

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

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

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

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

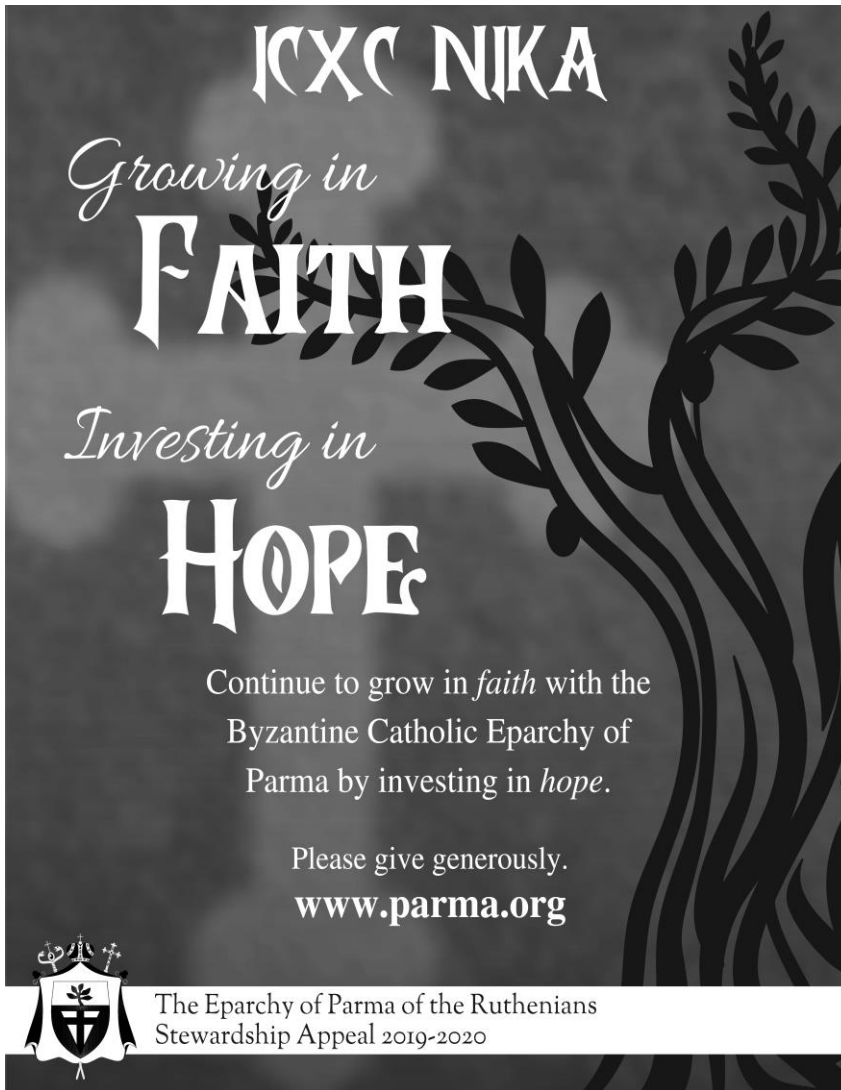
Friday & Saturday evening **Vespers** at 7:00pm, followed by **Confession**

Philip's Fast Nov. 15th – Dec. 24th



“According to the forty-day tradition, the Philip’s Fast in preparation for Christmas begins on Friday, **November 15th**. During this fast, it was the custom to observe a strict abstinence on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and a lesser abstinence (mitigation for wine and oil) on Tuesday and Thursday. The fast is observed more strictly from December 10 (in some traditions) or from December 20 (in other traditions), with daily strict abstinence, and a mitigated abstinence on (wine and oil) on Saturday and Sunday (cf. the Great Fast and the Dormition Fast). The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, 2). This fast may be observed voluntarily, partially or in its entirety.” –Fr. David Petras

Annual Stewardship Appeal

A graphic for the Stewardship Appeal featuring a dark background with a stylized olive branch on the right. The text is in white. At the top, 'ICXC NIKA' is written in a bold, serif font. Below it, 'Growing in' is in a script font, followed by 'FAITH' in a large, bold, serif font. Then 'Investing in' is in a script font, followed by 'HOPE' in a large, bold, serif font. Below this, a paragraph reads: 'Continue to grow in *faith* with the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma by investing in *hope*.' Further down, it says 'Please give generously.' and 'www.parma.org'. At the bottom left is a shield-shaped logo with a cross and other symbols. To the right of the logo, it says 'The Eparchy of Parma of the Ruthenians' and 'Stewardship Appeal 2019-2020'.

The Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal for 2019/20

begins November 17. All members of parishes in the Eparchy will be receiving a Stewardship envelope in the mail. If you do not receive an envelope, please contact your pastor for a replacement and to verify that your information is correct on the church's roster.

This year's campaign is entitled "Growing in Faith, Investing in Hope." The Stewardship Appeal, for which our campaign goal is \$250,000, will help to defray the cost of a variety expenses for new priestly formation, support for active clergy, family and youth formation, and care for retired clergy.

Visit parma.org/2020appeal for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website.

Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

Sunday, November 17, 2019



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6

Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Neocaesarea (270).

1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20.

