

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.

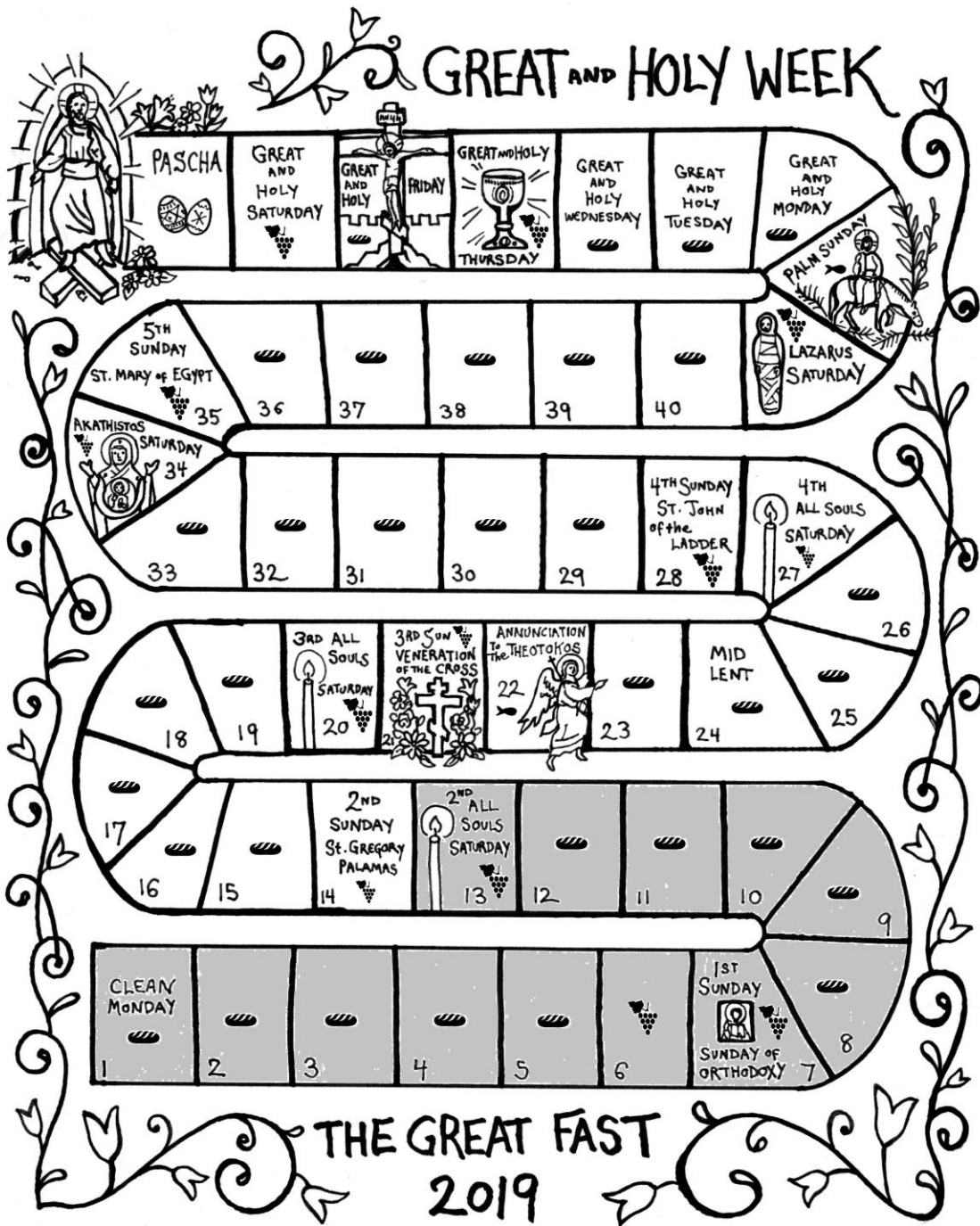
About the Parish

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 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



Monday, March 18, 2019

Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 8:13-9:7. Vespers: Genesis 6:9-22 • Proverbs 8:1-21.



Tuesday, March 19, 2019

The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria (c. 253).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 9:9-10:4. Vespers: Genesis 7:1-5 • Proverbs 8:32-9:11.



Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Our Venerable Fathers of the Saint Sabbas Monastery, killed by Saracens (796).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 10:12-20. Vespers: Genesis 7:6-9 • Proverbs 9:12-18.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

6:00pm Ninth Hour

6:30 – 7:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy



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Thursday, March 21, 2019



Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania (8th Century).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 11:10-12:2. *Vespers:* Genesis 7:11-8:4 • Proverbs 10:1-22.

