



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 26th, 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, July 26, 2020

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and his Companions (304).

The Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskeva (2nd Century).

Our Venerable Father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves.

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

1 Corinthians 1:10-18. Matthew 14:14-22.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy - for the people of the parish Reader: Debra Grega

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (7-20)

intention of Andrew Gazdecki, from Judith Ng (7-22)

+Noah Semak, from Jane Semak (7-22)

+Glenna Semak, from Jane Semak (7-24)

+Michael & +Nancy Skupuru, from Reader Kyprian Wojciechowski (7-25)

12:00pm Great Vespers

Monday, July 27, 2020

✙ The Holy Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon (304).

Our Holy Father Clement, the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Ohrid (916).

Vespers: Isaiah 43:9-13 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3. *Matins Gospel:* Luke 21:12-19.

for Panteleimon: 2 Timothy 2:1-10. John 15:17-16:2.

(for the day: 1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6. Matthew 18:1-11).

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

The Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas.

Our Blessed Mother Alphonsa Muttathupadathu of Kerala.

1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2, 13-15.

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Michael Borella, from Judith Ng

Wednesday, July 29, 2020



The Holy Martyr Callinicus (250).

1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5. Matthew 20:1-16.

6:00-6:30pm *Confessions*

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Anne Borella, from Judith Ng

Thursday, July 30, 2020

*25th anniversary of the diaconal ordination
of Rev. Dcn. Lawrence Hendricks*

The Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and their Companions.

1 Corinthians 14:6-19. Matthew 20:17-28.

Friday, July 31, 2020



⊗ Pre-festive Day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross.

The Holy and Righteous Eudocimus (9th Century). The Holy Joseph of Arimathea.

1 Corinthians 14:26-40. Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20.

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:00-7:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, August 1, 2020



The Dormition Fast begins

⊗. The Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross.

The Holy Seven Maccabees, their Mother Solome and the Elder Eleazar.

for the Cross: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. John 19:6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35.

(for the day: Romans 14:6-9. Matthew 15:32-39).

8:00am Matins *with the Veneration of the Cross & the Lesser Blessing of Water*

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Manmohan Badhwar, from Jane Semak

4:00pm Great Vespers – *followed by Confessions*

Sunday, August 2, 2020



*Celebration of Fr. Dcn.
Lawrence's 25th anniversary*

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

⊗ The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (c. 415).
Our Venerable Father Basil, Fool for Christ.

9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31.

1 Corinthians 3:9-17. Matthew 14:22-34.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour

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

+Michael Borella, from Judith Ng (7-28)

+Anne Borella, from Judith Ng (7-29)

+Manmohan Badhwar, from Jane Semak (8-1)

12:00pm Vespers – with prostrations

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 Dormition Fast

PROCLAIM A HOLY FAST! (Joel 1:14) "The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence [abstinence from meat, fish, dairy products, eggs, alcohol, and foods cooked in oil] **from August 1 to 14**, with the usual mitigations (permitting wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880). The observance of this fast is voluntary" - from the Typicon arranged by Archpriest David M. Petras, S.E.O.D. for use in the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolia of Pittsburgh.

We will pray the Paraklesis – the Office of Supplication to the Theotokos – five times during this Fast. See upcoming bulletins for service times.

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>

Byzantine Book Club

Fr. Deacon Lawrence & Pani Mary host the Byzantine Book Club from their home. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, we have been hosting the meeting through Google Hangouts through the following link: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh?authuser=0>

We will begin reading & discussing the book, “A Stream of Living Water: An Introduction to Holy Tradition” on **Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7 pm.**

We will discuss the following topics:

- What is Holy Tradition?
- The Bible: Inspired Word of God
- Format of the Bible
- Fathers of the Church
- Creeds and Councils
- Liturgy and Iconography



The Bridegroom's Banquet

Save the date for Christ the Bridgroom Monastery's annual benefit dinner, the “Bridegroom's Banquet,” on **Saturday, November 7**, at a new location: St. Elias Melkite Catholic Church in Cleveland. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but **registration is required (by October 26)**. Adults 21 and older may attend. Enjoy a buffet dinner, entertainment, and an evening with the nuns and their guests. Learn more about and support the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors! If an in-person event is not possible, a live online event may be held. For more information at to register, please visit www.christthebridegroom.org or call 440-834-0290.

