



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

From Encounter: Experiencing the Divine Presence, by Edward Kleinguetl:

The Jesus Prayer: Placing Jesus at the Center of Our Lives

"The Jesus Prayer is a simple, yet powerful tool to come to know the Lord Jesus in a very personal way in the silent recesses of our hearts. In effect, it places Jesus at the center of our lives as Our Lord....

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, the sinner

"This prayer acknowledges a complete surrender to God, allowing Jesus to lead us on the spiritual journey to the Father. The Jesus Prayer is [a] contemplative prayer tradition that approaches God with... a profound sense of humility, which is important to the journey of *theosis*" (Kleinguetl, 174).

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, the Hours, and other services 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>

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EASTERNCATHOLIC.ORG

GOD WITH US ONLINE is a collaborative outreach of the Eastern Catholic bishops and eparchies of the United States to provide educational resources for the faithful in our Eastern Christian traditions.

Go to **EASTERNCATHOLIC.ORG** to find many excellent talks, the opportunity to sign up for live educational webinars and other resources! *All resources are offered free of charge.*



GOD WITH US

The Art of Catechesis in the Orthodox Tradition

Rev. David Anderson

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

As an old saying goes, the law of prayer is the law of belief. The foundation and authority of Orthodox Catholic catechesis is and always has been the Divine Liturgy of the Church. Rooted in prayer and looking to the Lord, we discover the Orthodox Faith in the face of Christ.



CROWNED WITH GLORY

Understanding the Marriage Covenant

Rev. Stephen Freeman

Wednesday, November 11 @ 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET

"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together... Because when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down." - St. John Chrysostom



SEVEN AGES OF THE KINGDOM

A Study of Salvation History

Rev. Daniel Dozier

Mondays, November 30, December 7 & 14 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

The Church as God's Holy People is at the heart of His unfolding plan of salvation that is ultimately fulfilled in Christ. Join us as we explore how this plan for a universal covenant kingdom unfolds in Scripture through particular stages in the history of God's People.



PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

A Patristic Study of Deification

Rev. Nathan Symeon Adams

Wednesdays, January 13, 20, & 27 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

God has called his people to become partakers of His Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:4). Join us for this three-part series as we explore this process of participating in the Sacramental and moral life of Christ by which each individual and the whole Church are transformed into the mystical body of Christ.

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Live participation is highly encouraged for a full experience, including opportunities for discussion with fellow students and instructors.

For those unable to participate live, lectures are recorded and available on-demand, free of charge, in our event library, currently offering many hours of adult faith formation in the Eastern Christian tradition.

Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

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

Sunday, August 16, 2020

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. ☩. Translation of the Icon of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus Christ, the Icon not made by human hands, from Edessa to Constantinople (944). Holy Martyr Diomedes (298).

Vespers: Deut. 4:1, 6-7, 9-15 • Deut. 5:1-7, 9-10, 23-26, 28; 6:1-2, 4-5, 13, 18

• 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30.

11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

1 Corinthians 9:2b-12. Matthew 18:23-35.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

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+Steve Skupuru, from Reader Kyprian Wojciechowski (8-14)

12:00pm Vespers

Monday, August 17, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Myron (250).

2 Corinthians 5:10-15. Mark 1:9-15.

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyrs Florus & Laurus (2nd Century).

2 Corinthians 5:15-21. Mark 1:16-22.

Wednesday, August 19, 2020



Post-festive Day of the Dormition. Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune & his Companions.

2 Corinthians 6:11-16a. Mark 1:23-28.

7:00pm Vespers – *Reader Service*

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Postfeast of the Dormition. Holy Prophet Samuel. Holy King Stephen of Hungary.
2 Corinthians 7:1b-10a. Mark 1:29-35.

Friday, August 21, 2020



Postfeast of the Dormition. Holy Apostle Thaddeus. Holy Martyr Bassa (3rd Century).
2 Corinthians 7:10-16. Mark 2:18-22.

7:00pm Vespers – *Reader Service*

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. Holy Martyr Agathonikus and his Companions.
The Passing of the Blessed Confessor Simeon Lukac, secret Bishop (1964).
1 Corinthians 1:26-29. Matthew 20:29-34.

10:00am Typika – *Reader Service*

4:00pm Great Vespers – *Reader Service*

Sunday, August 23, 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3
Leave-taking of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Lupus (306).
The Holy Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (202).
1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Matthew 19:16-26.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

12:00pm Vespers

Monday, August 24, 2020

The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eutyches, Disciple of St. John the Theologian.
The Blessed Martyr and Priest-Monk Dominic Methodius Trcka
2 Corinthians 8:7-15. Mark 3:6-12.

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

⌘ The Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew. Holy Apostle Titus.
2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5. Mark 3:13-19a.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Mark Cafeo, from Reader Kyprian Wojciechowski

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie.

Our Holy Mother Mary of Jesus Crucified (Mariam Bawadi).

2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7. Mark 3:20-27.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Angela Ng, from Judith Ng

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Our Venerable Father Pimen.

2 Corinthians 10:7b-18. Mark 3:28-35.

7:00pm Vespers

Friday, August 28, 2020

Venerable Fr. Moses the Ethiopian. Holy Fr. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430).

The Holy Martyr Gebre Michael, Priest of Ethiopia (1855).

