

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 7th, 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.

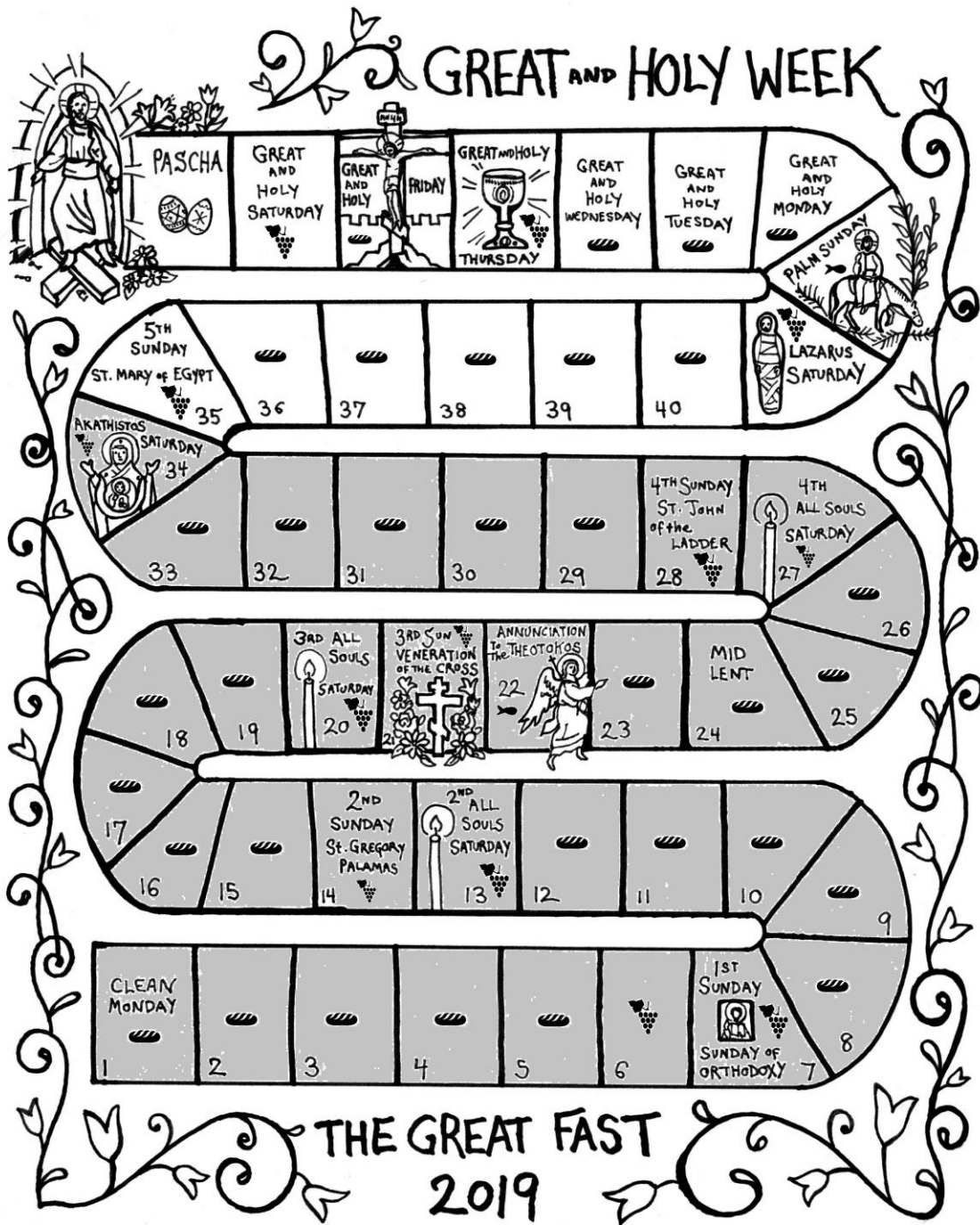
About the Parish

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







CHOCOLATE BYZANTINE CROSSES!

