

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 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**

## Monday, January 13, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Theophany. The Holy Martyrs Hermylaous and Stratonicus (c. 309).

Our Venerable Father Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers.

Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31. Mark 9:42-10:1.

## Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Leave-taking of the Theophany. Our Venerable Fathers martyred by Arabs in Sinai & Raitho (312).

Commemoration of the Passing of the holy Equal-to-the-apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians.

Hebrews 12:25, 26, 13:22-25. Mark 10:2-12.

**7:00am First & Third Hour**

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Wednesday, January 15, 2020

⊗ Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes (c. 345) and John the Hut-dweller (5th Century).

James 1:1-18. Mark 10:11b-16.

**6:00pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*+Piroska Hollosy & Mons. B. Nyika, from Edith Santo*

## Thursday, January 16, 2020

⊗ The Veneration of the Chains of the Holy Apostle Peter.

James 1:19-27. Mark 10:17-27.

**6:00pm Great Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt*

## Friday, January 17, 2020

⊕ Our Venerable Father Anthony the Great (356).

*Matins Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30. for Anthony: Hebrews 13: 17-21. Luke 6:17-23.  
for the day: James 2:1-13. Mark 10:23b-32a.*

**7:00pm Vespers** - followed by Confessions

## Saturday, January 18, 2020

⊗ Our Holy Fathers Athanasius (373) and Cyril of Alexandria (444).

Colossians 1:3-6. Luke 16:10-15.

**9:45am Third Hour**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

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

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

# Sunday, January 19, 2020

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

⊗ Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (390).

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

1 Timothy 1:15-17. Luke 18:35-43.

**8:00am Matins**

**9:45am Third Hour**

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

*+Piroška Hollosy & Mons. B. Nyika, from Edith Santo (1-15)*

*intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (1-16)*

*+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (1-18)*

Reader: Nicholas Wood

*11:30am ECF*

**12:30pm Great 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)



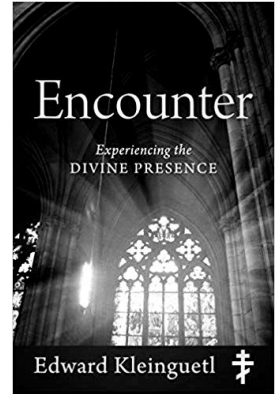
by tradition, a fast day permitting dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil (no meat)

## House Blessings

House blessings with the newly blessed Jordan water continue today and this week. 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>). 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 26<sup>th</sup>** after the Divine Liturgy. It's all you can eat, so come hungry!

## Monthly Ghant 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 28<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm. (Fr. John will be out of town January 21st).

## Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the eparchy including seminarian formation and education, active and retired priests, and youth ministry. Please respond with your pledge and payments today! You may use the forms mailed to you in November or visit us online at [parma.org/2020appeal](http://parma.org/2020appeal) to make your one-time or monthly donation. Thank you for your generosity in 2019!

**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 **today, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Osentoski & Sutyak Family** is scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Russell 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



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## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on January 5<sup>th</sup> was **59**. 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 January 5<sup>th</sup> was **\$1534.25**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,410.43**  
Sunday: \$1174.50; Holy Day: \$107; Candles: \$79.75; Children: \$1; Initial Offering: \$162; Christmas: \$10

“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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