



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 17th, 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

Sunday & Saturday morning at 10:00am
Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

Sunday, May 17, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. Tone 5

Holy Apostle Andronicus & his Companions. The Passing of Martyr & Priest Ivan Ziatyk (1952).

8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18.

Acts 16:16-34. John 9:1-38.

8:00am live stream of Matins

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

+Teresa Bobovsky, from Jane Semak (5-11)

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas,

from Mary Ann Osmond (5-13)

+Peter Bulinsky, from Reader Kyprian Wojciechowski (5-16)

Monday, May 18, 2020

The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (303).

The Holy Martyrs Peter, Denis, and their Companions (250). The Holy Seven Virgins.

Acts 17:1-15. John 11:47-57.

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

The Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussia and his Companions (c. 362).

Acts 17:19-28a. John 12:19-36a.

9:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, May 20, 2020



Leave-taking of Pascha. The Holy Martyr Thaleleus (284).

Acts 18:22-28. John 12:36-47.

6:00pm Great Vespers for ⊕ ASCENSION

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ⊕ ASCENSION - *for the people of the parish*

Thursday, May 21, 2020

⊕ ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD, & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Vespers Paramia: Isaiah 2:2-3 • Isaiah 62:10-63:3, 7-9 • Zechariah 14:1, 4, 8-11.

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

Acts 1:1-12. Luke 24:36-53.

9:00am Matins for ⊕ ASCENSION

Friday, May 22, 2020



The Holy Martyr Basiliscus (308). The Holy and Righteous Melchizedek, King of Salem.
Commemoration of the 2nd Ecumenical Council of Constantinople. Our Holy Mother Rita of Cascia.

✦ The Holy Emperor Constantine (337) and his Mother Helen (327), Equals to the Apostles.
(*transferred to this day because of ⊕ ASCENSION*)

for Constantine & Helen: Acts 26:1-5, 12-20. John 9:39-10:9.

(*for the day:* Acts 19:1-8. John 14:1-11a.)

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Mary & +John Strach & +John & +Maria Lukas from Maryalice Lukas

6:00-6:45 Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, May 23, 2020

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synnada (818).

The Ven. Euphrosyne, Hegumena of the Monastery of our Holy Savior in Polotsk (1173).

Acts 20:7-12. John 14:10b-21.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Anthony & +Irene Bonacor, from Diane McInchak

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday

Confessions after Vespers

Sunday, May 24, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE 1ST NICEAN COUNCIL. Tone 6

⊗ Our Venerable Father Simeon, of the Wondrous Mountain (596).

⊗. Our Venerable Father Nicetas the Stylite, the Wonder-worker of Perejaslav.

Vespers Paramia: Genesis 14:14-20 • Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut. 10:14-21.

10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14. Acts 20:16-18a, 28-36. John 17:1-13.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

+Mary & +John Strach & +John & +Maria Lukas from *Maryalice Lukas* (5-22)

+Anthony & +Irene Bonacor, from *Diane McInchak* (5-23)

12:00pm Vespers

LEGEND

- ⊕ Great Feast
- ⊕ Feast with an All-night Vigil
- ⊕ Feast with the Polyelos 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)

Sacraments

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

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

On Wednesday, May 27th, at 7pm, we will celebrate the public liturgical service of Holy Anointing, which we would have celebrated on the evening of Holy Wednesday. Bishop Milan wants us all to remember also that this holy anointing must be preceded by a recent confession. Therefore, confession will be available starting at 6pm that same evening.

“Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)



THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Prot. No. 64/2020 L
May 12, 2020

DECREE

I, Bishop Milan Lach, S.J. **dispense all the faithful of the Eparchy of Parma from the obligation of attending Sunday Divine Liturgy as well as Divine Liturgy for Holy Days of Obligation effective today and until further notice.** You are not dispensed from prayer on Sunday, the day of prayer and rest.

After discussion with the College of Consultors of the Eparchy of Parma, and in consideration of the situations in all three regions of our Eparchy, I give permission to resume the public celebration of Divine Liturgies and other liturgical services effective Monday, May 18, 2020, for the parishes of the Ohio Region and the Great Lakes Region.

I also give permission for the parishes of the Mid-West Region (Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa) to resume the public celebration of Divine Liturgies and other liturgical services. However, this must be handled at the discretion of the pastors and administrators who, after monitoring the situation in their respective states, believe it is safe for the public to attend.

I ask all pastors and administrators to discuss with their respective parish councils the more detailed instructions that will be sent to them, and that these instructions be communicated to all parishioners via parish bulletins, websites or any other parish social media.

Every joyful celebration is anticipated with good preparation and so I would like to encourage you, knowing that soon we will be able to joyfully celebrate together again, to prepare yourselves for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and reception of the Holy Eucharist. Even during this pandemic, God is inviting us to think more deeply about ourselves, about Him, about our spiritual life, and about the spiritual meaning of our lives. During this time, God is giving us a great opportunity for a new beginning, a fresh restart. I encourage you and invite you to prepare yourselves by making arrangements with your priest to receive the Mystery of Holy Reconciliation. Please take advantage of this time of grace to spiritually prepare yourselves (an examination of conscience is available at www.parma.org).

I believe that due to the effort of our parishes to prepare our churches in the best way possible our churches are safe places in which to worship. However, out of respect for the fact that some people may not yet feel safe attending services at church, divine services will continue to be livestreamed at <http://parma.org/live> or may be available through your parish website. All other non-liturgical activities, fundraisers, and social gatherings remain suspended for the public. Baptisms, funerals, and weddings can be celebrated with precautionary measures.

Brothers and sisters, I as your father and bishop continue to offer every Sunday Divine Liturgy and pray to the Most Holy Theotokos for all of you, the faithful of the Eparchy of Parma. Please continue to pray with your families during this month of May, especially praying the Moleben, Akathist, and Paraklesis to the Theotokos (texts are available at www.parma.org) for her protection, and for those who are infected and dying from this virus in our country and throughout the world. Please also pray for the health care workers and our government as they work to protect our lives.

Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma

Notary

Public Liturgical Services

Beginning Monday, May 18th, liturgical services will once again be celebrated publically, but there is still no obligation to attend.

Whenever you do not pray the Divine Liturgy 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 continue to live stream our 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 87), we can change the address to something intelligible.

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 \$94

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 May 10th was **8**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **50**

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

COLLECTION

The collection for May 10th was **\$855**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1361.42**

Sunday: \$700; Holy Day: \$15; Fuel: \$10; Candles: \$30; Online: \$100

“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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