St. Michael's is making 1 oz Chocolate Byzantine Crosses They sell for \$2.50 each or 3 for \$6.00. Place your orders with Louise Dalbo (313-382-6788 or louisedalbo@gmail.com). They will be available to pick up during Holy Week in time to put into your Easter baskets. Proceeds to benefit St. Michael's ECF Classes.

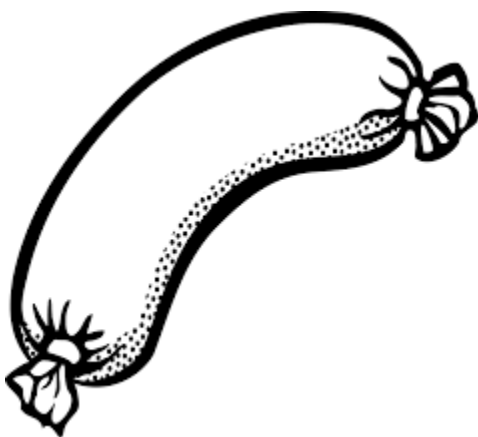


PASKA BREAD & BUTTER LAMBS!

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) **Today, April 7th, is the last day to place orders.**

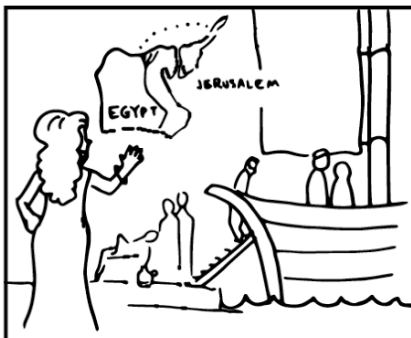


KOLBASZ!

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). **Today, April 7th, is the last day to place orders.**

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THE LIFE OF
ST. MARY
OF
EGYPT

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MARY WAS FROM EGYPT, AND SHE LIVED A LIFE OF SHAME. ONE DAY SHE GOT ON A BOAT TO GO TO JERUSALEM.

SHE WANTED TO GO IN THE CHURCH TO SEE THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS...



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...BUT SHE COULDN'T GO IN! SHE SAW AN ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, AND WEPT FOR ALL HER SINS.

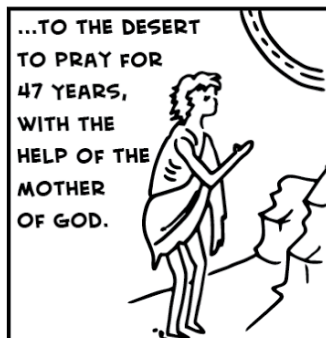
SHE HEARD A VOICE FROM THE HEAVENS...



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"Cross the Jordan to find glorious rest."
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...SO SHE WENT ACROSS THE JORDAN...



...TO THE DESERT TO PRAY FOR 47 YEARS, WITH THE HELP OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.



SHE MET FR. ZOSIMAS IN THE DESERT. WHEN HE BROUGHT HER HOLY COMMUNION SHE WALKED ACROSS THE JORDAN AS ON DRY LAND.



WHEN ST. MARY REPOSED, FR. ZOSIMAS COVERED HER FEET WITH HIS TEARS, AND A LION DUG HER GRAVE. LATER, FR. ZOSIMAS TOLD HER STORY TO OTHERS, BRINGING HOPE TO SINNERS AND GLORY TO GOD.

HOLY ST. MARY OF EGYPT, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!

