

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 18th, 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 in need of healing every year on Holy Wednesday. 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 Archbishop Marek Visnovsky 216-741-8773 ext. 6; frmvisnovsky@parma.org

Funerals

Brothers and sisters, we are going to die. It is good to remember this daily and to always be prepared for it. We know not the hour.

Death does not end our relationship with those who have died. We venerate the bodies of our departed saints and loved ones, because we believe in the resurrection. It is a work of mercy and a sign of faith in the coming resurrection to bury the dead and to pray for them.

The Church understandingly permits but does not prefer or encourage cremation. The funeral must be celebrated in the church with the body prior to the cremation.

The funeral is the last service we celebrate together with our departed loved one in the church. The departed attend the funeral with us and are not closed off from us. Therefore, the casket is traditionally open until the end of the funeral.

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: Peter Raupp

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, August 19, 2019

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune and Companions.

2 Corinthians 2:3b-15a. Matthew 23:13-22.

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. Holy Prophet Samuel. Holy King Stephen of Hungary.

2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3. Matthew 23:23-28.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019



Post-festive Day of the Dormition. Holy Apostle Thaddeus. Holy Martyr Bassa (3rd c.).

2 Corinthians 3:4-11. Matthew 23:29-39.

Thursday, August 22, 2019

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Agathonicus and his Companions.
The Passing of the Blessed Confessor Simeon Lukac, secret Bishop (1964).

2 Corinthians 4:1-6. Matthew 24:13-28.

Parish Work Day

Friday, August 23, 2019



Leave-taking of the Dormition.

The Holy Martyr Lupus (306). The Holy Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (202).

2 Corinthians 4:13-18. Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51.

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, August 24, 2019

The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eutyches, Disciple of St. John the Theologian.

The Blessed Martyr and Priest-Monk Dominic Methodius Trcka

1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Matthew 19:3-12.

7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, August 25, 2019

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

⊗ The Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew. The Holy Apostle Titus.

11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

1 Corinthians 9:2b-12. Matthew 18:23-35.

9:45am Third Hour

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

Reader: Elizabeth Druga

Please welcome back our guest celebrant, Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM

Monday, August 26, 2019

The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie.

Our Holy Mother Mary of Jesus Crucified (Mariam Baouardy).

2 Corinthians 5:10-15. Mark 1:9-15.

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Our Venerable Father Pimen.

2 Corinthians 5:15-21. Mark 1:16-22.

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, August 28, 2019



Our Venerable Father Moses the Ethiopian.

Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430).

The Holy Martyr Gebre Michael, Priest of Ethiopia (1855).

2 Corinthians 6:11-16a. Mark 1:23-28.

6:00pm Great Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of John

+Bennie, +Mary, +John Thomas, & +Sidney, from Mary Ann Osmond

Thursday, August 29, 2019



⊕ THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FOREUNNER & BAPTIST JOHN.

Vespers: Isaiah Composite IX • Malachi Composite X • Wisdom Composite III.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 14:1-13.

for the Beheading: Acts 13:25-33. Mark 6:14-29.

for the day: 2 Corinthians 7:1b-10a. Mark 1:29-35.

7:00am Matins

Parish Work Day

7:00pm Vespers

Friday, August 30, 2019



Post-festive Day of the Beheading of the Holy Baptist John.

Our Holy Fathers Alexander (340), John (595), and Paul the Younger (784),
Patriarchs of Constantinople.

2 Corinthians 7:10-16. Mark 2:18-22.

7:00pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Saturday, August 31, 2019

✦ The Deposition of the Venerable Sash of the Theotokos in Calcoprateia (942).

Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17 • Ezechiel 43:27-44:4 • Proverbs 9:1-11.

Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56.

for the Deposition: Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

for the day: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. Matthew 20:29-34.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathleen Mykeloff

7:00pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, September 1, 2019

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

✦ The Indiction (Beginning of Church Year 7528). Venerable Father Simeon Stylite & his Mother (459).

The Synaxis of the Theotokos of Miasena. The Holy Martyr Aeithalas (380).

The Forty Holy Women martyred with their Instructor Ammon the Deacon (313).

Holy Martyr Callista & two Brothers, Evodius & Hermogenes (309). Joshua the Just, Son of Nun.

Vespers: Isaiah 61:1-9 • Leviticus 26:3-12, 14-17, 19-24 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Matthew 19:16-26.

8:00am Matins

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

+Bennie, +Mary, +John Thomas, & +Sidney, from Mary Ann Osmond (8-29-2019)

+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathleen Mykeloff (8-31-2019)

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)



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

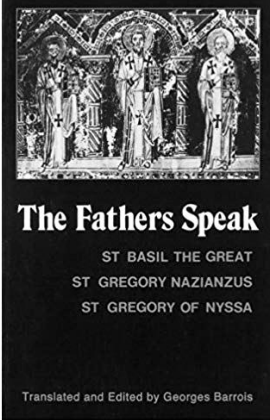


by tradition, a fast day permitting dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil (no meat)

Sunday Matins

Matins is the ancient and traditional morning prayer of our Church.

From **September 1st** (the first day of the Byzantine year) until December 29th (the last Sunday of the civil year), I have decided to schedule Sunday Matins at **8:00 am**. All are invited and none are obligated to attend. Let no one come who does not want to come. I think starting at 8:00 for a few months will give us needed experience to make a more informed decision about abbreviation and start time.



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 19th**, 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*.

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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on August 11th, 2019 was **55**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **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 11th, 2019 was **\$903.50**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1518.31**

Sunday: \$766.50; Holy Day: \$95; Fuel: \$10; Children: \$1; Candles: \$31

“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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