9:00am Terce-Sext

Parish Work Day

Friday, March 22, 2019



The Holy Martyr Basilides, Priest of Ancyra (363).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 13:2-13. *Vespers:* Genesis 8:4-21 • Proverbs 10:31-11:12.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

Saturday, March 23, 2019



Third Saturday of the Great Fast. Soul Saturday.

The Holy Venerable-Martyr Nikon and his Students martyred with him (250).

Our Holy Mother Rafka.

Hebrews 10:32-38a. *for the departed:* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Mark 2:14-17. *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 24, 2019

3rd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Tone 3.

Pre-festive Day of the Annunciation. Our Venerable Father Zachary.

Our Holy Father Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia of Pisidia.

Our Holy Father Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador.



11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25

Hebrews 4:14-5:6. Mark 8:34b-9:1.

8:45am Third Hour

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

10:30am ECF

Monday, March 25, 2019



⊕ THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 14:24-32.

Vespers: Genesis 8:21-9:7 • Proverbs 11:19-12:6. • Exodus 3:1-8 • Proverbs 8:22-31

Hebrews 2:11-18. Luke 1:24-38.

7:00pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation

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



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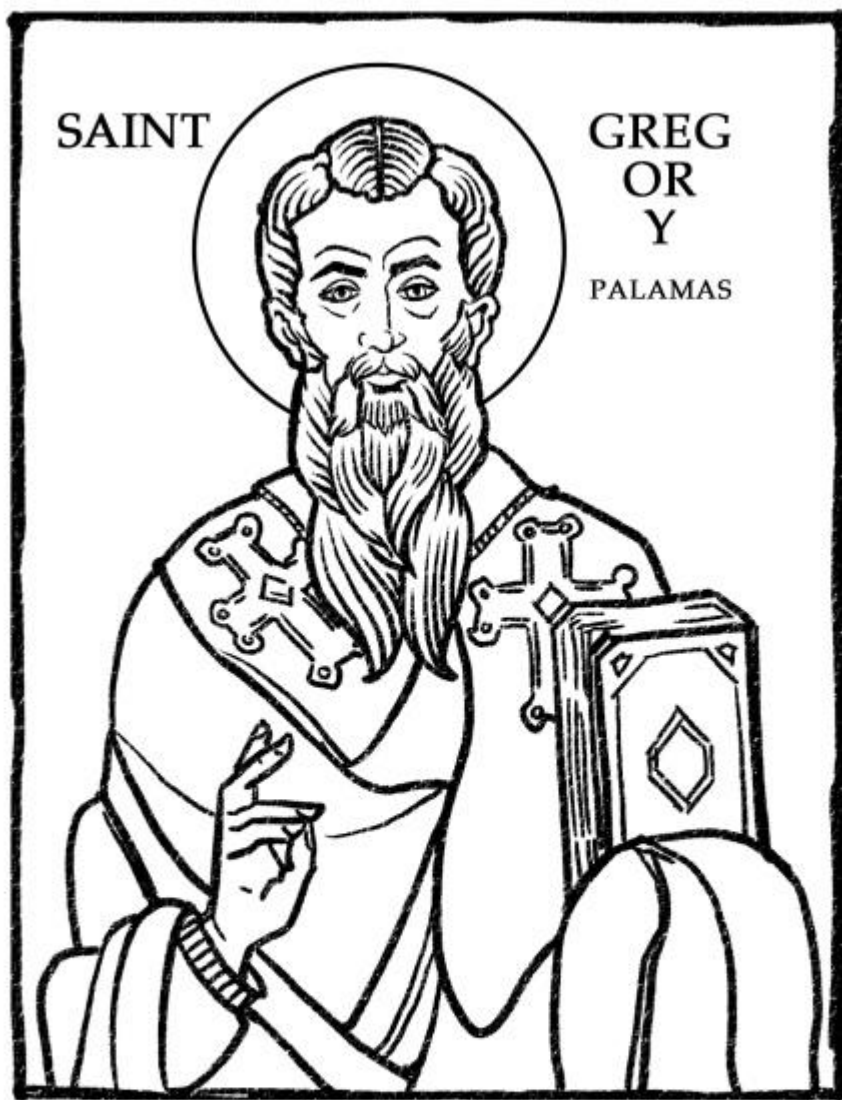
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SWEET ROLLS, MUFFINS, & MERCHANDISE SALE TODAY!