**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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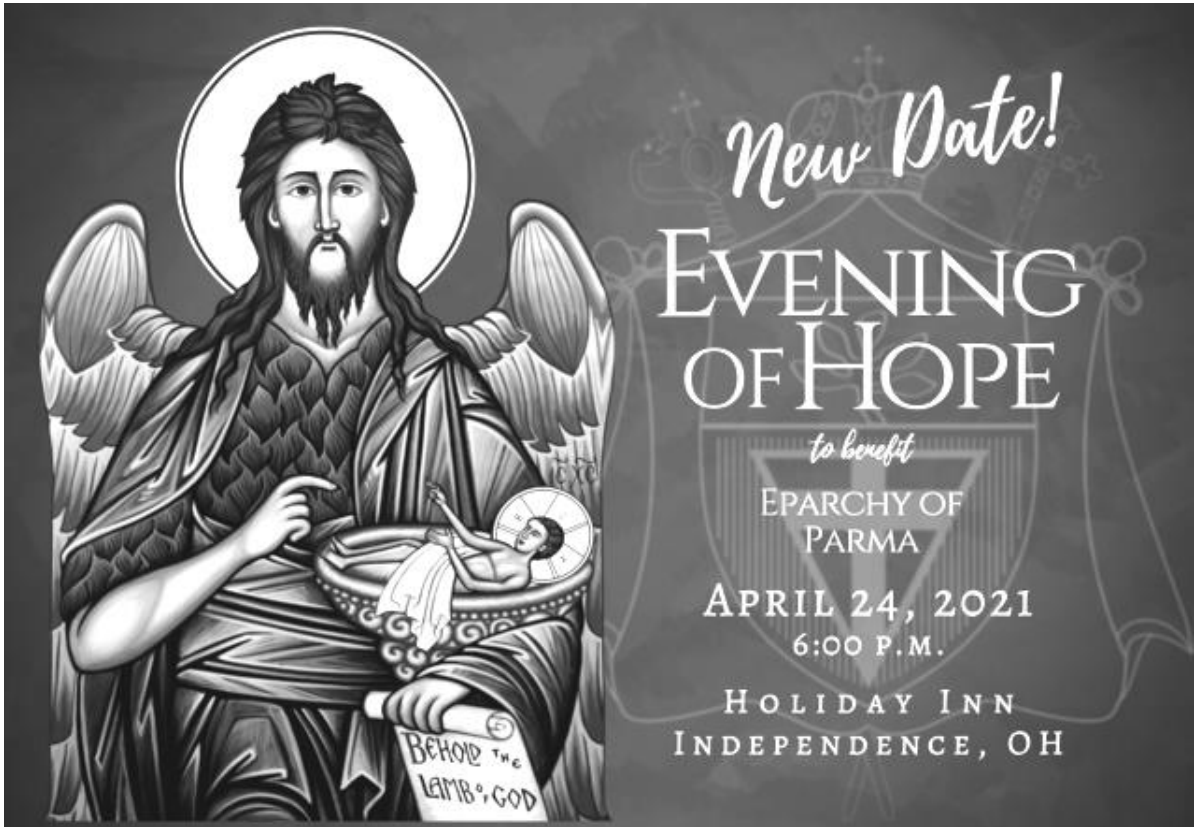
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Deacon William V. Fredrick, Director

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



On Saturday, April 24, 2021, the Eparchy of Parma will host the “Evening of Hope” at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South Independence. Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ will be the Keynote speaker. Father Pacwa is a host on EWTN Live, a scripture scholar and a bi-ritual priest also celebrating with the Maronite Church. Your support through this event will help our Eparchy accomplish its goals. Please consider becoming a sponsor for our event. All sponsorships will include parking, dinner, cocktails, live auction, fund-a-need and more. Your gift will directly impact the four established eparchial funds for 1) development of parishes; 2) promotion of vocations and seminary education; 3) the eparchial pension fund for priests; and 4) works of the apostolate. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please don’t hesitate to contact contact Judith Matsko at 216.741.8773 x1225 or jmatsko@parma.org. Learn more about the Eparchy of Parma at www.parma.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the sponsorship proposal and your generosity.

Church Cleaning

We would like to resume our regular weekly rotation of church cleaning. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Please sign up for any week you're available to clean.



Stewardship Appeal

38 of our approximately 85 households have so far contributed a total \$6550, bringing us to approximately 71% of our goal of \$9200. Thank you! Let's all contribute something to help support our seminarians, retired priests, and the many ministries of our eparchy. You can contribute at parma.org.

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 \$236

for the retirement of our religious sisters, we have collected \$212

for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138

for Peter's Pence, we have collected \$75

Support St. Stephen's

Please remember the ongoing financial needs of St. Stephen.

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 July 19th 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 July 19th was **\$1138.25**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1446.52**

Sunday: \$1044.75; Holy Day: \$10; Fuel: \$20; Candles: \$38.50; Online: \$25

“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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