

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI 48101    September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

## REGULAR LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Saturday & Sunday **Divine Liturgy** at 10:00am

Wednesday evening **Divine Liturgy** at 7:00pm

Friday & Saturday evening **Vespers** at 7:00pm, followed by **Confession**

## 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 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. Just ask!

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. Before surgery of any kind, it is good to 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:

### **Holy Resurrection Monastery**

300 S 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 Archpriest 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.

Our departed loved one attends the funeral with us and is not closed off from us. Many of the prayers are prayers of the departed one, to which we give voice. Therefore, when possible, the casket is traditionally open until the end of the funeral.

## Sunday, September 15, 2019

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Tone 5

⊗ Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Great Martyr Nicetas (372).  
Our Venerable Father Symeon, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

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

*for the Cross: Galatians 2:16-20. Mark 8:34-9:1.*

*(for the day: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4. Matthew 22:1-14).*

**8:00am Matins**

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

*special intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (9-11)*

*+David Himick, from Faith Himick (9-14)*

Reader: Cecilia Hendricks

11:30am ECF

**12:30pm Vespers**

## Monday, September 16, 2019

⊗ Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.  
The Holy Great Martyr Euphemia (303).

Galatians 2:11-16. Luke 3:19-22.

## Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The Holy Martyr Sophia and her three Children, Faith, Hope, and Charity (c. 137).

Galatians 2:21-3:7. Luke 3:23-4:1.

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

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Our Venerable Father Eumenius the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Gortyna (7th Century).

Galatians 3:15-22. Luke 4:1-15.

**6:00pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*special intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt*



## Thursday, September 19, 2019

Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedont (c. 227).

Galatians 3:23-4:5. Luke 4:16-22a.

**9:00am Third Hour**

**7:00pm Vespers**

*Parish Work Day*

## Friday, September 20, 2019



⊗ Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The Holy Martyr Eustace and his Companions (118).

The Holy Martyrs and Confessors, the Great Prince Michael and his Counselor Theodore, Wonder-workers of Chernigov (1244).

Galatians 4:8-21. Luke 4:22-30.

**7:00pm Vespers** – *followed by Confessions*

## Saturday, September 21, 2019

Leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The Holy Apostle Quadratus of Magnesia (c. 130).

*For the Cross:* 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. John 8:21-30.

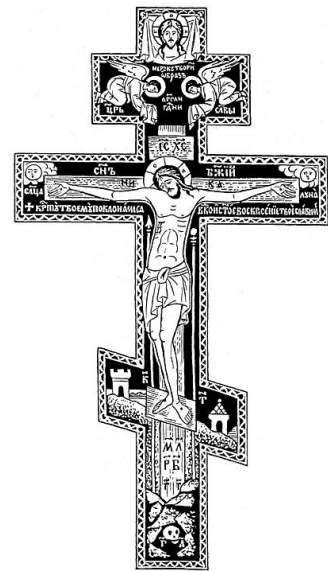
*(for the day):* 1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5. Luke 4:31-36).

**9:45am Third Hour**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+Mary Strach, from Kris & Phil Babuska*

**7:00pm Great Vespers** - *followed by Confessions*



# Sunday, September 22, 2019

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6

The Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope (103). The Holy Prophet Jonah.

Our Venerable Father Jonah the Priest, Father of Theophane the Hymnographer and Theodore the Artist (9th Century).

*Today we also commemorate the Holy Apostle Quadratus, because of the Leavetaking yesterday.*

*4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.*

2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Luke 5:1-11.

**8:00am Matins**

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

*special intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (9-18)*

*+Mary Strach, from Kris & Phil Babuska (9-21)*

Reader: Nicholas Wood

11:30am ECF

**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)

## Byzantine Weekly Cycle

*Each day of the week has its own commemoration in the Byzantine tradition:*

Sunday..... the Resurrection of Christ

Thursday..... the Holy Apostles & St. Nicholas

Monday.....the Holy Angels

Friday.....the Cross

Tuesday.....St. John the Forerunner

Saturday.....All Saints and the departed

Wednesday....the Cross & the Theotokos

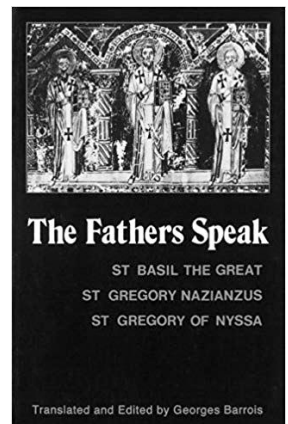


## *The Journey to Emmaus*

Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life as we begin our new catechetical year. The children and the adults who teach them are here to pray together and to be blessed at the start of a new School Year, helping all to realize how Christ lives in each one, and the Church as a whole. This sentiment is not merely a group of words, but an incentive for all the faithful to grow in faith. We join in this ceremony today to ask God to grant to his servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves "many happy years!"

## 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 **tomorrow Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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*.



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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](mailto: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.

# Craft & Vendor Show

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church

St. Macrina Guild is looking for crafters and vendors for their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Craft & Vendor show! Please email them at [macrinaguild@gmail.com](mailto:macrinaguild@gmail.com) for more information.

Please come to the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Craft & Vendor show hosted by the St. Macrina Guild on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. Free admission!

# 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](http://www.christthebridegroom.org) or call 440-834-0290.



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## 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 \$212 (*incl. \$20 last Sun.*)

## 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 **Sunday, October 13th**, after Divine Liturgy. Come and see!

**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 Families** are scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Russell Family** and to all who worked and cleaned these past two weeks. May God grant them many years!

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on September 8<sup>th</sup> was **59**. 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 September 8<sup>th</sup> was **\$1229.25**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1512.63**

Sunday: \$1055.25; Holy Day: \$145; Children: \$1; Candles: \$23; Fuel: \$5

“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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