



## SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **Christ is Risen! Welcome!**

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

## 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

*for +John & +Mary Strach & +John & +Maria Lukas,*

*from Maryalice Lukas (4-22-19)*

*followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets in the hall*

### 1:00pm Agape Vespers

## Monday, April 22, 2019

BRIGHT MONDAY. Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sykiot (c. 613).

*Agape Vespers Gospel: John 20:19-25.*

Acts 1:12-17, 21-26. John 1:18-28.

### 7:00pm Divine Liturgy

*+John & +Mary Strach & +John & +Maria Lukas,*

*from Maryalice Lukas*

## Tuesday, April 23, 2019

BRIGHT TUESDAY. ⊕ THE HOLY AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE  
THE WONDER-WORKER (303).

Acts 2:14-21. Luke 24:12-35.

## Wednesday, April 24, 2019 – *no fasting!*

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY. The Holy Martyr Sabbas the General (272).

Acts 2:22-36. John 1:35-51.

### 8:00am Resurrection Matins & Paschal Hour

### 6:00pm Agape Vespers

### 7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Bright Thursday

*for the health of Franklyn Boehm, from Paul & Betty Baize*

## Thursday, April 25, 2019

BRIGHT THURSDAY. † The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

Acts 2:38-43. John 3:1-15.

## Friday, April 26, 2019 – *no fasting!*

BRIGHT FRIDAY. The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (322).

Acts 3:1-8. John 2:12-22.

**8:00am Resurrection Matins & Paschal Hour**

**9:00am Divine Liturgy for Bright Friday**

*+Ernest Semak, from Ceil Burja & Char Bonacor*

**6:00pm Agape Vespers**

## Saturday, April 27, 2019

BRIGHT SATURDAY. ☩ The Holy Bishop-Martyr Simeon, Relative of our Lord.

Our Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia (1094).

Acts 3:11-16. John 3:22-33.

*5:00pm Confessions*

**6:00pm Great Vespers**

*7:00pm Final "I Believe" Faith Formation Session*

## Sunday, April 28, 2019

THOMAS SUNDAY. The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater.

The Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus, and Quintillian (c. 350).

Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov (c. 1182).

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

Acts 5:12-20. John 20:19-31.

**8:45am Third Hour**

**9:00am Divine Liturgy**

*for the health of Franklyn Boehm, from Paul & Betty Baize (4-24-2019)*

*+Ernest Semak, from Ceil Burja & Char Bonacor (4-26-2019)*

10:30am Last ECF class!



## 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)



### The Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women

The news that Jesus was alive and had risen from the dead was first heard by holy women. It was a custom to take spices (called "myrrh") to the graves of departed loved ones. On

Sunday morning, the third day after Jesus died, several women were at the tomb of Christ and were greeted by an angel with the news of His resurrection. *See Saint Luke 24:1-12*



Christ is Risen! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Stewardship Appeal. Your generosity is deeply appreciated! A blessed Pascha to all!

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

Our final “I Believe” session will be held this week on Saturday, April 27th at 7:00pm after Vespers. Our presentation will be on the Holy Mystery of Baptism and will help explain the various rituals that have developed in the Byzantine tradition surrounding this sacrament. Please join us and 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, May 5<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy.**

**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 Russell Family** and to all who worked and cleaned this past week. May God grant them many years!



## 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.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **72**. Average Sunday attendance  $\approx$  61

Thank you for coming and worshipping the Risen Lord with us,  
and for inviting others to join us!

## COLLECTION

The collection on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **\$2263**. Average Weekly Collection: \$1738  
Sunday: \$768; Holy Day: \$705; Pascha: \$355; Fuel: \$10; Candles: \$25; Special Donation: \$400

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



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