

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 you 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, we receive frequently to nourish and sustain us in our life in Christ. Before we receive, we must prepare according to our ability with prayer (traditionally including Vespers & Matins), fasting (traditionally from midnight or from Vespers), and holy repentance.

Those unable to attend Divine 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! 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. Whenever we are to undergo surgery of any kind, we should first be anointed.

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 57894 Highway 204 P.O. Box 460 Weston, OR 97886 (541) 969-6543 duchovnydom.com	Holy Resurrection Monastery 300 S 2 nd Ave PO Box 276 St. Nazianz, WI 54232 (920) 881-4009 monks@hrmonline.org hrmonline.org	Christ the Bridegroom Monastery 17485 Mumford Rd. Burton, OH 44021 440-834-0290 christthebridegroom@gmail.com christthebridegroom.org	Holy Theophany Monastery 10220 66 th Avenue S.E. Olympia, WA 98513 (360) 491-8233 htheophany@earthlink.net holytheophanymonastery.org
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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 (and also 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, because we expect the resurrection of the body. 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, when possible, the casket is traditionally open until the end of the funeral.

Sunday, September 1, 2019

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

✙ The Indiction (Beginning of the Church Year 7528).

Our 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)

Reader: Peter Raupp

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, September 2, 2019 *Labor Day*

The Holy Martyr Mammias (274).

Our Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople (595).

2 Corinthians 8:7-15. Mark 3:6-12.

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

The Holy Martyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia (303).

Our Venerable Father Theoctist, Companion of our Ven. Fr. Euthymius the Great (431).

The Holy Deaconess Phoebe of Cenchreae.

2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5. Mark 3:13-19a.

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

The Holy Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch (283).
The Holy Prophet Moses, who saw God.

2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7. Mark 3:20-27.

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+ Ernest Semak, from Paula & Mike Varga

Thursday, September 5, 2019

⌘ The Holy Prophet Zachary & his Wife, the Holy & Ven. Elizabeth, Parents of the Forerunner.
Our Holy Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

2 Corinthians 10:7b-18. Mark 3:28-35.

9:00am Third Hour

Parish Work Day

7:00pm Vespers

Friday, September 6, 2019

⌘ Commemoration of the Miracle of the Holy Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chionia.
The Holy Martyr Eudoxius and his Companions (c. 311).
Our Venerable Father Archippus.

2 Corinthians 11:5-21a. Mark 4:1-9.

7:00pm Vespers *followed by Confessions*

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Saturday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

⌘ Pre-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The Holy Martyr Sozon (304).

for the Cross: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9. Matthew 10:37-11:1.

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9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+ Mary Strach, from Irene Zbikowski

7:00pm Great Vespers *followed by Confessions*

Sunday, September 8, 2019

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Tone 4

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

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

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

for the Cross: Galatians 6:11-18 & *for the Nativity:* Philippians 2:5-11.

for the Cross: John 3:13-17 & *for the Nativity:* Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

8:00am Matins

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

+ Ernest Semak, from Paula & Mike Varga (9-4-2019)

+ Mary Strach, from Irene Zbikowski (9-7-2019)

Reader: Elizabeth Druga

After Divine Liturgy: Guild Meeting

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)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

September 1st begins the year 7528,
by Byzantine reckoning.

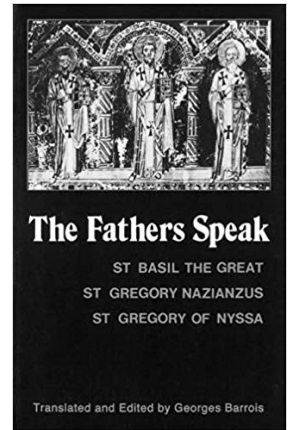
Sunday Matins

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

Starting today, **September 1st** (the first day of the Byzantine year), and continuing until December 29th (the last Sunday of the civil year), we will celebrate Sunday Matins at **8:00 am**. All are invited and none are obligated to attend. 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.

Byzantine Book Club

You are invited to join a book club! Most 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 and Eastern Christianity. Our next meeting is **Monday, September 9th**, 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*.



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. Come and see!



The
Journey
to
Emmaus

"Catechetical Sunday" is an annual observance as we resume the instruction of our parish's students in the faith. In two weeks we will have a special blessing of our children (and their teachers) during the Divine Liturgy. We ask that all students and teachers be present for this ceremony that emphasizes the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians.



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

CHARITABLE GIVING

"I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy,
and to the poor" (Deut. 15:11).

Since our last contributions,

for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$71

for the Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$146

for the retirement of our religious sisters, we have collected \$192

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Aug. 18th was **48** & on Aug. 25th was **57**. 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 Aug. 18th was **\$1185.50** & on Aug. 25th was **\$1953**.

Avg. Weekly Collection: **\$1516.18**

“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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