

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.

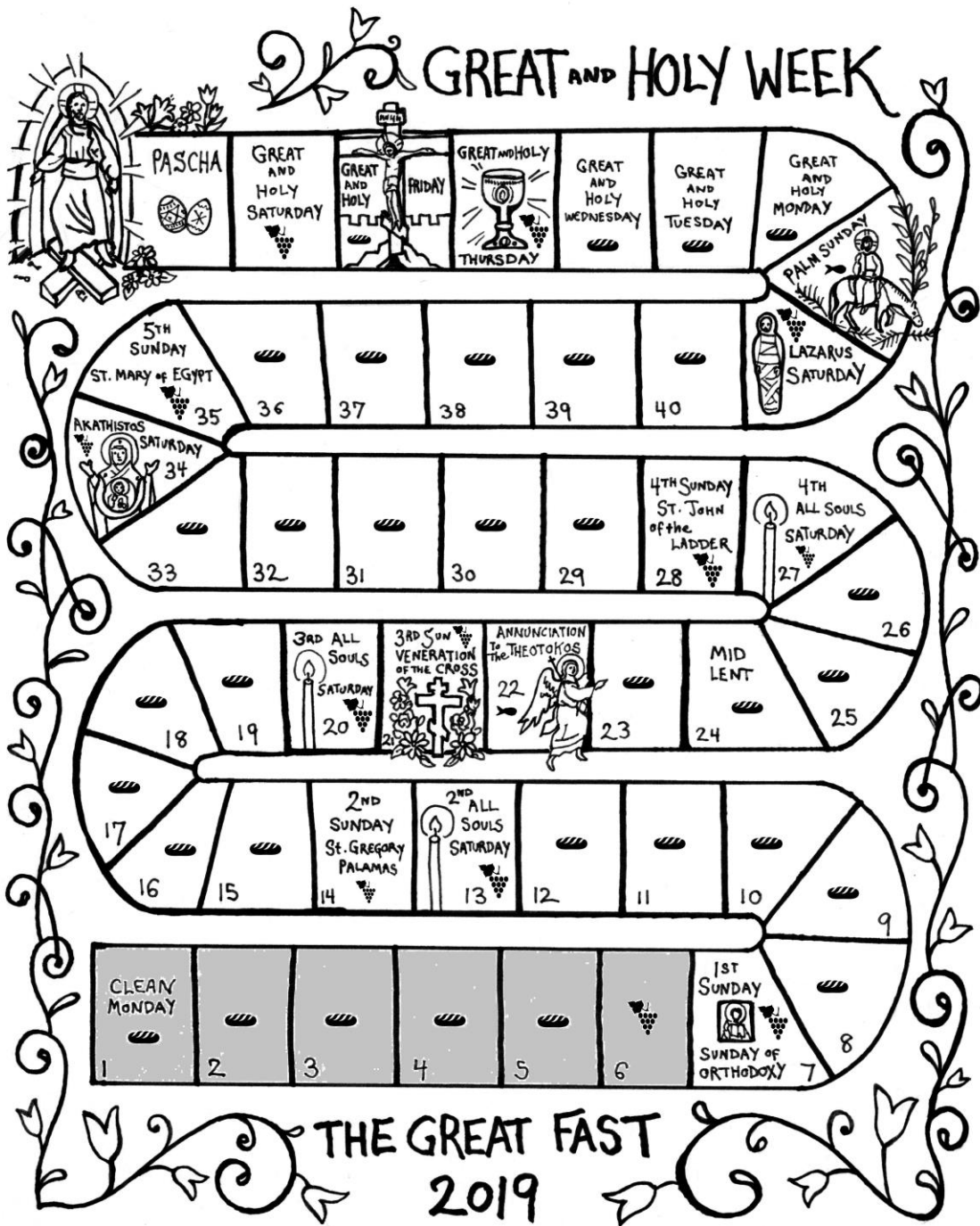
About the Parish

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





FASTING REGULATIONS AND LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES FOR LENT 2019

ABSTINENCE

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat or meat byproducts, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products. Abstinence is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great Fast.

STRICT ABSTINENCE

The law of strict abstinence forbids the use of meat, eggs and dairy products or any of their byproducts.

All adult faithful, who receive Eucharist, are obliged to observe strict abstinence on the first day of the Great Fast, March 4, on Great and Holy Friday, April 19, and all day Holy Saturday, April 20, until midnight.

Those with valid medical reasons, as well as pregnant or nursing mothers, are not bound to fast.

DISPENSATION

Pastors and administrators may, for a just cause, grant to individual faithful and individual families, dispensations or commutations of abstinence and strict abstinence into other pious practices.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

The Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom or St. Basil the Great are not to be celebrated on the weekdays of Great Lent, not even for funerals. In compliance with liturgical prescriptions, pastors and administrators should celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts during the Great Fast, that is, on Wednesdays and Fridays, if possible, and on at least one of the first three days of Great and Holy Week.

