



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 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; 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, October 6, 2019

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

✦ The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas.

Vespers: 1 John 1:1-7 • James 1:1-12 • Jude 1-7, 17-25.

6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53.

2 Corinthians 6:16b-7:1. Luke 7:11-16.

8:00am Matins

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

+Josefa Patrick, from the Marron Family (9-30)

special intention of Br. Philip Blazhkeoych (10-2)

Reader: Debra Grega

11:30am ECF

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, October 7, 2019

⊗ The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus (303).

Ephesians 4:25-32. Luke 7:36-50.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Our Venerable Mother Pelagia (457).

Ephesians 5:20-26. Luke 8:1-3.

7:00pm Great Vespers for St. James

Wednesday, October 9, 2019



✦ The Holy Apostle James Alpheus. Our Ven. Fr. Andronicus & his wife Athanasia (4th c.).

Our Righteous Forefather Abraham and his Nephew Lot.

The Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris.

for James: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Luke 10:16-21.

for the day: Ephesians 5:25-33a. Luke 8:22-25.

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Ernie Semak, from Maryalice Lukas

Thursday, October 10, 2019

The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia (302).

Ephesians 5:33-6:9. Luke 9:7-11.

Parish Work Day

5:15 pm Vespers

6:00pm Parish Councils Meeting

Friday, October 11, 2019



The Holy Apostle Philip, one of the Seven Deacons.

Our Venerable Father Theophane, the Artist and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea (847).

Our Holy Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome.

Ephesians 6:18-24. Luke 9:12b-18a.

7:00pm Vespers - *followed by Confessions*

Saturday, October 12, 2019

The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus (292).

Our Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maiuma, the Hymnographer (8th Century).

Our Holy Father Martin, Bishop of Tours.

1 Corinthians 15:39-45. Luke 6:1-10.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+John (Jack) Bonacor, from Phyllis Humenik

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

Sunday, October 13, 2019

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

The Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus and Agathonica (250).

Vespers Paramia: Genesis 14:14-20 • Deut 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut 10:14-21.

7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 & *for the Fathers:* Hebrews 13:7-16.

Luke 8:5-15 & *for the Fathers:* John 17:1-13.

8:00am Matins

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

+Ernie Semak, from Maryalice Lukas

+John (Jack) Bonacor, from Phyllis Humenik

Reader: Peter Raupp

11:30am 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)

The Byzantine Rite

The Byzantine rite, sometimes called the Greek rite or the Constantinopolitan rite (because it developed in the great city of Constantinople, previously known as Byzantium), evolved as a synthesis of two distinct rites: the cathedral rite of Constantinople called the *astimatiki akolouthia* ("sung services") and the monastic typicon of the Holy Lavra of Saint Sabbas the Sanctified near Jerusalem. Because of this synthesis, Byzantine liturgical services are highly developed and quite complex.

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, October 7^h**, at 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. We are starting a new book: *Heaven Starts Now*. And *now* is a great time to join the Book Club!



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

50TH ANNUAL HOLUBKY DINNER

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church in Bay City will again this year be serving holubky (stuffed cabbage rolls) buffet style. The dinner is on **October 27th** from 11:30am until 4:30pm. The cost for adults is \$12 and for children 6-12 is \$6. 5 & under: free. Take outs: \$12. 2 lb. container: \$13.

Menu: Stuffed cabbage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Squash, Corn, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Bread, Dessert, & Beverage. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle, a Bake Sale, and an Open House. Come one come all! For more information, email: stgeorgebyzantine@att.net or call Anne at 989-662-7169.

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.

Join us at Saint Stephen for:



October 31st 6-8pm

(In the Parish Office Lot)

- ~ Free event for the whole family
- ~ Wear a costume, decorate your trunk, and bring treats to pass out
- ~ set up at 5pm
- ~ Visit with old friends and new
- ~ Free Chili and Cider
- ~ Donations welcome!



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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on September 29th was **45**. 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 29th was **\$1071.25**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1506.58**

Sunday: \$1001; Holy Day: \$16; Candles: \$42.25; Horizons: \$12

“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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