

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 11th, 2019

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Welcome to St. Stephen!

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 – to proclaim 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 are Catholics with the common heritage of our Orthodox brothers but in unity with the Holy Father in Rome.” – Bishop Milan



HOLY MYSTERIES

Holy Baptism and Chrismation

All those who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ. Alleluia!

Those who are not yet baptized and/or chrismated, contact Fr. John. Your life depends on it! A period of preparation and instruction (catechumenate) of at least one full year may precede adult baptisms and/or chrismations.

If you are expecting a child, please contact Fr. John to arrange for the child's baptism, chrismation, and communion (traditionally forty days after birth).

Holy Communion

Unless we eat the body and drink the blood of the Lord, we have no life in us.

Holy Communion is first received when we are baptized and chrismated. Thereafter it is to be frequently received to nourish and sustain us in the life in Christ. Before we receive, we must prepare according to our ability with fasting and holy confession.

Those who are unable to attend liturgies should contact Fr. John to arrange for him to bring them holy communion.

Holy Repentance

All of us sin and fall short of the glory of God. As often as we fall, let us get up again. Let us never despair of our salvation, for God loves us and forgives us as often as we repent. Opportunities for confession are scheduled most Fridays and Saturdays after Vespers and other times by appointment.

Four times a year, once during each of the penitential seasons, we celebrate the full Office of Holy Repentance, which includes psalms, readings, prayers and the opportunity for private confession and absolution. We will next celebrate this during the Philip's Fast, **Thursday, December 19th at 7pm.**

Holy Anointing

Holy anointing is offered to all every year on Holy Wed., for all of us are in need of healing in many ways. If anyone is sick, call Fr. John (412-378-0308), and he will come pray over you and anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord. This is not only for the dying, but for all who are in need of healing.

Monasticism

Monks and nuns are witnesses to the gospel carrying on the spirit of martyrdom and prophecy in the Church today. Inquire at these monasteries to pursue this vocation:

Duchovny Dom Monastery	Holy Resurrection Monastery	Christ the Bridegroom Monastery	Holy Theophany Monastery
57894 Highway 204 P.O. Box 460 Weston, OR 97886 (541) 969-6543 duchovnydom.com	300 S 2 nd Ave PO Box 276 St. Nazianz, WI 54232 (920) 881-4009 monks@hrmonline.org hrmonline.org	17485 Mumford Rd. Burton, OH 44021 440-834-0290 christthebridegroom@ gmail.com christthebridegroom.org	10220 66 th Avenue S.E. Olympia, WA 98513 (360) 491-8233 htheophany@earthlink.net holytheophanymonastery.org

Holy Matrimony

We rejoice with those preparing to be crowned in marriage. They are an icon of Christ and his Church. Contact Fr. John at least six months in advance of your wedding date to begin marriage preparation (and before you rent a hall!).

Holy Orders

For the sake of holy order, the Church needs deacons, priests, and bishops (not to mention readers, cantors, and subdeacons). Contact Fr. John to discuss the possibility of serving the Church in ordained ministry. The eparchy's Director of Vocations is the Rt. Rev. Mitred Archpriest Marek Visnovsky 216-741-8773 ext. 6; frmvisnovsky@parma.org



Sunday, August 11, 2019



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Euplus (308).

9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31.

1 Corinthians 3:9-17. Matthew 14:22-34.

9:00am Paraklesis (*Office of Consolation to the Mother of God*)

10:00am Divine Liturgy – *for the people of the parish*

+Josefa Patrick, from Marron Family (8-5-2019)

the priest +Richard Paul Rohrer, from Melinda DeWitt (8-7-2019)

+John Siko, from Michael & Mary Camilleri (8-10-2019)

Reader: TBD

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, August 12, 2019



Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus (305).

Today we remember St. Maximus the Confessor, because of the Leave-taking tomorrow

1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Matthew 21:18-22.

Tuesday, August 13, 2019



Leave-taking of the Transfiguration. Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662).