A stipend may be accepted for this Divine Liturgy; it is to be the only liturgy celebrated that day.

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of the Great Fast, a liturgical service may be celebrated; the Presanctified Gifts may be distributed, if there is pastoral need.

FUNERALS

A funeral may be served during weekdays of Great Lent without the Eucharist. However, if there is a real pastoral need, a Presanctified form is to be observed.

VESTMENT COLOR

Vestments worn on Sundays during the Great Fast are to be bright or white; dark vestments are to be worn on All Souls Saturdays and on the third Sunday of the Great Fast (the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross and on weekdays). This rule applies to liturgies celebrated in anticipation of Sunday as well. After the prokeimenon at Sunday evening Vespers, dark vestments are to be worn.

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

Monday, March 11, 2019



Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (644).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 4:2-6; 5:1-7. *Vespers:* Genesis 3:21-4:7 • Proverbs 3:34-4:22.

Tuesday, March 12, 2019



Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophane of the Sygrian Mountain (817).

Our Holy Father Gregory, Pope of Rome (604).

Our Holy Father Symeon, the New Theologian.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 5:7-16. *Vespers:* Genesis 4:8-15 • Proverbs 5:1-15.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019



The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople (846).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 5:16-25. *Vespers:* Genesis 4:16-26 • Proverbs 5:15-6:3.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

6:00pm Ninth Hour

6:30 – 7:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

for the health of Arthur Baize, from Betty & Paul Baize

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Thursday, March 14, 2019



Our Venerable Father Benedict (550).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 6:1-12. *Vespers:* Genesis 5:1-24 • Proverbs 6:3-20.

9:00am Terce-Sext

Parish Work Day

Friday, March 15, 2019



The Holy Martyr Agapius and his Companions (303).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 7:1-14. *Vespers:* Genesis 5:32-6:8 • Proverbs 6:20-7:1.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

6:00pm Akathist

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Second Saturday of the Great Fast. Soul Saturday.

The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Papas (287).

Hebrews 3:12-16. *for the departed:* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Mark 1:35-44. *for the departed:* John 5:24-30.

8:45am Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy – *followed by Panachida for All Souls*

5:00pm *Confessions*

6:00pm Great Vespers

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

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Sunday, March 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. ST. GREGORY PALAMAS. Tone 2.

Our Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God (411).

Our Holy Father Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland.

10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14

Hebrews 1:10-2:3. *for St Gregory*: Hebrews 7:26-8:2.

Mark 2:1-12. *for St Gregory*: John 10:9-16.

8:45am Third Hour

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

+David Himick, from Faith Himick (3-9-2019)

10:30am ECF



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.

What is Terce-Sext?

Also known at Trithekte, Terce-Sext is an ancient sung liturgical service (*asmatic office*) of the Great Church of Constantinople (*Hagia Sophia*). This service was until recently extinct.* It may be celebrated in place of Third Hour & Sixth Hour on weekdays of the Great Fast (*"aliturgal" days*). It begins with a service of three antiphons and a small entrance, like the Divine Liturgy. The Troparia of the Prophecy, the Prokeimena, and the Readings that are now usually assigned to Sixth Hour during the Great Fast were originally part of Terce-Sext. "Probably the most ancient existing element [of the Triodion] is the daily cycle of the *troparia of the prophecy*."[†]

* Ioannes Phountoules published a practical edition of Trithekte for the Church of Greece in *Κείμενα Λειτουργικῆς* (Thessalonica: 1977). The Byzantine Catholic Seminary together with the Metropolitan Cantor institute published a practical edition of Terce-Sext for our particular Church in 2005.

[†] Mother Mary and Kallistos Ware. *The Lenten Triodion* (South Canaan: St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, 1994), page 40.



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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 or (216) 470-3287.

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 remember during this penitential season to give of our time, talent, and treasure. God has graced each of us with many gifts and talents. How are you using these gifts to build up the Kingdom of God? What treasure do you have stored here on earth that could be offered for the Kingdom? Please consider supporting the Stewardship Appeal today! Mail in the cut-out form in Horizons, or visit us online at parma.org/ibelieve to submit your monthly or one-time donation. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Our fourth session of the “I Believe” program will meet this week on **Saturday, March 16th at 7:00pm** after Vespers. Please join us as we learn and discuss the Second Coming of Christ that we profess in the Nicene Creed.

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.

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 30th** and the second will be after the Divine Liturgy on **April 6th**. 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 11th 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 today, **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 Ostentoski & Sutyak Families are scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Myres & Reardon Families** and to all who worked and cleaned this past week. May God grant them many years!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 was **49**. 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 March 3rd, 2019 was **\$1080.00**

Average Weekly Collection: \$1792.68

Sunday: \$1025.80; Holy Day: \$11; Candles: \$44

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



Saint Stephen

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