

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 3rd, 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. You may 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, November 3, 2019

Daylight Savings Time Ends

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

The Holy Martyrs Aceptsimas, 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 (11-1)

+James Humenik, from Phyllis Humenik (11-2)

intention of Bob Semak, from Jane Semak (10-30)

Reader: Peter Raupp

11:30am ECF

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, November 4, 2019

Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great (846).

The Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermas.

Colossians 2:13-20. Luke 12:13-15, 22b-31.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme (253).

Colossians 2:20-3:3. Luke 12:42-48.

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, November 6, 2019



⊗ Our Holy Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (351).

Colossians 3:17-4:1. Luke 12:48b-59

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

Special intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, November 7, 2019

The Holy Thirty-three Martyrs at Melitene (298).

Our Venerable Father Lazarus, the Wonder-worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee (11th Century).

Colossians 4:2-9. Luke 13:1-9.

9:00am Third Hour

Parish Work Day

6:00pm Great Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Angels

+Joseph Humenik, from Ceil Burja

Friday, November 8, 2019

⊕ THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL ANGELIC POWERS.

Vespers: Joshua 5:13-15 • Judges 6:7, 11-24 • Isaiah 14:6-20.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36b-43.

for Michael: Hebrews 2:2-10. Luke 10:16-22.

for the day: Colossians 4:10-18. Luke 13:31-35.

7:00pm Vespers - followed by Confessions

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Our Venerable Mother Matrona (492). The Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos (881).

2 Corinthians 5:1-10a. Luke 9:37-43a.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Charles & +Mary Burja, from Burja Family

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

Sunday, November 10, 2019

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5

The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rhodion, and their Companions.

11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

Galatians 6:11-18. Luke 10:25-37.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

Special intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (11-6)

+Joseph Humenik, from Ceil Burja (11-7)

+Charles & +Mary Burja, from Burja Family (11-9)

Reader: Nicholas Wood

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 Feast of Michael and All Angelic Powers (November 8th)



The name Michael means, “Who is like God?” This name signifies who Michael is. Satan claimed equality with God – “Michael” is Satan’s expulsion from heaven.

There - do you see him? That speck at the end of Michael’s spear? That is Satan. The petty black demon is utterly vanquished - not by Michael’s might in battle per se, but by his mere presence.

Angels are spiritual beings; their way of battle is spiritual. St. Augustine says, “‘Angel’ is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is ‘spirit.’”

Michael’s spiritual stillness, his singleness of heart, his oneness of vision – “always beholding the face of our Father who is in heaven” (c.f. Mat. 18: 10) triumphs over the frantic, grasping, envious, and vain energy of the morning star - Lucifer.

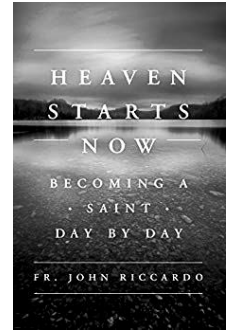
Once, Lucifer was the most brilliant of all Angels. Then he said in his heart: “I will scale the heavens; Above the stars of God I will set up my throne.... I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will be like the Most High!” (Isaiah 14: 13, 14).

The Lord’s rebuke is to make Man like the Most High. The Logos became Man to make us “partakers of the divine nature” (1 Pet. 1: 4; c.f. CCC 460). This Man, Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, says, “I saw Satan fall like lightning” (Luke 10: 18). And it was Michael who cast him down.

Brilliance is nothing to humility. The egocentric is nothing to the theocentric. Who can compare to God? “Lucifer” is nothing to “Michael.”

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 4th**, 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!



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 jam-packed 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.

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.



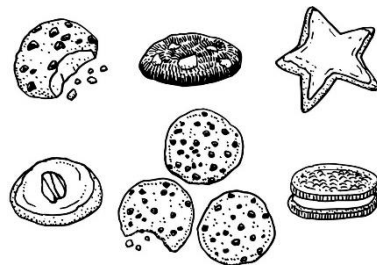
PUMPKIN PIES!

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.



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



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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 **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 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!

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 27th 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 October 27th was **\$1245**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1501.18**

Sunday: \$965; Holy Day: \$57; Horizons: \$145; Fuel: \$47; Candles: \$31

“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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