

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 26<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 26, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. Tone 5

The Holy Apostle Carpus, one of the Seventy.

Our Holy Father Augustine of Canterbury, Enlightener of England.

*8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18.*

Acts 16:16-34. John 9:1-38.

**8:45am Third Hour**

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

*+Mary Strach, from Maryalice Lukas (5-22-2019)*

*+Rev. Cyril Attak, from Maryalice Lukas (5-25-2019)*

Reader: Peter Raupp

## Monday, May 27, 2019 *Memorial Day*

The Holy Bishop-Martyr Therapont (259).

Acts 17:1-15. John 11:47-57.

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

**9:00am Divine Liturgy & Panachida**

*for those who died in the service of our country*

## Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon (836).

Acts 17:19-28a. John 12:19-36a.

**7:00am First Hour**

## Wednesday, May 29, 2019



Leave-taking of Pascha. The Holy Venerable Martyr and Virgin Theodosia (730).

Acts 18:22-28. John 12:36-47.

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

**6:00pm Great Vespers**

*for Ascension: 7:00pm Divine Liturgy – for the people of the parish*

## Thursday, May 30, 2019

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD, & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery (383).

*Vespers Paramia:* Isaiah 2:2-3 • Isaiah 62:10-63:3, 7-9 • Zachariah 14:1, 4, 8-11.

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

Acts 1:1-12. Luke 24:36-53.

**9:00am Third Hour**

*Parish Work Day*

## Friday, May 31, 2019

The Holy Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas (c. 160).

Acts 19:1-8. John 14:1-11a.

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

**7:00pm Vespers**



## Saturday, June 1, 2019

The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and his Companions (167).

Acts 20:7-12. John 14:10b-21.

**8:45am Third Hour**

**9:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+John Siko, from Louise Dalbo*

**7:00pm Great Vespers**

## Sunday, June 2, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE 1ST NICEAN COUNCIL. Tone 6

Our Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor (771).

*Vespers Paramia:* Genesis 14:14-20 • Deut. 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut. 10:14-21.





*10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* John 21:1-14.

Acts 20:16-18a, 28-36. John 17:1-13.

**8:45am Third Hour**

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

## 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 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      |   |   |



**Today**, 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).

**Look ahead in your envelopes! There is a special envelope in our boxes for Home Missions marked Jun 16, 2019. We will actually take up this collection today (May 26<sup>th</sup>).**

**So far, in this special envelope, we have collected \$493 for 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!

**Let Fr. John know if you're planning on attending, to help the organizers get a count!**



## **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 next on **Sunday, September 8th**, after Divine Liturgy.

**Join the workers!** Please 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 Myres & Reardon Families** and to all who worked and cleaned this past week. May God grant them many years!

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **59**. 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 May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was **\$1007.50**. Average Weekly Collection: \$1571.98

Sunday: \$880.50; Holy Day: \$25; Children: \$2; Fuel: \$71; Candles: \$29

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial tithes and offerings!



**Saint Stephen**

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