

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

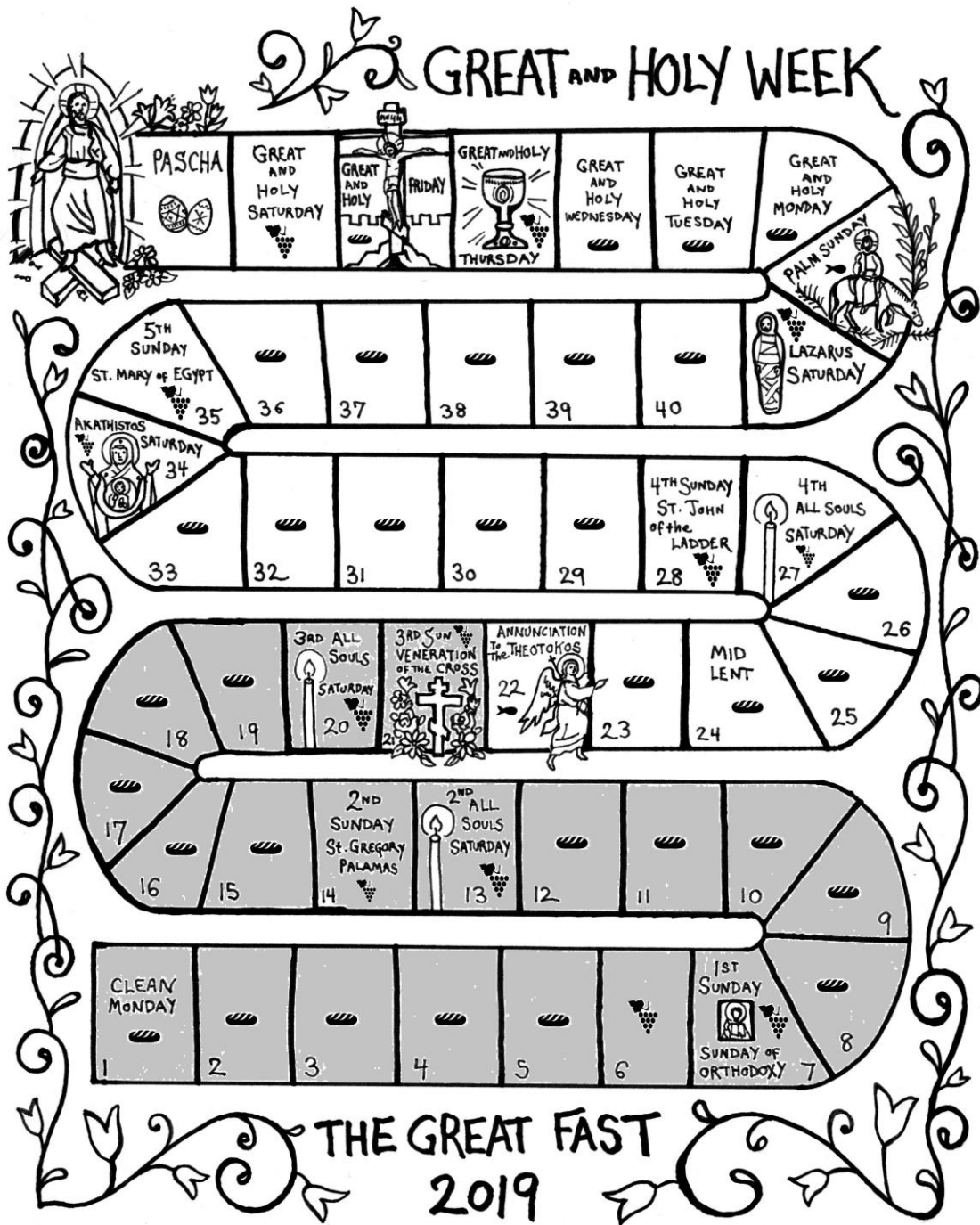
### About the Parish

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church, 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 24, 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Tuesday, March 26, 2019



Leave-taking of the Annunciation. ⌘ The Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel.

