

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 27th, 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

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday & Saturday **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 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. As a sign of this, when possible, the casket is traditionally open until the end of the funeral.

Sunday, October 27, 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

Holy Martyr Nestor (306). Holy Martyr Capitolina and her Servant Erotheides (c. 304).

9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31.

Galatians 1:11-19. Luke 8:26-39.

8:00am Matins

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

+Josefa Patrick, from Marron Family

+John & +Elizabeth Sabo, from Kathleen Mykeloff

Reader: Cecilia Hendricks

11:30am ECF

Slavic Merchandise Sale & Farewell to Pete Evanuiik!

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, October 28, 2019

The Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila.

Our Holy Father Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer (807).

⊗. The Holy Martyr Paraskeva of Iconium (4th Century).

Philippians 4:10-23. Luke 11:29-33.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

The Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia (c. 250).

Our Venerable Father Abraham the Hermit (360).

The Passing of our Ven. Fr. Abraham of Rostov, Archimandrite & Wonder-worker (11th c.).

Colossians 1:1-2a, 7-11. Luke 11:34-41.

7:00am First & Third Hour

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 

The Holy Martyr Zenobius and his Sister Zenobia (285).

Colossians 1:18-23. Luke 11:42-46.

6:00pm Great Vespers for Theodore Romzha

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

intention of Bob Semak, from Jane Semak

Thursday, October 31, 2019 *Hallowe'en*

✦ The Holy Priest-Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukačevo (1947).

Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplus and their Companions. Holy Martyr Epimachus (250).

Vespers: 2 Kings 2:9-14 • Isaiah 26:7-13 • Sirach 2:1-6.

Matins Gospel: Luke 12:32-40.

for Theodore: Philipians 3:7-11. Luke 22:24-30.

for the day: Colossians 1:24-29. Luke 11:47-12:1.

Parish Work Day

4:00pm Vespers

5:00pm set up for Trunk or Treat

6:00pm Trunk or Treat!

Friday, November 1, 2019 

⊗ The Holy Unmercenary Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.

Colossians 2:1-7. Luke 12:2-12.

7:00am Divine Liturgy

+Mary Strach, from Phyllis Croskey

7:00pm Vespers - followed by Confessions

Saturday, November 2, 2019

The Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor, & Anempodistus (335).

2 Corinthians 3:12-18. Luke 9:1-6.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+James Humenik, Phyllis Humenik

7:00pm Great Vespers - followed by Confessions

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Daylight Savings Time Ends

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

The Holy Martyrs Acepimas, the Bishop; Joseph, the Priest; & Aeithalas, the Deacon (4th c.).

The Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia,

where his precious body is entombed.

10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14.

Galatians 2:16-20. Luke 8:41-56.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

+Mary Strach, from Phyllis Croskey (10-29)

+James Humenik, Phyllis Humenik (10-30)

intention of Bob Semak, from Jane Semak (11-2)

Reader: TBD

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)

Slavic Merchandise Sale

Oles Cheren and Lyubov Yesyp, dba Cataract Press from Parma, OH, will visit our parish again today **Sunday, October 27th**. They will be set up in the hall with a large selection of religious and Slavic merchandise, including books, CDs, DVDs, greeting cards, maps, magnets, T-shirts, embroidery, and jewelry. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to our parish. We encourage both parishioners and guests to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity.

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 Open House. Come one come all! For more information, email: stgeorgebyzantine@att.net or call Anne at 989-662-7169.

ALSO: STUFFED CABBAGE TO GO!

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church (204 North Van Buren, Bay City, MI 48708) is now taking orders for their delicious stuffed cabbage, which will also freeze well. A jampacked 2 lb container is \$13. Pick-up is Saturday, **November 9th**, 4-6pm and Sunday, November 10th, 12:30 – 2pm. To order, email: stgeorgebyz@gmail.net or call Anne at 989-662-7169 or Nancy at 989-667-9975.

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 28th**, at 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. We are reading a new book: *Heaven Starts Now*. And *Now* is a great time to join the Book Club!





October 31st 6-8pm, in the parish office lot

- ~ Free event for the whole family
- ~ Wear a costume, decorate your trunk *(no witches or demons, nothing evil or demonic)* and bring treats to pass out
- ~ set up at 5pm
- ~ Visit with old friends and new
- ~ Free Chili and Cider
- ~ Donations welcome!

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.com.



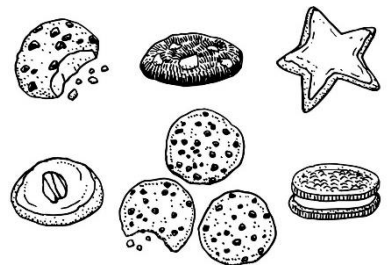
PUMPKIN PIES!

The Guild will once again be baking and selling pumpkin pies. They will be 9 inch pies at a cost of \$10 per pie. Please place your orders with Louise Dalbo (313-382-6788 or louisedalbo@gmail.com). The last day to place an order is Sunday, **November 17th**.

Baking day will be Saturday, November 23rd starting at 9 a.m. Pies can be picked up on Sunday, November 24th after liturgy. They will be fresh and great for Thanksgiving.

ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

The Guild's annual cookie sale will take place on Sunday, **December 15th** after Divine Liturgy.





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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, November 10th**, 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 Raupp Family is scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Dalbo Family** 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 \$212

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on October 20th was **53**. 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 October 20th was **\$1041**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1492.97**

Sunday: \$889; Fuel: \$89; Candles: \$63

“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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