



**Pentecost Sunday**



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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

## Sunday, May 31, 2020

⊕ PENTECOST SUNDAY. Tone 7

The Holy Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas (c. 160).

*Vespers Paramia:* Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29 • Joel 2:23-32 • Ezekiel 36:24-28.

*Matins Gospel:* John 20:19-23.

Acts 2:1-11. John 7:37-52; 8:12.

**8:00am Matins**

**9:45am Third Hour** – *Reader Service*

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

*health of Paul Baize, from Betty Baize (5-26)*

*intention of Irene Durisin, from George Durisin (5-29)*

*+Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (5-30)*

**12:00pm Kneeling Vespers**

## Monday, June 1, 2020

PENTECOST MONDAY. The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and his Companions (167).

Ephesians 5:8b-19. Matthew 18:10-20.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy** *with procession after the Ambon Prayer*

*+Evelyn Forish, from Reader Kyprian Wojciechowski*

## Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Pentecost Tuesday. Our Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor (771).

Rom 1:1-7, 13-17. Matthew 4:25-5:12a.

**9:30am First & Third Hour**

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Wednesday, June 3, 2020

*no fasting during Pentecost Week*

Pentecost Wednesday. The Holy Martyr Lucillian and his Companions (273).

Romans 1:18-27. Matthew 5:20-26.

*6:00-6:30pm Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt*

## Thursday, June 4, 2020

Pentecost Thursday. Our Holy Father Metrophane, Patriarch of Constantinople (325).

The Holy Myrrh-bearers Martha and Mary.

Romans 1:28-2:9. Matthew 5:27-32.

## Friday, June 5, 2020

*no fasting during Pentecost Week*

Pentecost Friday. The Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre (362).

The Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest.

Romans 2:14-29. Matthew 5:33-41.

**9:30am First & Third Hour**

*6:00-7:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Saturday, June 6, 2020

Leave-taking of Pentecost. Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker (446).

Our Venerable Fr. & Confessor Hilary the Younger, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery (845).

Romans 1:7b-12. Matthew 5:42-48.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+John Bonacor, from Steve Rosen*

**4:00pm Great Vespers** for Sunday of All Saints – *Confessions after Vespers*

# Sunday, June 7, 2020

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. Tone 8

The Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra (303). The Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria, & Maria.

*Vespers Paramia:* Isaiah 43:9-14a • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3.

*1<sup>st</sup> Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Matthew 28:16-20.

Hebrews 11:33-12:2a. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30.

**8:00am Matins**

**9:45am Third Hour** – *Reader Service*

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

Reader: Debra Grega

+*Evelyn Forish, from Reader Kyprian Wojciechowski (6-1)*

*intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (6-3)*

+*John Bonacor, from Steve Rosen (6-6)*

**12:00pm 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, 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. 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.

## **Public Liturgical Services**

Liturgical services are now being celebrated publically. There is still no obligation to attend.

Whenever you do not pray the Divine Liturgy, 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/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC86ljGrag2QVhQ_2-ZmHfgQ/)

Please subscribe to our YouTube channel!

If we reach 100 subscribers (so far, we have 97), 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 \$119

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, Allen Park,  
Michigan, 48101

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/>

## Guidelines for Reopening

- We are to clean & sanitize the church before each public service – especially areas that are commonly touched (railings, doors, backs of pews, light switches, etc.) Please consider volunteering to assist with this and/or donating cleaning supplies
- The Holy Water containers are removed. Containers of holy water are available by request
- All the pew books are removed.
- The doors from the narthex into the nave will be kept open at all times.
- Every other pew is blocked off with ribbon and there are marks in the pews 6 feet apart. In the aisle is a single file row of marks 6 feet apart for your approach to receive Holy Communion.
- You may sit close to the members of your own household, but keep 6 feet away from others.
- You are encouraged to wear a mask.
- You may venerate the icons, etc. by bowing rather than by kissing.
- All other types of gatherings, such as our coffee social, ECF, and adult classes remain cancelled.
- If you are ill/fevered, please stay home. There is never an obligation to come to church when ill.
- If you approach for holy communion, tilt your head back, open your mouth wide, do not say anything, and do not close your mouth upon the spoon. The priest will wear a mask and use a separate spoon for each communicant. The spoons will be sanitized with pure alcohol.
- The ushers will not take up the collection, but there is a basket near the entrance where you can leave your offering. Please continue to support St. Stephen financially at this time.
- Celebration of baptisms, weddings, and funerals are allowed, following these precautions.
- To help with keeping physical distance between people, please consider alternately attending Vespers or Matins or Divine Liturgy, rather than only the Divine Liturgy. Even in ordinary times, any of these three services fulfills your Sunday “obligation.”
- If you do not feel safe, remember that there is no obligation to attend church at this time. Rather, keep the day holy with prayer at home.
- Live streams of our liturgical services will continue.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on May 24<sup>th</sup> was **20**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **48**

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

## COLLECTION

The collection for May 24<sup>th</sup> was **\$1414.05**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1391.49**

Sunday: \$857; Fuel: \$30; Candles: \$34; Literature Rack: \$8; Online: \$485.05

“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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### From Babel to Harmony

"But as the old confusion of tongues was laudable, when men who were of one language in wickedness and impiety, even as some now venture to be, were building the Tower; for by the confusion of their language the unity of their intention was broken up, and their undertaking destroyed; so much more worthy of praise is the present miraculous one. For being poured from One Spirit upon many men, it brings them again into harmony. And there is a diversity of Gifts, which stands in need of yet another Gift to discern which is the best, where all are praiseworthy."

- St. Gregory Nazianzen, *Oration on Pentecost*