, the Syriac Catholic Church, and the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, *as well as the Roman Catholic Church*.



# 50 THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA OF THE RUTHENIANS



The Eparchy of Parma is marking its 50th anniversary this year. As we begin this jubilee year, Bishop Milan would like all

parishioners to prayerfully consider a spiritual pledge of support for our Church. We have all received the pledge cards he has given us for this purpose. (If you haven't, more are available near the entrance to the church). The left side portion of the card entitled "Usual Beginning Prayers" are for the people to take home with them and use throughout the year, hopefully committing to memory. The right side of the card is for each individual, child and adult, to make their pledge to God. Pledges include attending liturgy every Sunday and Holyday, fasting every Friday, committing to morning and evening prayers, etc.

Once you have made your pledge, please return your pledge card to the parish. You may put the completed pledge cards in the collection baskets. Once the pledge portions are received, we will hang them all in a prominent place so that we can encourage each other and be reminded through this jubilee year of our pledge to God and to our fellow parishioners.

Bishop Milan opened the jubilee year with the release of his Pastoral Letter, "A Year for Renewal," Jan. 6., in which he asked us to meditate particularly throughout this year on five ways that St. Theophan the Recluse says we could fail to preserve the grace given at baptism and abandon the willingness to follow the gospel and the commandments of Christ:

- 1. Leaving the church and its grace-giving means, which starves the root of the Christian life, disconnecting it from its sources. In this way it wilts, just as a flower does when it is not watered.**
- 2. Failure to pay heed to one's bodily nature, which opens the door for passions to take hold of the soul.**
- 3. Forgetting the main goal of life: People do not have direction and lack the means to achieve union with God.**
- 4. Neglecting the spiritual life: Prayer, the fear of God and conscience are overshadowed by earthly cares.**
- 5. Neglecting to put into practice Christian principles and God's way of life.**

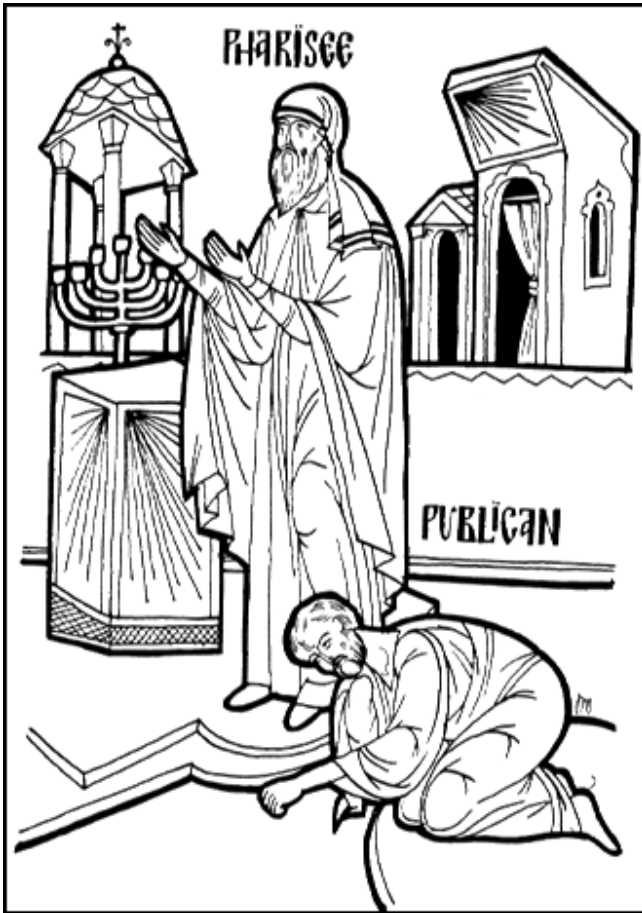
## Today, we begin the Triodion.

The Triodion encompasses 3 segments of time: 1) the Pre-Lenten cycle, 2) the Great Fast, and 3) Holy Week.

