



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pascha! April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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## **Christ is Risen! 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

*(All public services are cancelled through and including May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020)*

*Live streams at:*  
Saturday evening at 5:00pm  
Sunday morning at 8:00am & 10:00am (midnight on Pascha)  
Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm  
Saturday morning at 10:00am

## Sunday, April 12, 2020

⊕ PASCHA. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parium (735).  
Acts 1:1-8. John 1:1-17.

**Midnight** Live stream of Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy - *for the people of the parish*

*+Fr. John Kurty, from Char Bonacor & Ceil Burja (4-6)  
intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (4-7)  
intention of George Durisin, from Jane Semak (4-8)*

10:00am Easter Basket Blessing in the Parking Lot

*Remain in your cars with your baskets. I will say the blessings and then go around with holy water, keeping a good distance while doing so. Alternatively, you can ask the Lord's blessing upon your Easter foods and sprinkle them with holy water at home.*

## Monday, April 13, 2020

BRIGHT MONDAY. The Holy Priest-Martyr Artemon and his Companions (303).

*Agape Vespers Gospel: John 20:19-25.*

Acts 1:12-17, 21-26. John 1:18-28.

7:00am live stream of Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy

*health of Jean Gyalveszi, from Jane Semak*

## Tuesday, April 14, 2020

BRIGHT TUESDAY. Our Holy Father and Confessor Martin, Pope of Rome (665).

The Holy New Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius (1342).

Acts 2:14-21. Luke 24:12-35.

7:00am live stream of Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy

*+Marie Usfo Hagan, from Joe Biltz*

7:00pm live stream of Agape Vespers

## Wednesday, April 15, 2020

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY. The Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus.

Acts 2:22-36. John 1:35-51.

*6:00-6:30pm Confessions*

7:00pm live stream of Agape Vespers

## Thursday, April 16, 2020

BRIGHT THURSDAY. The Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chiona (c. 304).

Acts 2:38-43. John 3:1-15.

## Friday, April 17, 2020

BRIGHT FRIDAY. Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia (c. 341).

The Venerable Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (435).

Acts 3:1-8. John 2:12-22.

7:00am live stream of Paschal Matins

*6:00-6:30pm Confessions*

7:00pm live stream of Agape Vespers

## Saturday, April 18, 2020

BRIGHT SATURDAY. Our Venerable Father John, Disciple of the Holy Gregory the Decapolite (820).

Acts 3:11-16. John 3:22-33.

9:00am live stream of Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy

*intention of Carol, Frank, Emily, & Joseph, from Joe Biltz*

*noon-12:30pm Confessions*

5:00pm live stream of Great Vespers for Thomas Sunday

# Sunday, April 19, 2020

THOMAS SUNDAY. Our Venerable Father John of the Ancient Cave (8th Century).

1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20. Acts 5:12-20. John 20:19-31.

8:00am live stream of Matins for Thomas Sunday

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

*health of Jean Gyalveszi, from Jane Semak (4-13)*

*+Marie Usfo Hagan, from Joe Biltz (4-15)*

*intention of Carol, Frank, Emily, & Joseph, from Joe Biltz (4-18)*

## 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, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



by tradition, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, or eggs)



by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)

FEAST OF FEASTS!

**APRIL 12th**  
NO FASTING!



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BRIGHT WEEK

**HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)**

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1: 1-17

Great everyone with  
"CHRIST IS RISEN!"

& say it before  
good morning and goodnight!

## *Easter Flowers have been offered*

In Memory of  
Donald Bonezzi  
Joseph Bonezzi  
Mary Ann Bonezzi  
Departed of Butella Family  
Dawn

John Gaydos  
John M. Gaydos  
Bertha Grega  
John Grega  
Maria & Ferenc Griba  
Helen Humenik

James Humenik  
Joseph Humenik  
Peter Humenik  
Ruth Humenik  
Mary  
Angela Ng

Brett Reardon  
Mary Polifko  
Robert  
Andrew Yatcko  
Helen Yatcko

& In Honor of  
Don Burgener  
the Butella Family  
Joseph Daniels  
Helen Naret

## Holy Anointing

The service of Holy Anointing which we would have celebrated on the evening of Holy Wednesday will be postponed until after this pandemic has ended. Bishop Milan wants us all to remember also that this holy anointing must be preceded by a recent confession.

## **Public Liturgical Services**

All public liturgical services and all other events and gatherings are cancelled in the Eparchy of Parma through and including May 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, we continue to pray for you daily and to celebrate liturgy privately for your intentions.

### **Confessions**

Our confession times are NOT cancelled. You may also contact me for an appointment.

Wednesday & Friday: 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday: noon – 12:30pm

If you are prudently unable to go to confession at this time, confess and express your sorrow for your sins to the Lord and prayerfully resolve to go to confession as soon as it becomes prudent. We are forgiven the moment we repent, which includes the intention to confess.

### **Personal Prayer**

During this pandemic, the church is open for personal prayer every day from 1pm to 4pm.

Additionally:

Pascha: 7am – 6pm

Bright Monday: noon – 8pm

Bright Tuesday: noon – 6pm

Bright Wednesday: 7am – 6:30pm

Bright Thursday: 7am – 8pm

Bright Friday: 11am – 6:30pm

Bright Saturday: noon – 4pm

Thomas Sunday: 1pm – 8pm

Whenever the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated for whatever reason, it is traditional to pray the Typika instead. There are also many other services we may pray at home as well, including Vespers, Matins, and the Hours. To help with this, the Metropolitan Cantor Institute has many wonderful resources available at <https://mci.archpitt.org/>

If you would like to watch a live broadcast of liturgical services happening in our churches all over the country (and the world), here is an excellent resource: <http://liveliturgy.com/>

St. Stephen has a YouTube channel, where we are livestreaming liturgical services: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC86ljGrag2QVhQ\\_2-ZmHfgQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC86ljGrag2QVhQ_2-ZmHfgQ/)

### **Sacraments**

I am still available to offer the holy mysteries to those in need. If needed, please contact me and I will arrange to give them to you. -Fr. John

## 2020 Stewardship Appeal.

**Christ is Risen!** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Stewardship Appeal to date. Your generosity is deeply appreciated! A blessed Pascha to all!

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

As of the end of March, 34 contributors have donated \$5606.50 and pledged \$5,666.50.

Thank you!

We're 61% toward our goal.



### Thank you for supporting Mary's Mantle!

Thank you for supporting the new and expectant mothers at Mary's Mantle of Bloomfield Hills, MI this Great Fast Season. During bright week, Mary's Mantle, a Catholic home for expectant mothers, will receive all the many generous donations that have been collected throughout the fast. It is not too late to make monetary donations, please visit [www.marysmantle.net](http://www.marysmantle.net) Thank you for helping with this important, life changing endeavor.

### 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,

the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$29

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

### Support St. Stephen's

Please remember the ongoing financial needs of St. Stephen during this pandemic.

You can mail in your contributions here:

4141 Laurence Avenue  
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You can also support the work and ministry of St. Stephen with online giving. You can set up recurring giving or make a one time donation.

Just click the "Give to St. Stephen" button on our website:

<https://saintstephenbyzantine.church/donations/>

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on April 5<sup>th</sup> was **6**. Average Sunday attendance  $\approx$  **55**

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

## COLLECTION

The collection for April 5<sup>th</sup> was **\$846.47**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1385.06**

Sunday: \$275; Holy Day: \$155; Easter: \$65; Fuel: \$20; Candles: \$39; Online: \$292.47

“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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