



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 14th, 2020

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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, June 14, 2020



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847).

2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8.

Romans 2:10-16. Matthew 4:18-23.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – *Reader Service*

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

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (6-10)

+ Robert Croskey, from Phyllis Croskey (6-11)

+Joe Humenik, from Marie Hudak (6-13)

12:00pm Vespers – *with prostrations*

Monday, June 15, 2020



Day of Alleluia

The Holy Prophet Amos. The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon (420).

Romans 7:1-13. Matthew 9:36-10:8.

Tuesday, June 16, 2020



Day of Alleluia

Our Holy Father and Wonder-worker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis (c. 425).

Romans 7:14-8:2. Matthew 10:9-15.

9:30am First & Third Hour – *with prostrations*

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, June 17, 2020



Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, & Ishmael (c. 633). Ven. Fr. Hypatius, Hegumen of Rufenianos Monastery.

Romans 8:2-13. Matthew 10:16-22.

6:00-6:30pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Robert Dubensky, from Jane & Bob Semak

Thursday, June 18, 2020



The Holy Martyr Leontius (c. 73).

Romans 8:22-27. Matthew 10:23-31.

Friday, June 19, 2020



✦ The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord.

Vespers: Jude 1-10 • Jude 11-16 • Jude 17-25.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for Jude: Jude 1-10. John 14:21-24.

(for the day: Romans 9:6-19. Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1)

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

6:00-7:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, June 20, 2020



Day of Alleluia

The Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara (311). Our Holy Father Nicholas Cabasilas.

Romans 3:28-4:3. Matthew 7:24-8:4.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

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

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday - followed by Confessions

Sunday, June 21, 2020



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus (290).

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

Romans 5:1-10. Matthew 6:22-33.

8:00am Matins

9:45pm Third Hour – Reader Service

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





+Robert Dubensky, from Jane & Bob Semak (6-17)

+Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (6-19)

+John & +Maria & +John & +Mary, from Maryalice Lukas (6-20)

12:00pm Vespers – with prostrations

LEGEND

⊕	Great Feast		by tradition, a strict fast day (no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil)
⊕	Feast with an All-night Vigil		by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)
⊕	Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins		by tradition, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, or eggs)
⊕	Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins		by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)
⊕	Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers		

Apostles Fast

“The Apostles Fast begins [the evening of All Saints Sunday] after Vespers and lasts until June 28 [the day before the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul]. The Typikon prescribes strict abstinence [no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil] on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with a mitigated abstinence [permitting wine and oil] on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, § 2). This fast may be observed voluntarily” (2020 *Typikon*, p. 50).

“Because the Pentecostarion cycle is variable, and the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul is fixed, the length of this fast is also variable, from approximately six to two weeks. It is not as strict as the Great Fast, since strict abstinence is only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and a lesser abstinence on Tuesday and Thursday. It is ancient, and we see it in the fourth century letter of St. Athanasius the Great (+373) to Emperor Constance. Pope Leo I (+461) preached about this fast in his homilies saying, “After the long feast of Pentecost, fasting is especially necessary to purify our thoughts and render us worthy to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit... Therefore, the salutary custom was established of fasting after the joyful days during which we celebrated the resurrection and ascension of our Lord, and the coming of the Holy Spirit”. (Phyllis Muran Zaparaniuk, *A Movable Fast*). Liturgical commentators find many mystical reasons for the Fast, but its original purpose was probably practical: it served as a make-up fast for those who for whatever reason were unable to keep the Great Fast. It might also be the return to the ordinary ascetical life of the Church after the feast of Pascha-Pentecost. Our Lord Jesus said, “Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days” (Luke 5:34-35). Certain days are designated non-liturgical, that is, no Divine Liturgy is celebrated and “Alleluia” is sung in the Divine Praises. The Apostles Fast this year lasts from June 8 to June 28.”

“There are... a variety of opinions on the Apostles Fast. The Sabbas Typicon (section 52, p. 423) says only: ‘Beginning of the Holy Fast of the holy, glorious, and all-praiseworthy apostles, in which we are obliged in every week to keep three days, fasting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday: to eat dry food (Slav, "sukojadeniya") [after Vespers.]’ It says nothing about the other days. The more strict interpretation (e.g. The Saints and Fasting Calendar put out by Tom and Georgia Mitrakos, Pittsburgh) now seems to be abstinence from meat and dairy products on all days, including Saturday and Sunday, with a strict fast on Wednesday and Friday. I think this is probably a policy to maintain high Orthodox standards combined with the realities of modern life. So you will find a variety of opinions. Fr. Vladimir Vancik (+ 2001) knew the most about fasts of any scholar, and he said the fasts ranked in their severity were: 1) the Great Fast; 2) the Dormition Fast; 3) the Phillip’s Fast and 4) the Apostles Fast.” – Fr. David M. Petras, S.E.O.D.

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. We are also encouraged to pray Vespers, Matins, and the Hours at home. 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/c/SaintStephenByzantineCatholicChurch>

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage Sunday, August 16, 2020



Schedule ...

1:30pm - Moleben to the Mother of God

2:00pm - Talk given by Fr. Cyril Pinchak, SJ

3:00pm - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

The Most Rev. Kurt Burnette,
Bishop of the Eparchy of Passaic,
main celebrant and homilist

The opportunity for Holy Repentance
(Confession) will be available from
1pm to 4pm.

The Eastern Treasures Gift Shop will be open.

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Due to the COVID-19 situation, there have been some changes to the typical pilgrimage schedule:

- no camping of any kind is permitted
- food will not be available for purchase at the cafeteria so you are welcome to bring your own food
- masks are encouraged but will not be furnished
- bring your own chair to maintain social distancing (folding chairs will not be available)
- bottled water will be provided

Stewardship Appeal

Please continue to contribute to the Stewardship Appeal. Our goal is \$9200. So far, 38 of our approximately 85 households have contributed \$6334.75 and pledged \$6374.75, bringing us to 69% of our goal. Let's all contribute something to help support our seminarians, retired priests, and the many ministries of our eparchy.

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/>

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on June 7th was **32**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **47**

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

COLLECTION

The collection for June 7th was **\$1221**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1404.98**

Sunday: \$900; Holy Day: \$50; Fuel: \$10; Candles: \$36; Online: \$255

“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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