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 25:1-9. *Vespers:* Genesis 9:8-17 • Proverbs 12:8-22.

## Wednesday, March 27, 2019



Mid-Lent. Our Venerable Mother Matrona of Thessalonica (c. 350).

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 26:21-27:9. *Vespers:* Genesis 9:18-10:1 • Proverbs 12:23-13:9.

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 28, 2019



Our Venerable Father Hilary the Younger (754).  
The Holy Stephen the Wonder-worker.

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 28:14-22. *Vespers:* Genesis 10:32-11:9 • Proverb 13:19-14:6.

9:00am Terce-Sext

*Parish Work Day*

## Friday, March 29, 2019



Our Venerable Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, the Deacon Cyril, and Others who suffered martyrdom under Julian the Apostate (364).

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 29:13-23. *Vespers:* Genesis 12:1-7 • Proverbs 14:15-26.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

6:00pm Akathist

## Saturday, March 30, 2019



Fourth Saturday of the Great Fast. Soul Saturday.

Our Venerable Father John Climacus, Author of “The Ladder” (649).

Hebrews 6:9-12 & *for the departed:* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Mark 7:31-37 & *for the departed:* John 5:24-30.

8:45am Third Hour

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

11:00am Pysanki Class in the small hall

5:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Great Vespers

7:00pm I Believe - Faith Formation Session

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# Sunday, March 31, 2019

4th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS. Tone 4.  
Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra (326).

*1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20*

*Hebrews 6:13-20 & for St. John: Ephesians 5:8b-19.*

*Mark 9:17-31 & for St. John: Matthew 4:25-5:12a.*







8:45am Third Hour

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

10:30am ECF

## LEGEND

⊕	Great Feast		by tradition, a strict fast day (no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil)
⦿	Feast with an All-night Vigil		by tradition, a fast day permitting wine and oil. (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)
✙	Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins		by tradition, a fast day permitting fish, wine, and oil (no meat, dairy, or eggs)
⦿	Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins		by tradition, a fast day permitting dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil (no meat)
⦿	Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers		

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PASCHAL VIGIL – by Fr. David Petras

The Byzantine Church has three services to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord:

- 1) Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil - [this is the] Paschal Vigil;
- 2) Matins (Orthros) of Pascha, which begins with a procession to the empty tomb;
- 3) The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

In the Slav Byzantine tradition, there is also the service of the blessing of “Easter Baskets,” which represents the sanctification of foods that the faithful have abstained from during the Great Fast. Very often, it is this extra-liturgical service that is most important for the faithful, and which is not found in the Melkite tradition....

The Paschal vigil is the most ancient rite of the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. It is common to both the Eastern and Western Church. The foundation of our faith in God’s *economia*, his plan of salvation, is his Resurrection, confirming that he is our light and life. Our profession of faith is “He rose on the third day according to the scriptures.” The first day is Friday, the day on which Christ died on the cross. The second day begins at sunset on Friday, according to the Jewish reckoning of a day, and it represents his repose in the tomb. The third day, therefore, begins at sunset on Saturday. It is the day of resurrection, and the early Christians marked sunset with the office of Vespers, to which they joined the Divine Liturgy as an outpouring of the joy proclaimed in the gospel of this Liturgy in the angelic words, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. (Matthew 28:5-6)” This service is described in detail in the tenth century in the Typicon of the Great Church, and it was already a tradition of great antiquity

# 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.



## I BELIEVE Faith Formation Program

### Weekly Lessons:

#### Great Fast

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

This week's "I Believe" session will be on the Everlasting Kingdom and General Resurrection that we profess during the Nicene Creed. Please join us on **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** after Vespers and learn more about our Byzantine Catholic faith!

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Raupp 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!