Come to hall for sweet rolls, muffins, and coffee after Liturgy today (March 17th) and be sure to check out the merchandise on offer by Oles Cheren. He has a large selection of religious and Slavic merchandise, including books, CDs, DVDs, embroidery imported from Ukraine, jewelry, magnets, and T-shirts. The focus of the display will be Pascha. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to our parish. We encourage both parishioners and guests to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity.



TO THOSE WHO RESPECT AND WORSHIP HIM, AND WHO
LOVE AND KEEP HIS COMMANDS, HE PROMISES AND GIVES
THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM AND PERPETUAL AND PAINLESS LIFE,
AND LIFE IMMORTAL, AND UNSETTING LIGHT TO ENJOY.



Please remember the annual Stewardship Appeal as you prepare for the upcoming Feast of Pascha. Visit parma.org/ibelieve to make your one-time or monthly donation today. Thank you for your generosity!

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

We will continue our weekly sessions of the “I Believe” program with a presentation on the Final Judgement. We will meet on **Saturday, March 23rd at 7:00pm** after Vespers. I hope to see you there!

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.



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, **Sunday, April 7th at 11am.**

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 & Sutyak Families** and to all who worked and cleaned this past week. May God grant them many years!



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.

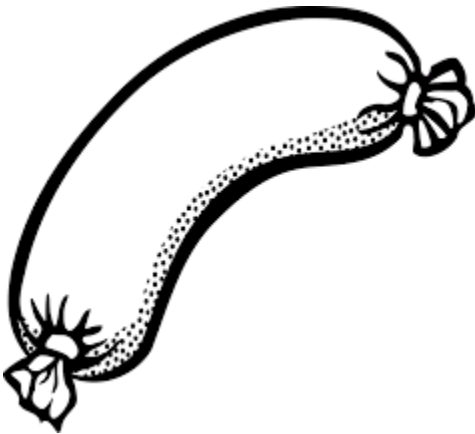


PASKA BREAD & BUTTER LAMBS!

St. Stephen Guild will be baking paska bread and making butter lambs for Pascha. These are must-have foods for your Easter basket.



The Paska bread is \$10, with or without raisins and the butter lambs are \$2. You may place your orders with Louise Dalbo (313-382-6788 or louisedalbo@gmail.com) on or before April 7th.

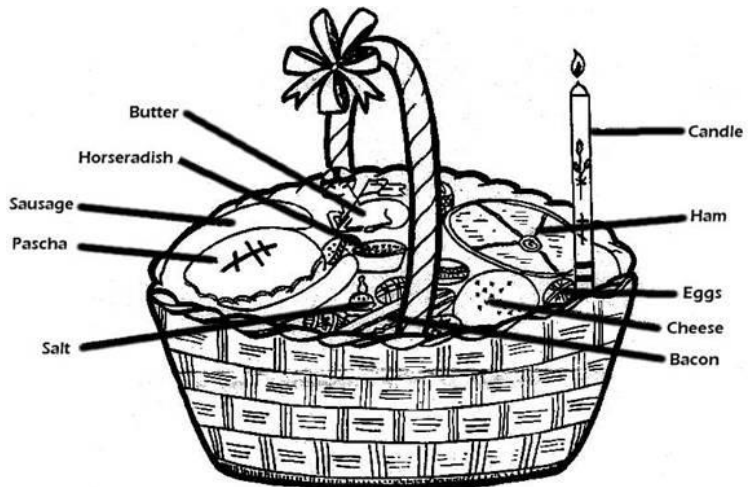


KOLBASZ!

Similar to kielbasa, kolbasz is a traditional Hungarian sausage and an excellent food to include in your Easter baskets. St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Oregon, OH will be making these sausages and selling them for Pascha. They sell for \$5 per pound fresh and \$6 per pound smoked. You may place your orders with Louise Dalbo (313-382-6788 or louisedalbo@gmail.com) before April 7th.

CANDLES

St. Stephen has a supply of beautiful decorative candles that are suitable for the Easter basket. They sell for \$20. See Fr. John or Louise Dalbo.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, March 10th, 2019 was **52**. 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 10th, 2019 was **\$1520.50**

Average Weekly Collection: \$1805.42

Sunday: \$1465.50; Holy Day: \$10; Flowers: \$10; Candles: \$34; Children: \$1

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



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