Sunday, April 7, 2019

5TH 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

Monday, April 8, 2019



The Holy Apostles Herodian, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, and Hermes.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 48:17-49:4. Vespers: Genesis 27:1-41 • Proverbs 19:16-25.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019



The Holy Martyr Euphychius (c. 362).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 49:6-10. Vespers: Genesis 31:3-16 • Proverbs 21:3-21.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019



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The Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompey, and their Companions (250).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 58:1-11. Vespers: Gen 43:26-31; 45:1-16 • Proverbs 21:23-22:4.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

6:00pm Ninth Hour & Typika

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

* "Simple abstinence [from meat] or an equivalent penance [with dispensation from the pastor or administrator] is to be observed on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast." *The Norms of Particular Law of the Byzantine Metropolitan Church sui iuris of Pittsburgh, U.S.A., Canon 880 §2*

Thursday, April 11, 2019



The Holy Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum in Asia (c. 92).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 65:8-16. Vespers: Genesis 46:1-7 • Proverbs 23:15-24:5.

9:00am Terce-Sext

Parish Work Day

6:00pm Councils Meeting

7:00pm Office of Holy Repentance

-two priests will be available for confession (Fr. Mychail & Fr. John)

Friday, April 12, 2019



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Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parium (735).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 66:10-24. Vespers: Genesis 49:33-50:26 • Proverbs 31:8-32.

9:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

6:00pm Akathist

Saturday, April 13, 2019

LAZARUS SATURDAY.



Hebrews 12:28-13:8. John 11:1-45.

8:45pm Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

+Eugene & +Angeline Dalbo, from Louise Dalbo

5:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Great Vespers

7:00pm I Believe - Faith Formation Session

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Sunday, April 14, 2019



⊕ PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY.

Vespers: Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12 • Zephaniah 3:14-19 • Zachariah 9:9-15.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17.

Philippians 4:4-9. John 12:1-18.

8:45am Third Hour

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

+Eugene & +Angeline Dalbo, from Louise Dalbo (4-13-17)

10:30am ECF

Monday, April 15, 2019



GREAT & HOLY MONDAY.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 21:18-43. *Third Hour:* Matthew 1:1-16:12.

Sixth Hour: Ezekiel 1:1-20 • Matthew 16:13-28:20. *Ninth Hour:* Mark 1:1-9:16.

Vespers: Exodus 1:1-20 • Job 1:1-12. *Presanctified Liturgy:* Matthew 24:3-35.

8:00am Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 16, 2019



GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 22:15-23:39. *Third Hour:* Mark 9:17-16:20.

Sixth Hour: Ezekiel 1:21-2:1 • Luke 1:1-8:39. *Ninth Hour:* Luke 8:40-16:18.

Vespers: Exodus 2:5-10 • Job 1:13-22. *Presanctified Liturgy:* Matthew 24:36-26:2.

8:00am Bridegroom Matins

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY.



Matins Gospel: John 12:17-50. Third Hour: Luke 16:19-24:53.

Sixth Hour: Ezekiel 2:3-3:3 • John 1:1-7:36. Ninth Hour: John 7:37-13:32.

Vespers: Exodus 2:11-22 • Job 2:1-10. Presanctified Liturgy: Matthew 26:6-16.

8:00am Bridegroom Matins

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy with Holy Anointing

Thursday, April 18, 2019

GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY.



Matins Gospel: Luke 22:1-39. First Hour: Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15.

Vespers: Exodus 19:10-19 • Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5 • Isaiah 50:4-11.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32. Composite Gospel: Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-17;

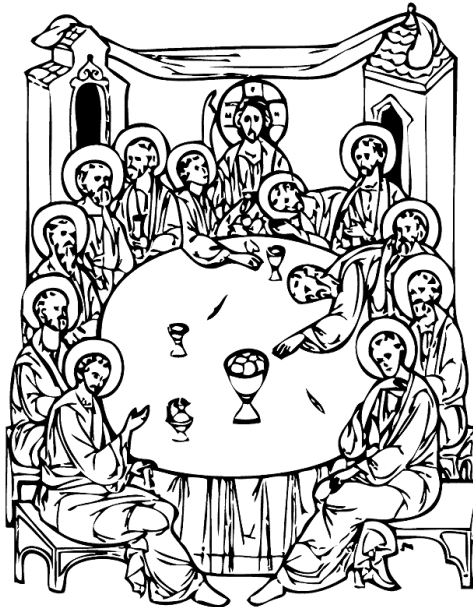
Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matthew 26:40-27:2.

