

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

Saturday evening at 5:00pm

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

Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

Saturday morning at 10:00am

Sunday, February 2, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Tone 1

⊕ MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON & ANNA

Vespers Paramia: (1) Exodus 12:51, 13:1-3, 10-16, 22:29; Numbers 8:16; Leviticus 12:1-4, 6-8; Numbers 8:16-17 • (2) Isaiah 6:1-12 • (3) Isaiah 19:1-5, 12, 16, 19-21.

Matins Gospel: Luke 2:25-32.

2 Timothy 3:10-15 & *for the Meeting:* Hebrews 7:7-17.

Luke 18:10-14 & *for the Meeting:* Luke 2:22b-40.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

intention of Jordan Zawaski, from Nicholas Zawaski (1-29)

+Josefa Patrick, from Marron Family (1-30)

+Marge Silek, from Jane Semak (2-1)

Reader: Cecilia Hendricks

11:30am ECF

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, February 3, 2020

⊗ The Synaxis of the Holy Prophet Simeon and the Prophetess Anna.

for Simeon & Anna: Hebrews 9:11-14. Luke 2:25-38.

for the day: 2 Peter 1:20-2:9. Mark 13:9-13.

7:00am First & Third Hour – *Reader Service*

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Meeting. Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium (c. 450).

2 Peter 2:9-22. Mark 13:14-23.

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Meeting. The Holy Martyr Agatha (250).

2 Peter 3:1-18. Mark 13:24-31.

6:00pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Meeting.

Our Venerable Father Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna (2nd Century).

The Holy Martyr Silvanus, Bishop of Emesa, and his Companions (313).

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople.

1 John 1:8-2:6. Mark 13:31-14:2.

Friday, February 7, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Meeting. Venerable Fr. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus (318).

The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Peter Verhun (1957).

1 John 2:7-17. Mark 14:3-9.

7:00am First & Third Hour

8:00am Divine Liturgy

+Robert Dubensky, on the 40th day

7:00am Vespers - followed by Confessions

Saturday, February 8, 2020

⊗ Post-festive Day of the Meeting. The Holy Great Martyr Theodore (318).

The Holy Prophet Zechariah.

2 Timothy 3:1-9. Luke 20:45-21:4.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Robert Crosky, from Phyllis Croskey

5:00pm Great Vespers - followed by Confessions

Sunday, February 9, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON. Tone 2

Leave-taking of the Meeting. The Holy Martyr Nicephor (260).

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

1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Luke 15:11-32.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

+intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (2-5)

+Robert Dubensky (2-7)

+Robert Crosky, from Phyllis Croskey (2-8)

Reader: Peter Raupp

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)



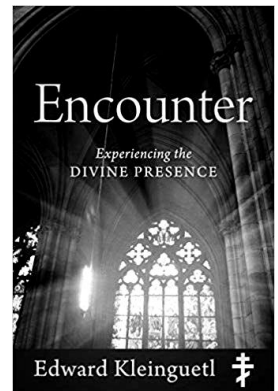
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Byzantine Book Club

You are invited to join a book club! Most Mondays from 7 – 9 pm at Fr. Deacon Lawrence & Pani Mary Hendricks' home. Their next meeting is **Monday, February 3rd, 2020**, at 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. The 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 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, **February 18th** at 6pm. We will continue practicing the Presanctified Divine Liturgy.

Adult ECF begins during the Great Fast

We will once again have an adult education opportunity during the Great Fast. Our growth in faith and union with God is never finished. This year, we will meet after Divine Liturgy on the Sundays of the Great Fast. More details forthcoming.

Annual Stewardship Appeal

Our Annual Stewardship Appeal continues this month. If you have not already made your pledge or donation, please visit parma.org/2020appeal and consider a monthly donation to the Eparchy to help financially with the many needs and expenses we face. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Stephen’s goal this year: \$9,200

As of the end of December, we had raised
\$3,765. Thank you!
\$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 **February 9th**, after Divine Liturgy.

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 Raupp Family is scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Dalbo Family** and to all who worked and cleaned this past week. 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 January 26th was **70**. 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 January 26th was **\$1655.50**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,410.90**
Sunday: \$1460; Holy Day: \$102; Children: \$1; Candles: \$42.50; Initial Offering: \$20; Fuel: \$30

“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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