Ephesians 2:4-10. Luke 12:16-21.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

+Josefa Patrick, from the Marron Family (11-11)

+Ernest Semak, from Jane Semak (11-12)

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (11-13)

intention of Fr. Iouri Koslovskii, from Melinda Dewitt (11-16)

Reader: Elizabeth Druga

11:30am ECF

12:30pm Vespers

Pumpkin Pie orders due by today!

Monday, November 18, 2019



The Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanus (303).

1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8. Luke 17:20-25.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019



Day of Alleluia. The Holy Prophet Obadiah. The Holy Martyr Barlaam (304).

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13. Luke 17:26-37.

7:00am First & Third Hour – *with prostrations*

6:00pm Chant Practice

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, November 20, 2019



Pre-festive Day of the Entrance. Our Venerable Father Gregory the Decapolite (9th C.).
Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446).

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12. Luke 18:15-17, 26-30.

6:00pm Great Vespers for the Entrance

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Entrance

intention of Robbie Semak, from Jane Semak

Thursday, November 21, 2019



⊕ THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS & EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE.

Vespers: Exodus 40:1-5, 9, 10, 16, 34-35 • 1[3] Kings 7:51-8:1, 3-7, 9-11 • Ezekiel 43:27-44:4.

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

for the Entrance: Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

for the day: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8. Luke 18:31-34.

7:00am Festal Matins

Parish Work Day

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Hazel Percival, from Bob & Jane Semak

Friday, November 22, 2019



Post-festive Day of the Entrance. The Holy Apostle Philemon and his Companions.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28. Luke 19:12-28.

7:00pm Vespers - followed by Confessions

Saturday, November 23, 2019



Post-festive Day of the Entrance.

Our Holy Frs. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium (395) & Gregory, Bishop of Agrigento (7th C.).

2 Corinthians 11:1-6. Luke 10:19-21.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Bennie, +Mary, +John Thomas, & +Sidney, from Mary Ann Osmond

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

Sunday, November 24, 2019



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

Post-festive Day of the Entrance.

⦿ The Holy Great Martyr Catherine (310). The Holy Great Martyr Mercury (c. 255).

2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8.

Ephesians 2:14-22. Luke 13:10-17.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

intention of Robbie Semak, from Jane Semak (11-20)

+Hazel Percival, from Bob & Jane Semak (11-21)

+Bennie, +Mary, +John Thomas, & +Sidney,

from Mary Ann Osmond (11-23)

Reader: Cecilia Hendricks

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)



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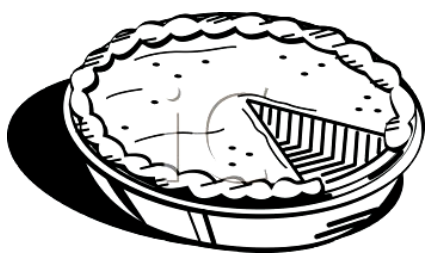
by tradition, a fast day permitting fish, wine, and oil (no meat, dairy, or eggs)



by tradition, a fast day permitting dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil (no meat)

Byzantine 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, November 18th**, 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!



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).

Today – Sunday, November 17th – is the last day to place an order! 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.

Monthly Chant Practice

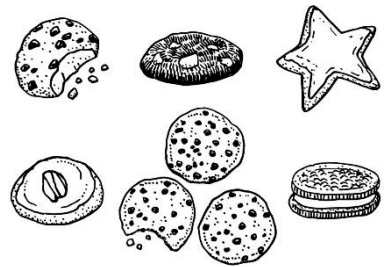
“Cherish the beauty of our *prostopinije*, our liturgical chant.

We constantly need to work on it” – Bishop Milan.

Toward this end, we will begin monthly chant practices, to which all are invited! In our Church, the congregation is the choir. You are in the choir, so it’s good to practice. Our practices will be on the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm, starting on **November 19th**.

ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

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



The Office of Holy Repentance

During this penitential season in preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ, we will celebrate the full form of the office of holy repentance on **Thursday, December 19th at 7pm**. This includes private confession to a priest. There should be an additional priest available for confessions as well on this evening. This is a good opportunity for any prepared children to make their first confession, for those who have been a long time away from this holy mystery to return, and for all of us to simply to go to confession as we all must frequently do.

We're Making a New Parish Directory! (finally)



You are invited to participate in our upcoming professional photography sessions.

Photography Date: **December 17th**

Times: 2p-9p

To schedule your appointment, sign up today in the narthex or after in the hall.

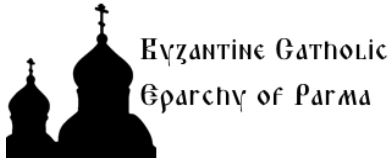
Or, go to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b30kq7ee/>

Or, call the parish office for assistance @ 313-382-5901

- No sitting fee!
- Complimentary 8x10 and free directory for each family
- Opportunity (with no obligation) to purchase additional portraits with discounts
- First responders, military personnel, and seniors over 60 will receive an additional 20% discount.



The Guild will hold their annual Soup and Salad Lunch fundraiser on **Sunday, January 26th** after the Divine Liturgy. It's all you can eat, so come hungry!



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Victim's Assistance Coordinator

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 next on **Sunday, January 12th**, 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!

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 November 10th was **67**. 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 November 10th was **\$872**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,498.82**

Sunday: \$698; Holy Day: \$92; Children: \$1; Horizons: \$12; Fuel: \$20; Candles: \$49

“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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