2 Corinthians 11:5-21a. Mark 4:1-9.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Great Vespers for ⌘ THE BEHEADING

Saturday, August 29, 2020



⊕ BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FOREUNNER & BAPTIST JOHN.

Vespers: Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1 •

Malachi 3:1; Mark 1:2; Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7, 12, 18, 17; 4:4-6 •

Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-5:7.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 14:1-13.

for the Beheading: Acts 13:25-33. Mark 6:14-29.

(for the day: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9. Matthew 22:15-22).

8:00am Festal Matins

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Rose Grudzenski, from Louise Dalbo

4:00pm Great Vespers – followed by Confessions

Sunday, August 30, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

Post-festive Day of the Beheading of the Holy Baptist John.

Holy Fathers Alexander (340), John (595), & Paul the Younger (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople.

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

1 Corinthians 16:13-24. Matthew 21:33-42.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

+Mark Cafeo, from Reader Kyprian Wojciechowski (8-25)

+Angela Ng, from Judith Ng (8-26)

+Rose Grudzenski, from Louise Dalbo (8-29)

12:00pm Great 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)

Byzantine Book Club

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

We will continue reading & discussing the book, “A Stream of Living Water: An Introduction to Holy Tradition” on **Monday, August 17th, 2020 at 7 pm** and then again on **Monday, August 24th, 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



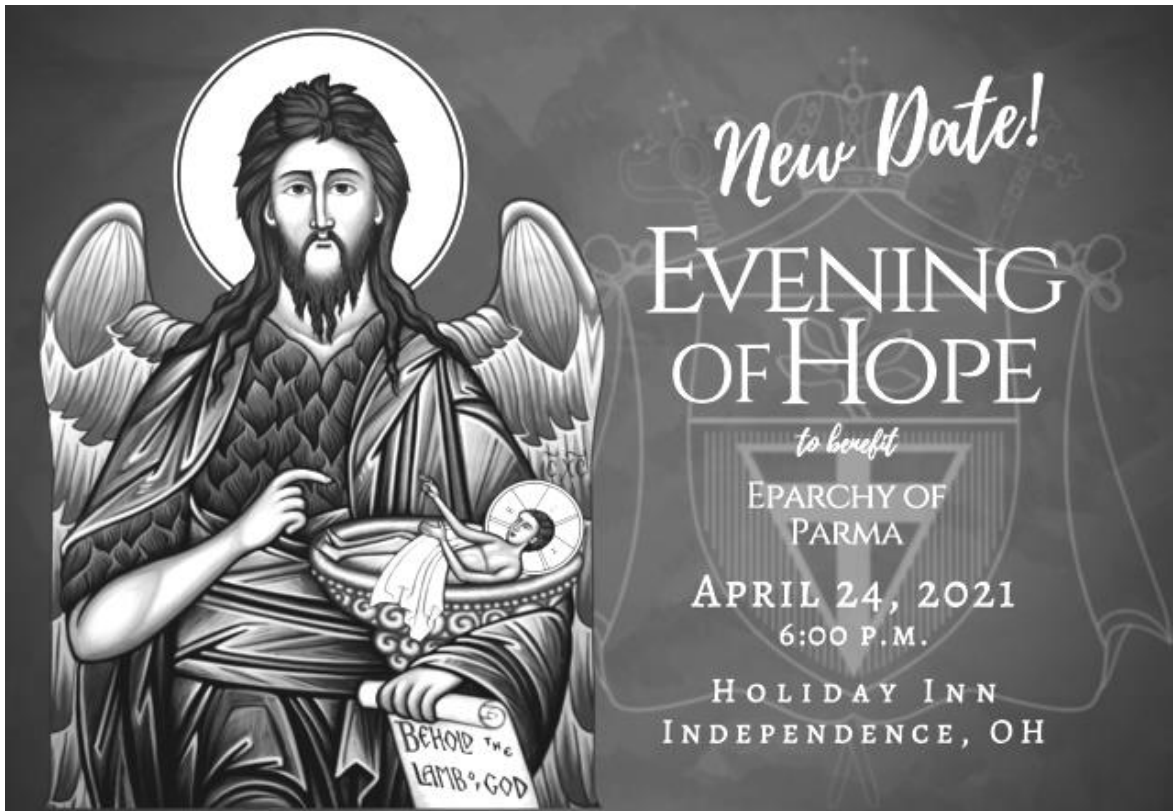
The miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Klokočov celebrates its 350th anniversary this year, and the Eparchy of Parma is blessed with our own copy of the icon.

This Pilgrimage Icon of Our Lady of Klokočov will begin the Church Year with us here at St. Stephen on September 1st and she will be with us through the following Sunday.

We will welcome her with a Paraklis at **9am on Tuesday, September 1st**, followed by the Divine Liturgy. Other services in her presence will be announced later.

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.



Church Cleaning

We have resumed 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. Thank you to Phyllis Humenik and Leann Osentoski for cleaning last week. Fr. Dcn. Lawrence has signed up to clean this week & Veronica has signed up to clean the week after that.



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 August 9th was **31**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **45**

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

COLLECTION

The collection for August 9th was **\$659**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1418.67**

Sunday: \$560; Candles: \$29; Holy Day: \$70

“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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