



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 19<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  
Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm  
Saturday morning at 10:00am

## 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)*

## Monday, April 20, 2020

Our Venerable Father Theodore the Hair-shirt Wearer (c. 400).

Acts 3:19-26. John 2:1-11.

## Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius & his Companions (305). Holy Martyr Theodore of Perga.

Acts 4:1-10. John 3:16-21.

9:00am live stream of First & Third Hour

7:00pm live stream of Vespers

## Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sykiot (c. 613).

Acts 4:13-22. John 5:17b-24.

10:00am live stream of Divine Liturgy

*+Fr. Eugene Linowski, from Bishop Milan of Parma*

6:00-6:30pm *Confessions*

7:00pm live stream of Great Vespers for St. George

## Thursday, April 23, 2020

✚ HOLY & VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER (303).

*Vespers Paramia:* Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

*Matins Gospel:* Luke 12:2-12.

*for St. George:* Acts 12:1-11. John 15:17-16:2.

*for the day:* Acts 4:23-31. John 5:24-30.

10:00am live stream of Divine Liturgy for St. George

+Josefa Marron, from Marron Family

7:00pm live stream of Vespers

## Friday, April 24, 2020



The Holy Martyr Sabbas the General (272).

Acts 5:1-11. John 5:30b-6:2.

6:00-6:30pm *Confessions*

7:00pm live stream of Great Vespers for St. Mark

## Saturday, April 25, 2020

✚ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

*Vespers:* James 1:1-12 • James 1:13-27 • James 2:1-13. *Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.

*for St. Mark:* 1 Peter 5:6-14. Mark 6:7-13.

*for the day:* Acts 5:21-33. John 6:14-27.

10:00am live stream of Divine Liturgy for St. Mark

+Michael Terrie, from Sarrah Marron

11:30am – noon *Confessions*

5:00pm live stream of Great Vespers for Sunday

## Sunday, April 26, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. Tone 2

The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (322).

*3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Mark 16:9-20. Acts 6:1-7. Mark 15:43-16:8.

8:00am live stream of Matins

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

+Fr. Eugene Linowski, from Bishop Milan of Parma (4-22)

+Josefa Marron, from Marron Family (4-23)

+Michael Terrie, from Sarrah Marron (4-25)

## 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)

## *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, this week:

Thomas Sunday: 1pm – 8pm

Monday: 7am – 8pm

Tuesday: 10am – 6pm

Wednesday & Thursday: noon – 6:30pm

Friday: 7am – 6:30pm

Saturday: noon – 4pm

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.

We have just one week left for the 2019/20 Annual Stewardship Appeal. If you have not donated yet, please prayerfully consider how you can help the Eparchy financially this year. Visit [parma.org/2020appeal](http://parma.org/2020appeal) to make a donation. Thank you for your generosity!

**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.



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THURSDAY, APRIL 23

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FR. DAVID ANDERSON, WYOMING CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Thursdays, 7 p.m. (CDT)  
April 23-May 14, 2020

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THROUGH THE CROSS |  
JOY HAS COME TO THE WHOLE WORLD

### 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. Thank you for helping us collect 1 bottle of detergent, 5 packages of wipes, 29 clothing items, and 132 diapers 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 12<sup>th</sup> was 8. Average Sunday attendance ≈ 54

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

## COLLECTION

The collection for April 12<sup>th</sup> was **\$2981.80**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1419.52**

Sunday: \$445; Holy Day: \$160; Easter: \$1355; Fuel: \$10; Candles: \$35; Flowers: \$5; Online: \$971.80

“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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