



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 17th, 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.

"Rome must not require more from the East with respect to the doctrine of primacy than what had been formulated and was lived in the first millennium . . . Rome need not ask for more. Reunion could take place in this context if, on the one hand, the East would cease to oppose as heretical the developments that took place in the West in the second millennium and would accept the Catholic Church as legitimate and orthodox in the form she had acquired in the course of that development, while, on the other hand, the West would recognize the Church of the East as orthodox and legitimate in the form she has always had." - **Joseph Ratzinger**, *Principles of Catholic Theology*, p. 199



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

Monday, February 18, 2019

Meatfare Monday. Our Holy Father Leo, Pope of Rome (461).

1 John 2:18-3:10a. Mark 11:1-11

During Meatfare Week, we read the Passion according to Mark

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Meatfare Tuesday. The Holy Apostle Archippus.

1 John 3:10b-20. Mark 14:10-42.

Wednesday, February 20, 2019



Meatfare Wednesday. Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania (c. 787).

Our Holy Father Agathon, Pope of Rome.

1 John 3:21-4:6. Mark 14:43-15:1.

9:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Jack Bonacor, from Charolet Bonacor

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Meatfare Thursday. Our Venerable Father Timothy of Symbola (795).
Our Holy Father Eustathius, Archbishop of Great Antioch (c. 338).

1 John 4:20-5:21. Mark 15:1-15.

9:00am Third Hour

Parish Work Day

6:00pm Meeting of Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils

Friday, February 22, 2019



Meatfare Friday. The Finding of the Venerable Relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia.

2 John 1:1-13. Mark 15:22, 25, 33-41.

8:30am First & Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

+Kenneth Zrioka

7:00pm Vespers

led by Fr. Dcn. Lawrence

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Meatfare Saturday. Saturday of Souls.

The Holy Martyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (c. 155).

1 Corinthians 10:23-28. & for the departed: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36. & for the departed: John 5:24-30.

8:45am Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy – *for the Souls*

– followed by the Panachida for the Souls

5:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Great Vespers

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

Sunday, February 24, 2019

MEATFARE SUNDAY. The Sunday of the Last Judgment. Tone 7.

✙ The First & Second Finding of the Head of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John.

7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2. Matthew 25:31-46.

8:45am Third Hour

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

+Jack Bonacor, from Charolet Bonacor (2-20-2019)

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.

Meatfare Week

As we continue to prepare for the Great Fast, Meatfare Week is traditionally a week of ordinary fasting – that is, we fast only on Wednesday and Friday. It is called “Meatfare” because this is our last week to eat meat until Pascha, so we would traditionally eat (or preserve) all our meat this week. Meatfare Sunday (February 24th) ends Meatfare Week.

The Fast of Gheesefare Week

“Today this fast is considered a part of the Great Fast, a preparation period in which we enter gradually into the asceticism of the Fast. It originated, however, in the Oriental Orthodox (non-Chalcedonian) Churches and was separate from the Great Fast. It was called the Fast of Nineveh, and was observed three weeks before the Great Fast, in what is now the Week after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. The Byzantine Church would not observe it at the same time as those Churches with which it was not in communion and moved it to the week before the Great Fast.” – Fr. David Petras

GUILD PANCAKE BREAKFAST

After Divine Liturgy on Cheesefare Sunday, **March 3rd** (the last day for dairy before the Great Fast), enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet put on by St. Stephen's Guild. The menu will include pancakes, eggs, hash browns, fruit, coffee, juice, and milk. The price is \$6 for adults or \$3 for children under 12. Children 5 and under eat FREE. Carry outs will be available.



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 21st at 6:00 pm**. 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 on **Sunday, March 10th**.

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

Call for Readers

At St. Stephen, we want to develop a rotation of Readers to chant the Epistle at the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Please let us know if you would be willing to commit to learning how to do this and then being placed in the rotation. I would be eager to meet and practice with you – just let me know when would be a good time for you. – Fr. John



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

Our next meeting to learn and discuss the Nicene Creed will be on **Saturday, February 23rd** at **7:00pm** on after Vespers. Our session will be on the Resurrection of Christ. It may seem odd to prepare for the Great Fast with a lesson on the Resurrection, but we are Resurrection People and we look toward the great Feast of Pascha at the end of our spiritual exercise of Lent. Join us for this religious education program and delve deeper into our Byzantine Catholic faith!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, February 10th, 2019 was **57**. 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 10th, 2019 was **\$1827.00**

Average Weekly Collection: \$1807.94

Sunday: \$1525; Holy Day: \$45; Candles: \$47; Initial Offering: \$10; Fuel: \$140;
Fundraiser: \$60

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



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