1 Corinthians 15:29-38. Matthew 21:23-27.

9:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Great Vespers

Wednesday, August 14, 2019



⊗ Pre-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Micah.

✦ Translation of Relics of Ven. Fr. Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves.

For Theodosius: Hebrews 13:7-16. Matthew 11:27-30.

For the day: 1 Corinthians 16:4-12. Matthew 21:28-32.

6:00pm Great Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Flowers for the Dormition

– for the people of the parish

Thursday, August 15, 2019

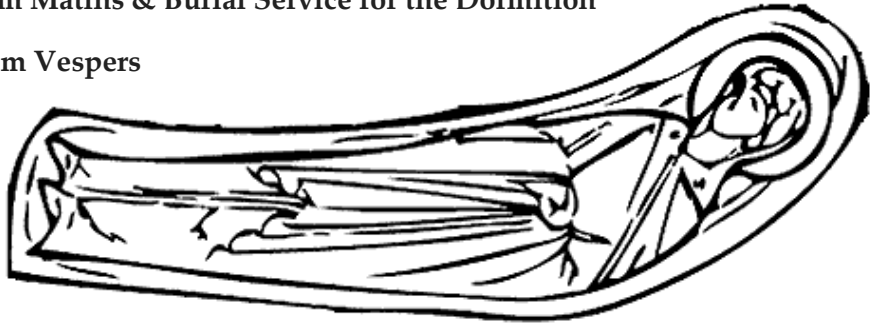
⊕ THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

for the Dormition: Philippians 2:5-11. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

for the day: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7. Matthew 21:43-46.

7:00am Matins & Burial Service for the Dormition

7:00pm Vespers



Friday, August 16, 2019 

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Diomedes (298).

⊗. The Translation of the Icon of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ,
the Icon not made by human hands, from Edessa to Constantinople (944).

for the Translation: Colossians 1:12-18 or 2 Corinthians 3:4-11. Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24.

for the day: 2 Corinthians 1:12-20. Matthew 22:23-33.

7:00pm Vespers

followed by Confessions

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Myron (250).

Romans 15:30-33. Matthew 17:24-18:4.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Rev. Cyril Attak, from Joyce Csatlós

7:00pm Great Vespers

followed by Confessions

Sunday, August 18, 2019

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus (2nd Century).

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

1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Matthew 17:14-23a.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy – *for the people of the parish*

+Rev. Cyril Attak, from Joyce Csatlós (8-17-2019)

Reader:

12:30pm 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)

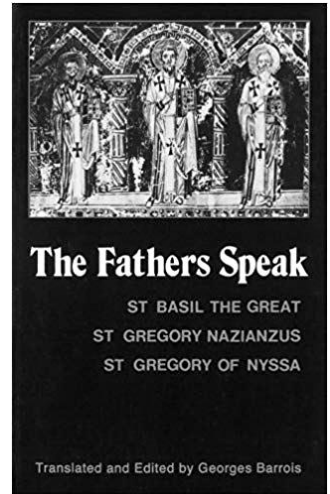
The Dormition Fast

Proclaim a holy fast! (Joel 1:14) "The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence [abstinence from meat, fish, dairy products, eggs, alcohol, and foods cooked in oil] **from August 1 to 14**, with the usual mitigations (permitting wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880). The observance of this fast is voluntary."

- from the Typicon arranged by Archpriest David M. Petras, S.E.O.D. for use in the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolia of Pittsburgh.

A Byzantine Book Club

You are invited to join a book club! Mondays from 7 – 9 pm at Fr. Deacon Lawrence & Pani Mary Hendricks' home. This group has been meeting for several years to read and discuss books on Byzantine/Eastern Christianity. Their next meeting is **tomorrow, Monday, August 12th**, at 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. We are reading *The Fathers Speak: St Basil the Great, St Gregory of Nazianzus, St Gregory of Nyssa*.



Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch

Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage Aug. 17-18, 2019

“Rejoice, hope of all”

17486 Mumford Road, Burton, Ohio • 216-469-1425

www.shrineofmariapoch.com



EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
PILGRIMAGE

to the

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP

September 1 and 2, 2018

Mary, Hope of All Generations
Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province
Mount Saint Macrina

Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401

724-438-8644

www.sistersofstbasil.org



Icon Glass

Fr. Damian Higgins is scheduled to teach his annual icon class at St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church in Sterling Heights, MI from **September 16th to 20th**. This icon workshop will teach the traditional Byzantine style of iconography. Students will learn the traditional methods and materials of egg tempera. This course is limited to 16 participants. The cost is \$350 per person. All materials will be provided. Register by phone by **September 2, 2019**. To register please contact Fr. Mychail from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at 586-268-1082. Please leave a message if Father is unable to answer the phone.

Discernment Retreat

Single Catholic women ages 18-35
September 20-22, 2019

Single Catholic women, ages 18-35, who would like to take a weekend to pray about a possible vocation to the monastic life, are invited to inquire about attending the upcoming discernment retreat at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, **Sept. 20-22**. Experience the life of prayer at the monastery, listen to talks on prayer and discernment, make use of the opportunity to get to know the nuns, and receive healing through the Mystery of Holy Repentance (Confession). If you are interested in this retreat, or a future discernment opportunity, visit www.christthebridegroom.org, click on the "Discerning?" tab, and fill out the online Vocation Inquiry Form. Please fill out the form by Sept. 6 for this retreat. Space is limited. Mother Theodora will call you to talk about availability. With questions, call 440-834-0290 or email christthebridegroom@gmail.com.





Eparchial Women's Retreat

Whitehouse, Ohio – The annual eparchial women's retreat will take place **Sept. 27-29**, at the Lial Renewal Center, 5908 Davis Road. The theme of the retreat is taken from the Paraklesis Office of Consolation to the Most Holy Theotokos, "Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear." The retreat facilitator will be Father Robert Jager, a priest of the Eparchy of Parma. Cost of the retreat is \$125 by Aug. 30; after that, the fee is \$150. Watch for registration materials in your parish or on this website soon.

The Bridegroom's Banquet

Saturday, October 19

St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church, Brecksville, Ohio

You're invited to the "Bridegroom's Banquet," a benefit dinner for the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, on Saturday, October 19, at St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church in Brecksville, Ohio. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but registration is required (by October 7). Adults 21 and older may attend. Enjoy a buffet dinner, entertainment, and an evening with the nuns and their guests. Learn more about & support the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors. For more information and to register, please visit www.christthebridegroom.org or call 440-834-0290.

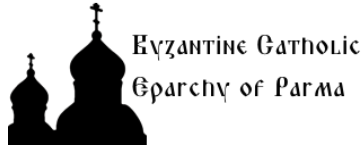
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Join the Guild! The Guild is dedicated to caring for and beautifying our holy place and all the appointments for our Divine worship. All are welcome to join the Guild. They meet next on **Sunday, September 8th**, after Divine Liturgy.

Join the workers! Please join the workers every Thursday 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 **Osentoski & Sutyak Family** 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!



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Dr. Sharon DiLauro Petrus: ext. 7; 330-958-9630

Victim's Assistance Coordinator

Attendance at Sunday Divine Liturgy at 9am versus 10am

For 43 Sundays, from September 9th until June 30th, the Divine Liturgy was at 9:00am.

Average attendance was **58**.

The previous 43 Sundays, from Sept. 2nd until Nov. 12th, the Divine Liturgy was at 10:00am.

Average attendance was **64**.

For the past five Sundays, from July 7th until August 4th, the Divine Liturgy was at 10:00am

Average attendance was **58**.

The previous five Sundays, from June 2nd until June 30th, Divine Liturgy was at 9:00am

Average attendance was **51**.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on August 4th, 2019 was **57**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **58**

Devote yourselves “to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

COLLECTION

The collection on August 4th, 2019 was **\$1566.50**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1525.77**
Sunday: \$1245.50; Holy Day: \$129; Fuel: \$27; Children: \$1; Candles: \$37; Special Collection: \$127

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7).



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