

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 31<sup>st</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.

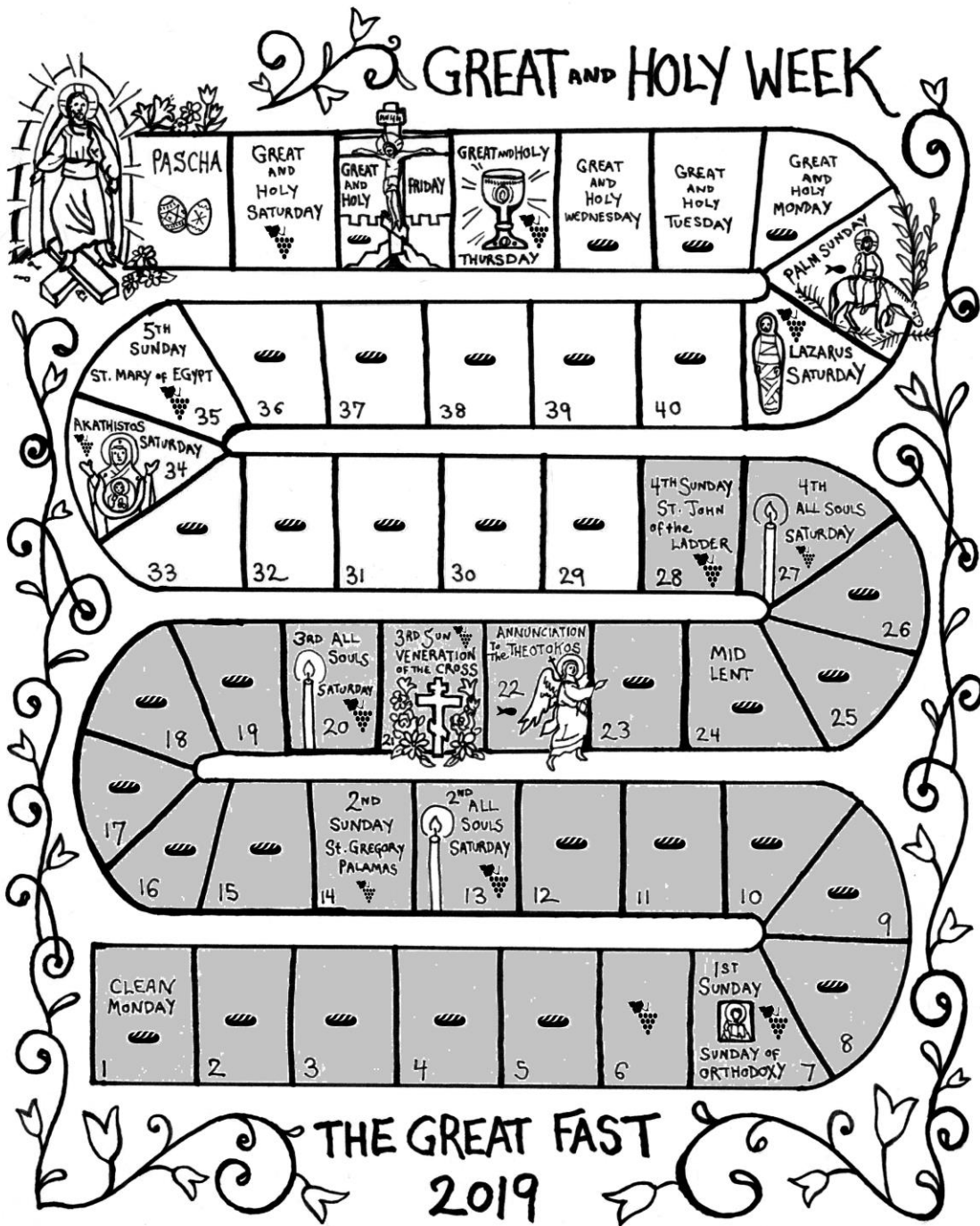
### **About the Parish**

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.

"We wish to be taken seriously when we tell you that our tradition, in its fullness, is Eastern and Orthodox, not Latin and Western." - H. B. Patriarch Gregorios III during the Synod of Bishops: Special Assembly for the Middle East, Rome October 10-24, 2010





## **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 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



## Monday, April 1, 2019

Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt (c. 530).



*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 37:33-38:6. *Vespers:* Genesis 13:12-18 • Proverbs 14:27-15:4.

## Tuesday, April 2, 2019



Our Venerable Father Titus the Wonder-worker (9th Century).

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 40:18-31. *Vespers:* Genesis 15:1-15 • Proverbs 15:7-19.

9:00am Third Hour

## Wednesday, April 3, 2019



Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of Medikion (824).

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 41:4-14. *Vespers:* Genesis 17:1-9 • Proverbs 15:20-16:9.

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, April 4, 2019



THE GREAT CANON OF OUR HOLY FATHER ANDREW OF CRETE.

Our Venerable Fathers, Joseph the Hymnographer (883)

and George of Maleon (9th Century).

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 42:5-16. *Vespers:* Genesis 18:20-33 • Proverb 16:17-33.

9:00am Terce-Sext

*Parish Work Day*

6:00pm THE GREAT CANON OF SAINT ANDREW OF CRETE

Friday, April 5, 2019



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The Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathopodes and their Companions (303).

