



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 at least through and including Sunday, May 17th, 2020)

Sunday & Saturday morning at 10:00am

Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

Sunday, May 3, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Tone 3

The Holy Martyr Timothy and his Wife Maura (286).

✦ The Passing of our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Monastery of the Caves (1074).

4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.

Acts 9:32-42. John 5:1-15.

8:00am live stream of Matins

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

+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff

*In thanksgiving for 65 years of marriage of George & Irene Durisin,
from their children*

Intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Monday, May 4, 2020

The Holy Martyr Pelagia (287).

Acts 10:1-16. John 6:56-69.

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Holy & Glorious Martyr Irene. Ven. Fr. Nicephor, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery (14th C.)

Acts 10:21-33. John 7:1-13.

9:00am live stream of First & Third Hour

7:00pm live stream of Great Vespers for Mid-Pentecost

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

MID-PENTECOST. The Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering.

Vespers Paramia: Micah 4:2-3, 5; 6:2-5, 8; 5:3 • Isaiah 55:1; 12:3-4; 55:2-3, 6-13 • Proverbs 9:1-11.
Acts 14:6b-18. John 7:14-30.

10:00am live stream of Divine Liturgy for Mid-Pentecost

intention of William Falconer III, from Nicholas Zawaski

6:00-6:30pm *Confessions*

7:00pm live stream of Vespers

Thursday, May 7, 2020

⊗ The Appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius (357). The Holy Martyr Acacius (303).

Acts 10:34-43. John 8:12-20.

7:00pm live stream of Great Vespers for ⊕ St. John the Theologian

Friday, May 8, 2020

⊕ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great (448).

Vespers: 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for John: 1 John 1:1-7. John 19: 25-27; 21:24-25.

for the day: Acts 10:44-11:10. John 8:21-30.

10:00am live stream of Divine Liturgy for ⊕ St. John the Theologian

+Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

6:00-6:30pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Great Vespers for † the Relics of St. Nicholas

Saturday, May 9, 2020

The Holy Prophet Isaiah. The Holy Martyr Christopher (249).

† The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicholas to Bari (1087).

Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9. *for Nicholas:* Hebrews 13:17-21. Luke 6:17-23.

for the day: Acts 12:1-11. John 8:31-42a.

10:00am live stream of Divine Liturgy for † the Relics of St. Nicholas

intention of Br. Tadey Blazhkevych

11:30-noon *Confessions*

5:00pm live stream of Great Vespers for Sunday

Sunday, May 10, 2020 *Mother's Day*

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Tone 4

✦ The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot.

Vespers: 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10.

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. John 4:5-42.

8:00am live stream of Matins

10:00am live stream of Divine Liturgy followed by a Moleben for Mothers

- for the people of the parish

intention of William Falconer III, from Nicholas Zawaski (5-6)

intention of Br. Tadey Blazhkevych (5-9)

+Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (5-8)

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)

The Godbearer Institute Presents:

Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ

A Series that Upacks the Risen One



THURSDAY, MAY 7

LITURGY AT EMMAUS: HOW TO MELT HEARTS

FR. BOGDAN BUCUR, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY/ST. VLADIMIR'S

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

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THROUGH THE CROSS |
JOY HAS COME TO THE WHOLE WORLD

Sacraments

I am still available to offer the holy mysteries (baptism, chrismation, communion, confession, anointing, marriage, funerals) privately to those in need. If needed, please contact me and we will arrange to give them to you. -Fr. John

Confessions

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

Wednesday & Friday: 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday: 11:30am – noon

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.

Holy Anointing

The public liturgical service of Holy Anointing, which we would have celebrated on the evening of Holy Wednesday, is 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 at least through and including May 17th. However, we continue to pray for you daily and to celebrate liturgy privately for your intentions. Please continue to pray and to pray for us.

Personal Prayer

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

Additionally, this week:

Sunday: 1pm – 8pm

Monday: 7am – 8pm

Tuesday: 10am – 6:30pm

Wednesday: 11:30am – 6:30pm

Thursday: 7am – 6:30pm

Friday: 11:30am – 6:30pm

Saturday: 11:30am – 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/

Please subscribe to our YouTube channel!

If we reach 100 subscribers (so far, we have 75), we can change the address to something intelligible.

2020 Stewardship Appeal.

Thank you to all who contributed to the 2020 Stewardship Appeal.

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

As of the end of April, 34 contributors have donated \$5719.25 and pledged \$5,769.25.

Thank you!

We're 62% toward our goal.

A second Stewardship Appeal mailing will be going out next week to those parishioners who have not contributed to date.

If our parish exceeds its goal, a rebate will be paid equal to 100% of the amount by which a parish exceeds its goal.



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 26th was 8. Average Sunday attendance ≈ 51

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

COLLECTION

The collection for April 26th was **\$1713**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1379.36**

Sunday: \$1085; Easter: \$220; Holy Day: \$105; Fuel: \$60; Candles: \$3; Online: \$240

“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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