The word "Triodion" literally means "3 odes," which refers to the canons for weekday Matins in the Triodion, which contain only three odes and so are known as "triodes."

The Triodion is a liturgical book that covers the period from the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (today – the tenth week before Pascha and twenty-two days before the beginning of the Great Fast), and concludes with the Midnight Office of Holy Saturday.

During this time, there are the Saturdays of Souls, during which we commemorate and remember our departed relatives and loved ones.



A theme of the Week of Publican & Pharisee is humility and observing God commands without pride and without looking down on others. We are called to see ourselves as we truly are and compare ourselves to Christ's teachings.

Lest we fast like the Pharisee, there is no fasting during this week (not even on Wednesday or Friday), in preparation for the stricter 40-day period of the Great Fast

## Sunday, February 10, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Tone 5.  
The Holy Martyr Charalampas (203).

*5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:12-35*

2 Timothy 3:10-15. Luke 18:10-14

8:45am Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

*for the people of the parish*

*10:30 am ECF*

*11:00 am Guild Meeting in the small hall*

## Monday, February 11, 2019

The Holy Martyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste (316).

2 Peter 1:20-2:9. Mark 13:9-13.

## Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Our Holy Father Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381).

2 Peter 2:9-22. Mark 13:14-23.

## Wednesday, February 13, 2019 *there is no fasting this week*

Our Venerable Father Martinian (c. 398).

2 Peter 3:1-18. Mark 13:24-31.

9:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

*for the family of Nicholas Zawaski*

## Thursday, February 14, 2019

Our Venerable Father Auxentius (5th Century).

✝ The Passing of our Venerable Father Constantine, whose monastic name is Cyril, Apostle of the Slavs (869). The Venerable Maron, Hermit and Wonder-worker (c. 423).

*Vespers Paramia:* Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-5:7.

*Matins Gospel:* John 10:1-9.

*for the day:* 1 John 1:8-2:6. Mark 13:31-14:2.

*for St. Cyril:* Hebrews 7:26-8:2. John 10:9-16.

9:00am Third Hour

*Parish Work Day*

*“Never speak to your wife in a mundane way but with compliments, with respect and with much love. Tell her that you love her more than your own life, because this present life is nothing, and that your only hope is that the two of you pass through this life in such a way that in the world to come, you will be united in perfect love.” – St. John Chrysostom*

## Friday, February 15, 2019 *there is no fasting this week*

The Holy Apostle Onesimus.

1 John 2:7-17. Mark 14:3-9.

8:45am Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

*+Josefa Marron-Patrick, from Marron Family*

6:00pm Vespers – *followed by Confessions*

## Saturday, February 16, 2019

The Holy Martyrs, the Presbyter Pamphilius, Porphyry, and their Companions (309).

2 Timothy 3:1-9. Luke 20:45-21:4.

8:45am Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

*+David Himick, from Faith Himick*

6:00pm Vespers

*7:00pm “I Believe” Faith Formation Session*

# Sunday, February 17, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON. Tone 6.

⊗ The Holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit (306).

*6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53*

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Luke 15:11-32.*

8:45am Third Hour

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

*+Josefa Marron-Patrick, from Marron Family (2-15-2019)*

*+David Himick, from Faith Himick (2-16-2019)*

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.

**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*

## PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

The new councils, pending the approval of the Bishop, are as follows:

### Pastoral Council

Charolet Bonacor  
Cecilia Burja  
Dennis Materniak  
Peter Raupp  
Thomas Sabula

### Finance Council

Jane Adams  
Michael Camilleri  
Louise Dalbo  
James Humenik  
Phyllis Humenik

The terms of these councils will be for one year, to end on January 31st, 2020.

Our first joint meeting of both councils will be on **Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

The frequency of meetings will be determined by the councils themselves, but will not be less than quarterly.

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.

