

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 29th, 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 **Matins** at 8:00am

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

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

Saturday evening **Vespers** at 5:00pm, followed by **Confession**

Sunday, December 29, 2019

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY. Tone 4

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY AND JUST JOSEPH THE BETROTHED,
DAVID THE KING, & JAMES THE BROTHER OF GOD.

Holy Innocents killed by Herod in Bethlehem. Ven. Fr. Marcellus, Hegumen of the Akimetes (486).

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

Galatians 1:11-19. Matthew 2:13-23.

8:00am Matins

10:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Subdiaconal Ordination

- for the people of the parish

+John Siko, from Jason & Steven Siko (12-26)

+Stephen Lazlo Kastura, from R.C. Johnston (12-27)

intention of George and Irene Durisin, from Irene Jane Semak (12-28)

Come to hall for a luncheon after the Divine Liturgy!

5:00pm Vespers

Monday, December 30, 2019

Post-festive Day of the Nativity. The Holy Martyr Anysia, Bishop of Thessalonica (406).

The Venerable Zoticus, Priest and Protector of Orphans (4th Century).

Hebrews 8:7-13. Luke 20:27-44.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Leave-taking of the Nativity. Our Venerable Mother Melany of Rome (438).

Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23. Luke 21:12-18.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Great Vespers for the Circumcision & Basil

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision & Basil

+Rev. Cyril Attak, from Edith Szanto

Party til Midnight! 12:15am Moleben of Thanksgiving for the Civil New Year

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

⊕ THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.
HOLY FR. BASIL THE GREAT, ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA (379).

Vespers Paramia: Gen. 17:1-7, 9-12, 14 • Prov. 8:22-30 • Prov. 10:31-11:12.

Matins Gospel: John 10:9-16.

for the Circumcision & Basil: Colossians 2:8-12 & Hebrews 7:26-8:2.

Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 & Luke 6:17-23a.

7:00am Festal Matins

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Jozsef Szanto, from Edith Szanto

Thursday, January 2, 2020

Pre-festive Day of the Theophany. Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335).

Hebrews 10:35-11:7. Luke 21:28-33.

7:00pm Vespers

Friday, January 3, 2020

Pre-festive Day of the Theophany. The Holy Prophet Malachi.

The Holy Martyr Gordius (304). Venerable Mother Genevieve of Paris.

1st Hour: Isaiah 35:1-10 • Acts 13:25-33a • Matthew 3:1-11

3rd Hour: Isaiah 1:16-20 • Acts 19:1-8 • Mark 1:1-8

6th Hour: Isaiah 12:3-6 • Romans 6:3-11 • Mark 1:9-15

9th Hour: Isaiah 49:8-15 • Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 • Matthew 3:13-17

7:00am Royal Hours for Theophany

7:00pm Vespers - followed by Confessions

Saturday, January 4, 2020

Saturday before Theophany.

Synaxis of the Holy Seventy Apostles. Our Ven. Fr. Theoctist, Hegumen at Cuomo in Sicily (800).

1 Timothy 3:14-4:5. Matthew 3:1-11.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+John Bonacor, from Char Bonacor

5:00pm Great Vespers - followed by Confessions

Sunday, January 5, 2020

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY. Tone 5

Vigil of the Theophany. Holy Martyrs Theopempt & Theona (c. 350).

Our Venerable Mother Syncretica (4th Century). The Holy Prophet Micah.

8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18.

2 Timothy 4:5-8. Mark 1:1-8.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

+Rev. Cyril Attak, from Edith Szanto (12-31)

+Jozsef Szanto, from Edith Szanto (1-1)

+John Bonacor, from Char Bonacor (1-4)

11:30am ECF

12:30pm Great Vespers for Theophany with the Consecration of the Jordan Water

Monday, January 6, 2020

⊕ THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Vespers Paramia: (1) Genesis 1:1-13 • (2) Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29a •

(3) Exodus 15:22-16:1a • (4) Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17 • (5) IV [II] Kings 2:6-14 •

(6) IV [II] Kings 5:9-14 • (7) Isaiah 1:16-20 • (8) Genesis 32:1-10a •

(9) Exodus 2:5-10 • (10) Judges 6:36-40 • (11) III [I] Kings 18:30-39 •

(12) IV [II] Kings 2:19-22 • (13) Isaiah 49:8-15

1 Corinthians 9:19-27. Luke 3:1-18.

Matins Gospel: Mark 1:9-11

for Theophany: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Matthew 3:13-17

7:00am All-Night Vigil for Theophany (Great Compline & Matins)

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Theophany - *for the people of the parish*

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)

Subdiaconal Ordination

Bishop Milan will ordain Michael Kunitz to the Subdiaconate at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy today, **Sunday, December 29th**

Come to hall for a luncheon after the Divine Liturgy!



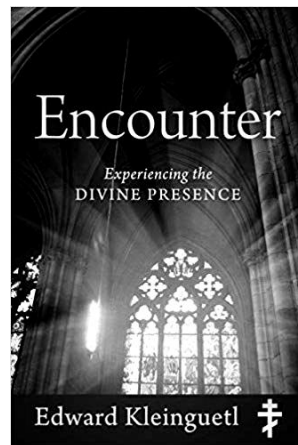
St Nick's Annual Carpathian Mountain Potluck

Saint Nicholas, Clinton Township

On Saturday, **January 4**, St Nick's will be having its annual Potluck Party, hosted by the Carpatho-Rusin Cultural Society of Michigan. The evening's events will begin with a panachida for deceased members after the 4:00 pm Divine Liturgy, with the potluck immediately following in the church hall. Entertainment will include traditional Rusin/Slovak/Hungarian songs by the Beskidy Folk Ensemble, and cantor-led singing of our traditional Kol'ady (Christmas carols), in both English and Slavonic. Ethnic dress is encouraged to add to the European atmosphere of the evening, but not required. As always, other parishes are encouraged to attend. For more information, please see our website, www.stnicksdetroit.com, or contact the parish office (586)-791-1052, or e-mail Anne Nagrant: RusynSocietyMichigan@yahoo.com.

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. Now's a great time to join, because they've just finished one book and will be starting a new one. Their next meeting is **Monday, January 13, 2020**, at 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. The new book is: *Encounter: Experiencing the Divine Presence*. "Come and see. Consider how life in Christ is the only true source of lasting happiness. Experience a God who is always near. Discover or re-discover a faith that is ever ancient, ever new. Christ is the true light that has come into the world and darkness cannot overcome it."



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 have chant practices monthly, 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 next practice will be on Tuesday, **January 21st** at 6pm.



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!

Annual Stewardship Appeal

Christ is born! Glorify Him! Consider the Father's Gift of the Christ Child and how you can offer your time, talent, and treasure back to God in thanksgiving. Help support the Eparchy of Parma's Annual Stewardship Appeal through a one-time or monthly donation at parma.org/2020appeal. Thank you for your generosity and a blessed Nativity to you!

St. Stephen's goal this year: \$9,200

As of the end of November, we had raised \$1,740
\$7,460 to go!



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 Raupp Family** and to all who worked and cleaned this past 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

for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on December 22nd was **66**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **57**

Devote yourselves “to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

COLLECTION

The collection on December 22nd was **\$6,024.75**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,525.34**
Sunday: \$2309.25; Holy Day: \$148; Candles: \$130.50; Children: \$1; Fuel: \$114; Flowers: \$37; Christmas: \$3285

“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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