

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

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 2nd 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 Archbishop Marek Visnovsky 216-741-8773 ext. 6; frmvvisnovsky@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 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

Monday, September 23, 2019

⊗. The Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John.

for John: Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 1:5-25.

for the day: Galatians 4:28-5:10. Luke 4:37-44.

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

⊗ The Holy Protomartyr among Women, and Equal to the Apostles, Thecla (51).

Galatians 5:11-21. Luke 5:12-16.

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, September 25, 2019



Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyna (479).

Galatians 6:2-10. Luke 5:33-39.

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Joseph Humenik, from the Camilleri Family

Thursday, September 26, 2019

✚ The Passing of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

Vespers: 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for John: 1 John 4:12-19. John 19:25-27; 21:24-25.

for the day: Ephesians 1:1-9. Luke 6:12-19.

9:00am Third Hour

Parish Work Day

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+ Frank & +Mary Koptun, from their family

Friday, September 27, 2019



The Holy Martyr Callistratus and his Companions (304).

Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.

Our Holy Father Vincent de Paul.

Ephesians 1:7-17. Luke 6:17-23a.

7:00pm Vespers - followed by Confessions

Saturday, September 28, 2019

✠ Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton (362).

Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs (929). The Holy Prophet Baruch.

The Passing of our Blessed Father and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949).

Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Pecherskaya Lavra who repose near the Venerable Anthony.

Vespers: Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 4:25-5:12.

for Chariton: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Luke 6:17-23.

for the day: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28. Luke 5:17-26.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Mary, +John, +Maria, & +John, from Maryalice Lukas

7:00pm Great Vespers - followed by Confessions

Sunday, September 29, 2019

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

⊗ Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite (557).

5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:12-35.

2 Corinthians 6:1-10. Luke 6:31-36.

8:00am Matins

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

+Joseph Humenik, from the Camilleri Family (9-25)

+Frank & +Mary Kootun, from their family (9-26)

+Mary, +John, +Maria, & +John, from Maryalice Lukas (9-28)

Reader: Theresa Szatkowski

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)



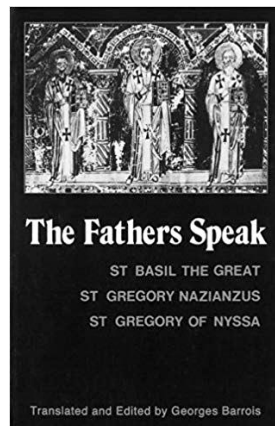
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The Eight Week Cycle of the Octoechoes

In the Byzantine liturgical tradition, there is an eight week cycle of Eight Tones. This cycle begins on Thomas Sunday with the first tone. The next Sunday, we begin with the second tone, and so on through the eighth tone. We then begin again with the first tone and repeat the cycle until the week preceding Palm Sunday. There are propers for every day of the week in the tone of the week for Vespers, Midnight Office, Matins, and Divine Liturgy or Typika. All these propers are contained in the books called the Octoechoes. Some propers in the Octoechoes are sometimes superceded by propers in the Pentecostarion, the Triodion, or the Menaion.

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 23rd**, 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*.





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 12th

St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church

St. Macrina Guild is looking for crafters and vendors for their 1st annual Craft & Vendor show! Please email them at macrinaguild@gmail.com for more information.

Please come to the 1st annual Craft & Vendor show hosted by the St. Macrina Guild on October 12th 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 or call 440-834-0290.

SPAGHETTI DINNER!

The Priests of the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate are getting together on **Sunday, October 20th** at St. Basil's in Sterling Heights to prepare *you* a spaghetti dinner. *Free of charge!* Dinner is open to all parishioners of the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate and their guests. All you need to do is show up e mangia la pasta! Hey, what's a matter for you!? No parla Italiano? No problema – come and enjoy spaghetti anyway! Dinner begins at **5:00 p.m.**



2019 GREAT LAKES WEDDING JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION.

Saturday, October 26th
at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Flushing
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 5:00pm
followed by a Dinner.

It's that time of year once again to celebrate with Bishop Milan and our Wedding Jubilarians, the occasion of their 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th, 75th, 80th Wedding Anniversary. The Jubilarian Couples are the guests of the Bishop. All parishioners and guests of the Jubilarians will be charged \$ 18.00 per person to cover the catering.

What a menu!!!!

Menu: Roast Beef, Baked Chicken, Turkey and Stuffing, Red Skin Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Salad and Dressing, Mixed Fruit Salad, Corn, Green Bean Almandine, Potato Salad, Dessert and Beverages.

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS: Saturday, October 12th, 2019

Men's Day of Reflection

Men of the parish: Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Men's Day of Reflection on Saturday, November 16th, 2019 at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 23300 King Drive, Clinton Township, Michigan. This Day will be geared for a male spirituality in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord during the St. Philip's Fast. The Day will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. This is a FREE event. Come and join us! To register, please call the parish at 586-791-1052 or through email at: stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.net.



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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

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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on September 15th 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 September 15th was **\$1009**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1514.03**

Sunday: \$728; Holy Day: \$136; Candles: \$52; Fuel: \$93

“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).



Saint Stephen

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