

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 9th, 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, 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

Monday, February 10, 2020

Meatfare Monday. The Holy Martyr Charalampas (203).

1 John 2:18-3:10a. Mark 11:1-11.

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meatfare Tuesday. The Holy Martyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste (316).

1 John 3:10b-20. Mark 14:10-42.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Anna Ballèr Div. & +Mary S. Eberle, from Edith Santo

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Meatfare Wednesday. Our Holy Father Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381).

1 John 3:21-4:6. Mark 14:43-15:1.

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Margaret Gombos, from Edith Santo

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Meatfare Thursday. Our Venerable Father Martinian (c. 398).

1 John 4:20-5:21. Mark 15:1-15.

6:00pm Great Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Julianna Kormos, from Edith Santo

Friday, February 14, 2020 *St. Valentine's Day*

Meatfare Friday. Our Venerable Father Auxentius (5th Century).

✚ Passing of our Ven. Fr. Constantine, whose monastic name is Cyril, Apostle of the Slavs (869).

The Venerable Maron, Hermit and Wonder-worker (c. 423).

Vespers Paramia: Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-5:7.

Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9.

for Cyril: Hebrews 7:26-8:2. John 10:9-16.

for the day: 2 John 1:1-13. Mark 15:22, 25, 33-41.

7:00pm Vespers - followed by *Confessions*

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Souls' Saturday. Meatfare Saturday. The Holy Apostle Onesimus.

1 Corinthians 10:23-28 *and for the departed:* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36 *and for the departed:* John 5:24-30.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy – followed by a *Panachida for the Souls*

+David Himick, from Faith Himick

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

Sunday, February 16, 2020

MEATFARE SUNDAY. The Sunday of the Last Judgment. Tone 3
The Holy Martyrs, the Presbyter Pamphilius, Porphyry, and their Companions (309).

Vespers Paramia: Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1

- Malachi 3:1; Mark 1:2; Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7, 12, 18, 17; 4:4-6
- Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-5:7

3rd Resurrection Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20.

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2. Matthew 25:31-46.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

+Anna Baller Div. & +Mary S. Eberle, from Edith Santo (2-11)

+Margaret Gombos, from Edith Santo (2-12)

+Julianna Kormos, from Edith Santo (2-13)

+David Himick, from Faith Himick (2-15)

Reader: Theresa Szatkowski

11:30am ECF

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)



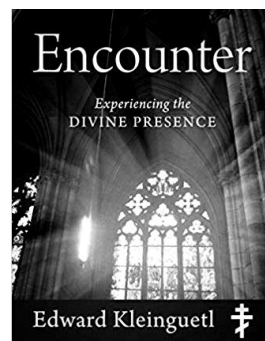
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Byzantine Book Club

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 10th, 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 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, **February 18th** at 6pm. We will continue practicing the Presanctified Divine Liturgy.

PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION

On February 23rd after the Divine Liturgy, Dan and Chris Lauffer will offer a presentation about an upcoming opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Whether or not you think you can go on the trip, please come and learn!

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

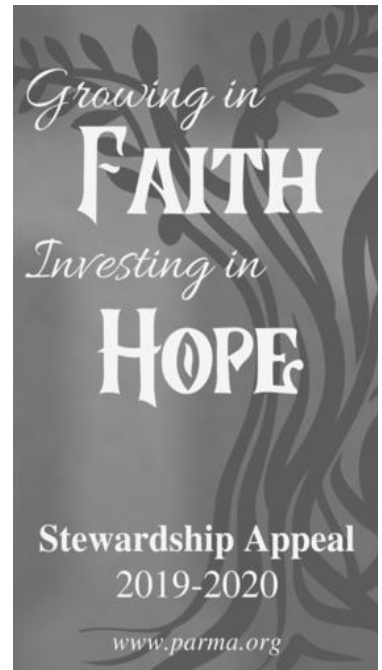
Our Annual Stewardship Appeal continues this month. We are almost half way through this year’s campaign. If you have not already made your pledge or donation, please visit parma.org/2020appeal and consider a monthly donation to the Eparchy to help financially with the many needs and expenses we face.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

St. Stephen’s goal this year: \$9,200





As of the end of January, we had raised \$4,550

Thank you!

We’re almost halfway to our goal.



OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2020

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 2nd 	TRIODION WEEKS Publican and the Pharisee Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Trust in God, not yourself! Ask for His help before every task this week!
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 9th 	The Prodigal Son Returns! Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 16th <small>FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY</small> 	The Last Judgment Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheese fare FEBRUARY 23rd <small>FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY</small> 	Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Reading: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

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 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 Osentoski and 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 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 February 2nd was **47**. 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 February 2nd was **\$1063.85**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,410.97**

Sunday: \$936.10; Holy Day: \$76; Candles: \$31.75; Initial Offering: \$20

“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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