## 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. Their next meeting is February 10<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 Russell Family** is scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Ostentoski and Sutyak Families** and to all who worked and cleaned this past week. May God grant them many years!

# I BELIEVE

## Faith Formation Program

### Weekly Lessons:

#### Great Fast

*Begins Week of February 24*

Lesson 1: Crucifixion

Lesson 2: Resurrection

Lesson 3: Ascension

Lesson 4: The Second Coming

Lesson 5: The Final Judgement

Lesson 6: Everlasting Kingdom  
& the General Resurrection

Lesson 7: The Church

Lesson 8: Baptism – Part 1

Lesson 9: Baptism – Part 2



Office of Religious Education  
Eparchy of Parma

We will resume our adult faith formation program during the Great Fast. Our program has the same theme as the Stewardship Appeal — “I BELIEVE.” The entire eparchy is following the same video-based program. It offers theological instruction from a Byzantine Catholic perspective on the Nicene Creed, followed by discussion. The program is a project of the Office of Religious Education in partnership with Horizons Media. The Lenten sessions will begin at **7:00pm on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** after Vespers. There will be a session every Saturday at 7:00pm during the Great Fast. Our first session will be on the Crucifixion of Jesus. Please plan on attending and bring a friend!



## Women's Retreat

CAREY, Ohio — Retired Bishop John Kudrick of Parma will be the retreat master of the Seventh Annual Women's Retreat, **March 15-17**, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation Retreat Center. The theme is, "How Does Penance Heal?" Bishop Kudrick will lead retreatants to understand the purpose of penance and how it can be meaningful in healing one's relationship with God. The retreat is sponsored by St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Parish in Marblehead, Ohio. More information is available in brochures in the narthex of the church. Info: Joan Washburn (865) 696-7809.



*Brochures with information about this pilgrimage are available in the narthex of the church.*

## Jubilee Pilgrimage to Parma

In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our eparchy, a pilgrimage for families and youth will be held in the Cleveland-Parma area **June 21**, followed by an all-night vigil at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and reception will be held **June 22** at 11 a.m. at the cathedral. More info to follow.



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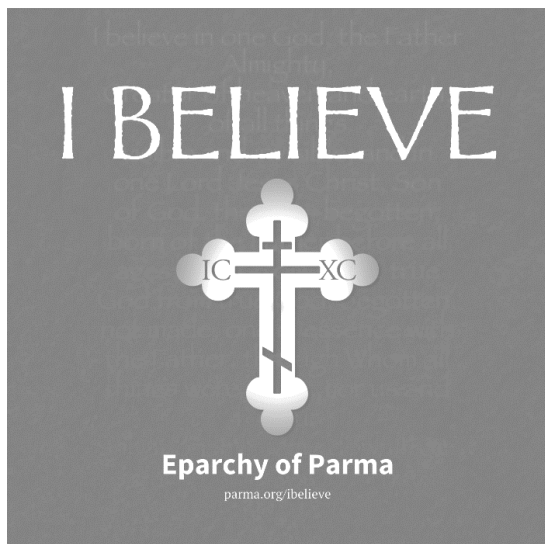
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This year's Annual Stewardship Appeal continues. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the campaign to help offset the rising costs of ministry in our eparchy. An automatic monthly or one-time donation can be set up online at [parma.org/ibelieve](http://parma.org/ibelieve). Please also remember the eparchy in your daily prayers. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Our parish's goal is \$9,200.**

As of Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, the Eparchy had received **\$8,455.00** (with \$8,535.00 pledged) from 38 contributors.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 was **52**. Average Sunday attendance  $\approx$  61  
Thank you for coming and worshipping God with us, and for inviting others to join us!

## COLLECTION

The collection on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 was **\$1437.50**

Average Weekly Collection: \$1785.39

Sunday: \$1294.50; Holy Day: \$88; Candles: \$54; Children: \$1; Initial Offering: \$25; Fuel: \$45

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



**Saint Stephen**

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