



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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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.

"The Eastern Churches in communion with the Apostolic See of Rome have a special duty of promoting the unity of all Christians, especially Eastern Christians... by prayer in the first place, and by the example of their lives, by religious fidelity to the ancient Eastern traditions, by a greater knowledge of each other, by collaboration and brotherly regard" (*De ecclesiis orientalibus*, 24)

## Sunday, May 5, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. Tone 2

The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene.

Our Venerable Father Nicephor, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery (14th Century).

*3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20.*

Acts 6:1-7. Mark 15:43-16:8.

**8:45am Third Hour**

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

*+Jack Bonacor, from Chuck Skiba (5-1-19)*

*+Joseph Humenik, from Peter & Donna Raupp (5-4-19)*

Reader: Nicholas Wood

*following Divine Liturgy: Guild Meeting*

## Monday, May 6, 2019

The Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering.

Acts 6:8-7:5a, 47-60. John 4:46b-54.

**7:00am First & Third Hour**

## Tuesday, May 7, 2019

⊗ The Appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius (357). The Holy Martyr Acacius (303).

Acts 8:5-17. John 6:27-33.

**7:00am First Hour**

## Wednesday, May 8, 2019

⊕ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great (448).

*Vespers: 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5. Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25*

*for John: 1 John 1:1-7. John 19: 25-27; 21:24-25. for the day: Acts 8:18-25. John 6:35-39.*

**9:00am First & Third Hour**

**6:00pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*+Josefa Patrick, from the Marron Family*



## Thursday, May 9, 2019

The Holy Prophet Isaiah. The Holy Martyr Christopher (249).

✦ The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicholas to Bari (1087).

Acts 8:26-39. John 6:40-44.

**9:00am Third Hour**

*Parish Work Day*

*6:00pm Meeting of Finance Council with Engineers & Contractors*



## Friday, May 10, 2019

✦ The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot.

*Vespers:* 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5. *Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.

*for Simon:* 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Matthew 13:54-58.

*for the day:* Acts 8:40-9:19a. John 6:48-54.

**9:00am First & Third Hour**

**6:00pm Vespers**

## Saturday, May 11, 2019

The Foundation of Constantinople (330). The Holy Priest-Martyr Mocius (250).

✧ Our Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs (9th Century).

Our Holy Father and Confessor Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila (1976).

*Vespers Paramia:* Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 1:23 •

Proverbs 10:31-11:12 • Wisdom 4: 7-15. *Matins Gospel:* John 10:1-9.

*for Cyril & Methodius:* Hebrews 13:17-21. John 10:9-16.

*for the day:* Acts 9:19-31. John 15:17-16:2.

**8:45am Third Hour**

**9:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+Ernie Semak for the 40<sup>th</sup> Day, from Louise Dalbo*

**6:00pm Great Vespers**

# Sunday, May 12, 2019 *Mother's Day*

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Tone 3

Our Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403)  
and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (740).

*4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12. Acts 9:32-42. John 5:1-15.*

## **8:45am Moleben to the Mother of God**

*for all our mothers*

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

*+Josefa Patrick, from the Marron Family (5-8-19)*

*+Ernie Semak for the 40<sup>th</sup> Day, from Louise Dalbo (5-11-19)*

*for all our mothers*

Reader: Danny Sesi

## 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)

## Spiritual Bouquet for Mother's Day

At St. Stephen's, we have the custom of offering a spiritual bouquet for our mothers on Mother's Day. In the past, this has included offering the Divine Liturgy for them on Sunday. Sunday Divine Liturgy must be offered for all the people of the parish (*pro populo*). Therefore, as our spiritual bouquet on Mother's Day (**May 12<sup>th</sup>**), we will offer a Moleben to the Mother of God before the Divine Liturgy (instead of Third Hour) for all our mothers, those living and those asleep in the Lord.





## Ordination of new Priest for Parma

Bishop Milan will ordain Father Deacon Nathan Adams as a priest of the Eparchy of Parma at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Parma, Ohio, **today, Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>** at 3 p.m. A light reception will follow in the cathedral parish hall. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

On **May 25-26**, all parishes in the Eparchy of Parma will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, more than 40 percent of dioceses and eparchies in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities, and this includes the Eparchy of Parma. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of the mission churches in our country. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



### 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).

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eparchy of Parma

The Eparchy of Parma is celebrating its golden jubilee **June 21-22**, and you're invited! Check out the program on the poster in the narthex of the church and register to participate at [jubileeparma.eventbrite.com](http://jubileeparma.eventbrite.com) or email [jubilee@parma.org](mailto:jubilee@parma.org) or call Nancy Fredrick (216) 741-8773, ext. 4. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Parish Picnic!

On **July 13<sup>th</sup>**, we will be having a parish picnic and inviting our neighbors! This will be a great opportunity for us to socialize and get to know each other better. Jane Adams is organizing the event. See her to see what you can do to help prepare!

## 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, 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.

**The Russell Family** is scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Ostenski & Sutyak Families** and to all who worked and cleaned this past week. May God grant them many years!

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **46**. Average Sunday attendance  $\approx$  62

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

## COLLECTION

The collection on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **\$1203**. Average Weekly Collection: \$1770.48

Sunday: \$794.50; Pascha: \$215; Holy Day: \$55; Candles: \$38.50; Fuel: \$100

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



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