

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 5th, 2020

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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

Saturday evening at 5:00pm

Sunday morning at 8:00am & 10:00am

Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

Saturday morning at 10:00am

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)*

Reader: Theresa Szatkowski

11:30am ECF

12:30pm Great Vespers for Theophany *with 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*

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

⊗. The Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

for the Synaxis: Acts 19:1-8. John 1:29-34.

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, January 8, 2020



Post-festive Day of the Theophany. Our Venerable Father George the Chozebite (614).
Our Venerable Mother Dominica (474). Our Holy Father and Confessor Emilian (767).
Hebrews 10:1-18. Mark 8:30-34.

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+intention of Kelsey Falconer, from Nicholas Zawaski

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Theophany. The Holy Martyr Polyeuct (230).

Hebrews 10:35-11:7. Mark 9:10-16.

Friday, January 10, 2020



Post-festive Day of the Theophany. Our Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa (c. 395).
The Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Melitene (602).
Our Venerable Father Marcion, Priest and Econome of the Great Church (c. 471).
Our Venerable Father Theophan the Recluse (1894).

Hebrews 11:8, 11-16. Mark 9:33-41.

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers - *followed by Confessions*

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Saturday after Theophany. Post-festive Day of the Theophany.

✦ Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the common life (529).

for the Saturday after Theophany: Ephesians 6:10-17. Matthew 4:1-11.

for Theodosius: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Matthew 11:27-30.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

5:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday - *followed by Confessions*

Sunday, January 12, 2020

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. Tone 6. The Holy Martyr Tatiana (c. 227).

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

Ephesians 4:7-13. Matthew 4:12-17.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

intention of Kelsey Falconer, from Nicholas Zawaski (1-8)

intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (1-11)

Reader: Debra Grega

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)

Jordan Water

We will bless the Jordan water today at Great Vespers for the feast of the Theophany. The Jordan Water will be accessible for all who may wish to drink it or take some to keep in their homes. Knowing that our Lord hears our prayers, listen to the words of the prayer over the water –

from the Consecration of the Jordan Water:



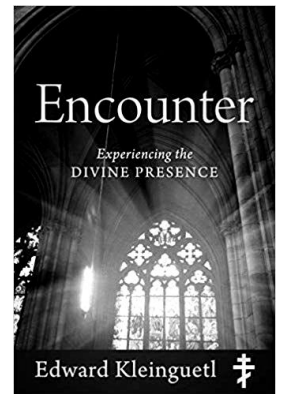
O Loving King, come now and through the descent of the Holy Spirit sanctify this water. Grant it the grace of redemption and the blessing of the Jordan. Make it a fount of incorruptibility, a gift of sanctification, a redemption of sins, a healing potion for illness, and a destroyer of demons. Make it immune to hostile powers, and fill it with angelic power so that all who drink and receive of it may be purified in soul and body, cured of ills, sanctified in their homes, and given every befitting grace.

House Blessings

House blessings will begin today after the blessing of the Jordan water at Great Vespers. It is traditional for us all to have our houses blessed with the Jordan Water consecrated on the feast of Theophany. Ideally, the House Blessings take place during the postfestive season of Theophany (from January 6th – 14th). Please let me know when I may come bless your house. You may submit your house blessing envelope with dates written on it. Or, you may sign up on the sheets available in the back of the Church. Or, contact me.

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."



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!

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 28th** at 6pm. (Fr. John will be out of town January 21st).

Annual Stewardship Appeal

A blessed Theophany to you! Have you considered your pledge to this year’s Stewardship Appeal? The Eparchy of Parma relies on your continued support to provide for our various programs and outreaches. Please make your pledge today! Send in the cut-out from Horizons or visit us at parma.org/2020appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Stephen’s goal this year: \$9,200

As of the end of December, we had raised \$3,765
\$5,435 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 Russell Family is scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Dalbo 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 29th was **110**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **58**

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

COLLECTION

The collection on December 29th was **\$1195**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,427.94**
Sunday: \$913; Holy Day: \$54; Candles: \$32; Children: \$1; Fuel: \$10; Initial Offering: \$10; Christmas: \$175

Average Weekly Expenses: approximately \$2,500

“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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