



# 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, led by the Holy Spirit, is called to evangelize by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to welcoming and caring for all of God's children.

We are a parish of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Eparchy of Parma, 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.

"On the one hand, the East [should not] oppose as heretical the developments that took place in the West in the second millennium and [should] accept the Catholic Church as legitimate and orthodox in the form she [has] acquired in the course of that development, while, on the other hand, the West [should] 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





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Horizons has organized a 10-day pilgrimage to Rome in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Eparchy of Parma, **May 13-22**. Pilgrims will be led by Bishop Milan Lach, SJ, of Parma in prayer and in the discovery of the Byzantine Catholic facets of the Eternal City. Other highlights will include a General Audience with Pope Francis and visits to the Vatican Museums and other historic sites. Cost: \$3,725. Deadline: March 15. Info: [www.parma.org/romePilgrimage](http://www.parma.org/romePilgrimage) or (216) 470-3287.

# GREAT AND HOLY WEEK



PASCHA

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY

PALM SUNDAY

LAZARUS SATURDAY

5TH SUNDAY ST. MARY of EGYPT	35	36	37	38	39	40	
AKATHISTOS SATURDAY	34						
	33	32	31	30	29	28	4TH SUNDAY ST. JOHN of the LADDER
							4TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY
							26
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			3RD ALL SOULS SATURDAY	3RD SUNDAY VENERATION OF THE CROSS	ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS		MID LENT
							25
	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
			2ND SUNDAY ST. GREGORY PALAMAS	2ND ALL SOULS SATURDAY			10
							9
CLEAN MONDAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	1ST SUNDAY SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
							8

THE GREAT FAST  
2019

Sunday, March 3, 2019



CHEESEFARE SUNDAY. The Sunday of Forgiveness. Tone 8.

The Holy Martyr Eutropius and his Companions, Cleonicus and Basiliscus (308).

*8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18*

Romans 13:11b-14:4. Matthew 6:14-21.

8:45am Third Hour

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

*+Jack Bonacor, from Chuck Skiba (2-27-19)*

*+Joseph Humenik, from Peter & Donna Raupp (2-2-19)*

*Guild Pancake Breakfast after Divine Liturgy!*

10:30am ECF

12:00 noon Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, March 4, 2019



CLEAN MONDAY. Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan (475).

*Sixth Hour: Isaiah 1:1-20. Vespers: Genesis 1:1-13 • Proverbs 1:1-20.*

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 5, 2019



The Holy Martyr Conon (251).

*Sixth Hour: Isaiah 1:19-2:3. Vespers: Genesis 1:14-23 • Proverbs 1:20-33.*

Wednesday, March 6, 2019



The Holy Forty-two Martyrs of Ammorium (848).

*Sixth Hour: Isaiah 2:3-11. Vespers: Genesis 1:24-2:3 • Proverbs 2:1-22.*

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

6:00pm Ninth Hour

6:20 – 7:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

## Thursday, March 7, 2019



The Holy Martyrs and Bishops of Cherson: Basil, Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius and others (4th Century). The Passing of the Martyr the Priest-Exarch Leonid Feodorov (1935).

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 2:11-21. *Vespers:* Genesis 2:4-19 • Proverbs 3:1-18.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

*Parish Work Day*

## Friday, March 8, 2019



Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylact (845).

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 3:1-14. *Vespers:* Genesis 2:20-3:20 • Proverbs 3:19-34.

*Vespers Paramia:* Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

## Saturday, March 9, 2019

First Saturday of the Great Fast. The Miracle of St. Theodore the Recruit.

✙ The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste (320).



Hebrews 1:1-12. Hebrews 12:1-10. Mark 2:23-3:5. Matthew 20:1-16.

8:45am Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

*+David Himick, from Faith Himick*

*5:00pm Confessions*

*6:00pm Great Vespers*

*7:00pm I Believe - Faith Formation Session*

## Sunday, March 10, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY.

MEMORY OF THE HOLY PROPHETS. Tone 1.

The Holy Martyr Codratus and his Companions (250).

*9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* John 20:19-31.

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2a. John 1:43-51.

8:45am Third Hour

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

10:30am ECF

11:00am Guild Meeting



## LEGEND

- ⊕ Great Feast
- ☩ Feast with an All-night 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.

## GUILD PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY!

After Divine Liturgy today (Cheesefare Sunday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.



# 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  
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As we begin the Great Fast this year, we consider ways in which we can share our faith in Christ for all to see. One way to do that is by contributing to the needs supported by the Stewardship Appeal. Have you made your pledge or payment yet? If so, thank you! If not, there is still time! 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.

Our parish has met its goal of \$9,200. Thank you!

Our third session of the “I Believe” program will meet this week on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** after Vespers. Join us as we learn and discuss the Nicene Creed and specifically the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. Bring a friend! More information can be found online at [parma.org/ibelieve](http://parma.org/ibelieve).

## 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 details to come. Info: Joan Washburn (865) 696-7809.

# Lenten Day of Reflection

Sunday, **March 17th** at St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, 23300 King Drive, Clinton Township, MI. Special guest speaker is Sr. Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM. Sr. Mihalchick is a member of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great located in Uniontown, Pa. All are invited to begin the day by attending the Divine Liturgy at 11 a.m., which will be followed by a luncheon. Sr. Barbara's presentations will speak of the teachings of Jesus at the Last Supper. There will be time for group discussion. The Sacrament of Repentance (Confession) will be available. The day will end with a Lenten prayer service. All are welcome to experience this special time of reflection and prayer during Great Lent.

Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick is the Program Director of Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer, Uniontown, Pa. After teaching in the parochial schools for several years, Sister earned a Master's in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Sister served at the House of Prayer and in parish ministry. Beginning in 1989, Sister Barbara Jean was for twelve years the Assistant General Superior of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great with residence in Rome and frequent ministry among the Basilian Sisters in Eastern Europe. Sister is the Vocation Director for her religious community. Sister Barbara Jean regularly gives retreats and offers spiritual direction. Sister is a member of the Fayette County Anti-Trafficking Task Force.

# Pysanki Glasses



Pani Katie will be leading two Pysanki classes during the Great Fast. The first will be after the Divine Liturgy and Panachida for All Souls on **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** and the second will be after the Divine Liturgy on **April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Come and learn the ancient Slavic art of wax-resist egg decoration. These are a wonderful and traditional way to beautify your Easter baskets for Pascha! The Easter egg represents the tomb of Christ, from which new life comes.

Pysanky make beautiful gifts and are rich in symbolism. The eggs should be taken to the church on Easter Sunday to be blessed, after which they may be given away. Some may be given to the priest. They may be taken to the cemetery and placed on graves of the family. They may be given to your children or godchildren. They were often exchanged by the unmarried girls with the eligible men in the community. Several were saved to place in the coffin of loved ones who might die during the year. Remember that the eggs symbolize life coming out of the tomb. Young people were traditionally given pysanky with bright designs; dark pysanky were given to older people. A bowl full of pysanky may be kept in every home.

## PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

Our next joint meeting of both councils will be on **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Myres & Reardon Families** are 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!

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **50**. 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 February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **\$701.50**

Average Weekly Collection: \$1800.44

Sunday: \$637; Holy Day: \$5; Candles: \$28.50; Children: \$1; Initial Offering: \$10; Fuel: \$20

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



**Saint Stephen**

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