8:00am Matins & First Hour for Great & Holy Thursday

6:00pm Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

+Rev. Cyril Attak, from Judith Ng

8:00pm Strasti – Matins for Great & Holy Friday



Friday, April 19, 2019

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY.



Matins: The Twelve Passion Gospels: (1) John 13:31b-18:1 • (2) John 18:1-28 • (3) Matthew 26:57-75 • (4) John 18:28-19:16 • (5) Matthew 27:3-32 • (6) Mark 15:16-32a • (7) Matthew 27:33-54 • (8) Luke 23:32-49 • (9) John 19:25-37 • (10) Mark 15:43-47 • (11) John 19:38-42 • (12) Matthew 27:62-66.

First Hour: Zachariah 11:10-13 • Galatians 6:14-18 • Matthew 27:1-56.

Third Hour: Isaiah 50:4-11 • Romans 5:6-11 • Mark 15:16-41.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 52:13-54:1 • Hebrews 2:11-18 • Luke 23:32-49.

Ninth Hour: Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15 • Hebrews 10:19-31 • John 18:28-19:37.

Vespers: Exodus 33:11-23 • Job 42:12-17 • Isaiah 52:13-54:1 •

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2 • *Composite Gospel:* Matthew 27:1-38;

Luke 23:39-43; Matthew 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matthew 27:55-61.

9:00am Royal Hours

6:00pm Burial Vespers – *after which, we Guard the Tomb until midnight*



* "All adult faithful, who receive Eucharist, are obliged to observe strict abstinence on Great and Holy Friday, April 19." - FASTING REGULATIONS AND LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES FOR LENT 2019

Saturday, April 20, 2019

GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY.



Matins: Ezekiel 37:1-14 • 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, Galatians 3:13-14 • Matthew 27:62-66.

Vespers: (1) Genesis 1:1-13 • (2) Isaiah 60:1-16 • (3) Exodus 12:1-11 •

(4) Jonah 1:1-4:11 • (5) Joshua 5:10-15 • (6) Exodus 13:20-15:19 •

(7) Zephaniah 3:8-15 • (8) 1 [3] Kings 17:8-24 • (9) Isaiah 61:10b-62:5 •

(10) Genesis 22:1-18 • (11) Isaiah 61:1-10a • (12) 2 [4] Kings 4:8-37 •

(13) Isaiah 63:11-64:5 • (14) Jeremiah 31:31-34 • (15) Daniel 3:1-88 (LXX)

Romans 6:3-11. Matthew 28:1-20.

12:00 midnight – Jerusalem Matins for Great & Holy Saturday

2:00pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great



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Sunday, April 21, 2019

⊕ PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Acts 1:1-8. John 1:1-17.

9:00am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets in the hall

1:00pm Agape Vespers



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 (no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil)



by tradition, a fast day permitting wine and oil. (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



by tradition, a fast day permitting fish, wine, and oil (no meat, dairy, or eggs)



by tradition, a fast day permitting dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil (no meat)



We have just three weeks left for the 2018/19 Annual Stewardship Appeal. If you have not donated yet, please prayerfully consider how you can help the eparchy financially this year. Visit parma.org/ibelieve to make a donation. Thank you for your generosity!

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

We have two sessions left of our “I Believe” program. This week we will learn about Baptism and what that means to us as Byzantine Catholics. Join us on Saturday, April 13th at 7:00pm after Vespers for this exciting session!

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 today on **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 Ostentoski and Sutyak Families are scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **Louise Dalbo** 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 11th 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 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.



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, 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.

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. Orders are mailed only after full payment is received. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, March 31st, 2019 was **53**. 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 31st, 2019 was **\$999**

Average Weekly Collection: \$1767.85

Sunday: \$911; Holy Day: \$35; Children: \$1; Fuel: \$5; Flowers: \$5; Candles: \$42;

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



Saint Stephen

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