## 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.**



## ByzanTeen Lenten Day of Reflection

Christ the Bridegroom Monastery will host the annual ByzanTeen Lenten Day of Reflection (for ages 12-18), on Palm Sunday, **April 14, 2019**, from 12:30-4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Parma, Ohio. This year's program is titled Journey with Jesus: From "Hosanna" to "Crucify Him" to "He is risen!". The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Divine liturgy at the Cathedral: 1900 Carlton Rd. in Parma. After Divine Liturgy, lunch will be served, and the program will begin. We will lead breakout sessions about the services of Great & Holy Week, followed by a talk by Bishop Milan. Please RSVP to Kim Kocuba at [smbevents@ameritech.net](mailto:smbevents@ameritech.net) or 216-337-2673 by April 11. Bring a friend! We hope to see you!

## HORIZONS' PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Deadline extended to April 15



Registration for Horizons' 10-day pilgrimage to Rome has been extended to April 15. Join Horizons on a pilgrimage of Byzantine Catholic Rome, May 13-22, accompanied by Bishop Milan Lach, SJ, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Eparchy of Parma. Highlights will include a General Audience with Pope Francis and visits to the Vatican Museums and other historic sites. Cost: \$3,725. Deadline: April 15. Info: (216) 470-3287 or [www.parma.org/romepilgrimage](http://www.parma.org/romepilgrimage).

### VIDEO CONTEST FOR TEENS:

Horizons Media is inviting all teens, 13-18 years old, to join in the 50th-anniversary celebration of the Eparchy of Parma and participate in a video contest about life at their parish. The video should be 2-5 minutes long. Contest Deadline: **June 1, 2019**. For contest rules, go to: [www.parma.org/videocontest](http://www.parma.org/videocontest).

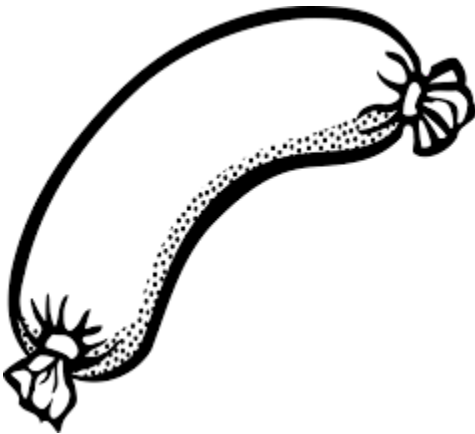


## PASKA BREAD & BUTTER LAMBS!

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](mailto:louisedalbo@gmail.com)) on or before April 7th.

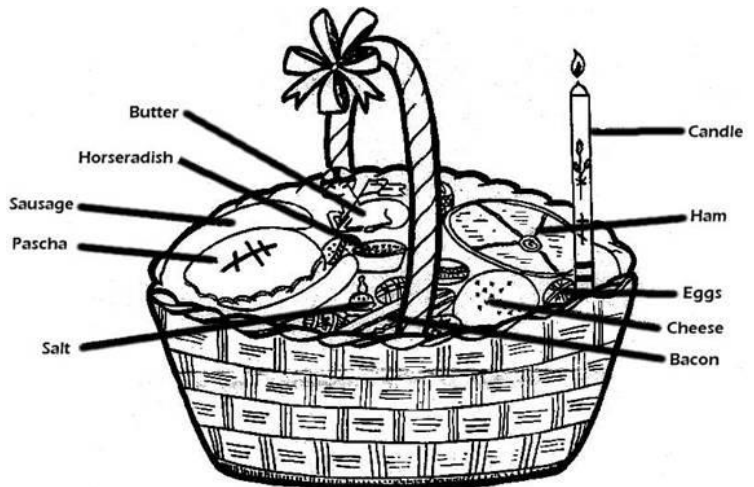


## KOLBASZ!

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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **50**. 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 March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **\$1868.25**

Average Weekly Collection: \$1813.33

Sunday: \$1538; Holy Day: \$86; Fuel: \$27; Flowers: \$88; Candles: \$129.25

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



**Saint Stephen**

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