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 45:11-17. *Vespers:* Genesis 22:1-18 • Proverbs 17:17-18:5.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

6:00pm Akathist



Saturday, April 6, 2019

Fifth Saturday of the Great Fast. Akathistos Saturday.

Our Holy Father Eutyches, Archbishop of Constantinople (582).

✙ The Passing of our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs (885).

Hebrews 9:24-28 & for *Akathistos*: Hebrews 9:1-7.

Mark 8:27-31 & for *Akathistos*: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

8:45pm Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

*+Josefa Patrick, from Marron Family*

*10:15am 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, April 7, 2019

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. OUR VEN. MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT. Tone 5.  
Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene (816).

*2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8*

*Hebrews 9:11-14 & for St. Mary: Galatians 3:23-29.*

*Mark 10:32b-45 & for St. Mary: Luke 7:36-50.*



8:45am Third Hour





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

*+Josefa Patrick, from Marron Family (4-6-2019)*

10:30am ECF

11:00am Guild Meeting

## LEGEND

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| ⊕ | 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 Six Stichera at Vespers |  | by tradition, a fast day permitting dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil (no meat)    |

## Pysanki Glass

Pani Katie will be leading one more Pysanki class. It 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.





**We are now in our final month for the 2019 Stewardship Appeal.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated and thanks to everyone's contribution, we hope to finish this year's campaign strong! If you haven't pledged yet, please do so today! You may mail in the cut-out form in Horizons, or visit us online at [parma.org/ibelieve](http://parma.org/ibelieve) to make your monthly or one-time donation.

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

Our "I Believe" religious education program will be on the Church this week and is hosted by Bishop Milan! Join us on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm after Vespers to learn what the Church is and why it is included in the Nicene Creed. Bring a friend!

## 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. They meet next on **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.

**Louise Dalbo** is 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!

## 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).





## St Nick's Icon Workshop

### Saint Nicholas, Clinton Township

The weekend of May 31 to June 2, St Nick's in Clinton Twp, Mich., will be having an icon workshop. It will begin Friday evening and run through Sunday. Participants will make an icon of either St.



Michael the Archangel, or the Archangel Gabriel, which is theirs to keep. Cost is \$135, which includes all supplies. As always, other parishes are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information and for the registration sheet, please see our website, [www.stnicksdetroit.com](http://www.stnicksdetroit.com), or contact the parish office (586)-791-1052.

## 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).

## PRAYER FOR FALLEN-AWAY CATHOLICS

Horizons Press is offering a prayer booklet for the intention of fallen-away Catholics. "The Moleben to the Mother of God, Searcher for the Lost" includes specific prayers for each day of the week. The cost of the 24-page booklet is \$7, and includes postage. To order, fill out the form in the March 24 issue of Horizons or at <https://parma.org/moleben-prayer-booklet>, enclose payment and mail it to: **HORIZONS PRESS, 5000 Rockside Road, Suite 310, Independence, OH 44131**. For more information, email [horizons@parma.org](mailto:horizons@parma.org). Orders are mailed only after full payment is received. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery.

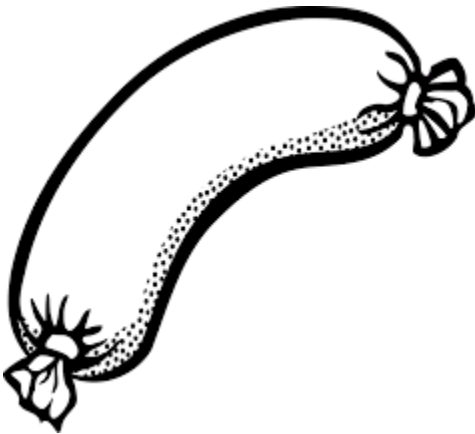


## PASKA BREAD & BUTTER LAMBS!

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.

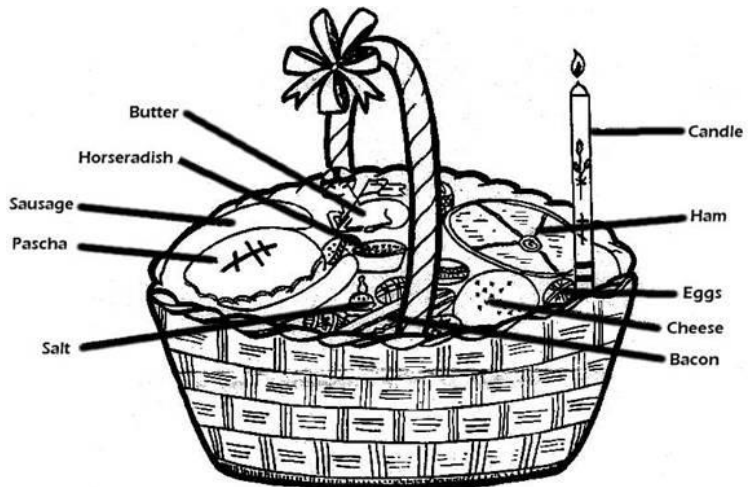


## KOLBASZ!

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **65**. 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **\$1173**

Average Weekly Collection: \$1812.71

Sunday: \$1019; Holy Day: \$66; Children: \$2; Fuel: \$67; Flowers: \$30; Candles: \$35;  
Pascha: \$20

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



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