



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

HOLY MYSTERIES

Holy Baptism and Chrismation

All those who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ. Alleluia! Those who are not yet baptized and chrismated, contact Fr. John. Your life depends on it! A period of preparation and instruction (catechumenate) of at least one full year may precede adult baptisms and/or chrismations.

If you are expecting the birth of a child, please contact Fr. John to arrange for the child's baptism, chrismation, and communion (traditionally forty days after birth).

Holy Communion

Unless we eat the body and drink the blood of the Lord, we have no life in us.

The Body of Christ is first received as we are received into the Body of Christ, immediately after our baptism and chrismation. Thereafter, we frequently receive the Lord to nourish and sustain us in the life in Christ. Before we receive, we prepare with prayer (traditionally including Vespers & Matins), fasting (traditionally from midnight), and holy repentance (including recent confession – no more than a month ago). Those unable to attend divine liturgies may contact Fr. John to arrange for him to bring them holy communion.

Holy Repentance

All of us sin and fall short of the glory of God. As often as we fall, let us get up again. Let us never despair of our salvation, for God loves us and forgives us as often as we repent.

Opportunities for confession are scheduled most Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Other times are available by appointment.

Holy Anointing

Holy anointing is offered to all every year on Holy Wednesday, for all of us are in need of healing in many ways.

If anyone is sick, call Fr. John (412-378-0308), and he will come pray over you and anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord. This is not only for the dying, but for all who are in need of healing. Before surgery of any kind, it is good to first be anointed.

Holy Matrimony

We rejoice with those preparing to be crowned in marriage. They are an icon of Christ and his Church. Contact Fr. John at least six months in advance of your wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

Monasticism

Monks and nuns are radical witnesses to the gospel carrying on the spirit of martyrdom and prophecy in the Church today. You may inquire at these monasteries to pursue this vocation:

Duchovny Dom Monastery	Holy Resurrection Monastery	Christ the Bridegroom Monastery	Holy Theophany Monastery
57894 Highway 204 P.O. Box 460 Weston, OR 97886 (541) 969-6543 duchovnydom.com	300 S 2 nd Ave PO Box 276 St. Nazianz, WI 54232 (920) 881-4009 monks@hrmonline.org hrmonline.org	17485 Mumford Rd. Burton, OH 44021 (440) 834-0290 christthebridegroom@gmail.com christthebridegroom.org	10220 66 th Avenue S.E. Olympia, WA 98513 (360) 491-8233 htheophany@earthlink.net holytheophanymonastery.org

Holy Orders

For the sake of holy order, the Church has deacons, priests, and bishops (not to mention cantors/readers, and subdeacons). Contact Fr. John to discuss the possibility of serving the Church in ordained ministry.

The eparchy’s Director of Vocations is the Rt. Rev. Mitred Archpriest Marek Visnovsky: 216-741-8773 ext. 6; frmvisnovsky@parma.org

Funerals

Brothers and sisters, we are going to die. It is good to remember this daily and to prepare for it always. We know not the hour.

Death does not end our relationship with those who have died. We respect and venerate the bodies of our departed saints and loved ones, because we believe in the resurrection. It is a work of mercy and a sign of faith in the coming resurrection to bury the dead and to pray for them.

Our departed loved one attends the funeral with us and is not closed off from us. Many of the prayers are prayers *of* the departed person, to which we give voice. As a sign of this, when possible, their body is not covered until the end of the funeral.

The Church understandingly permits but does not prefer or encourage cremation. The funeral must be celebrated in the church with the body prior to the cremation. As a sign of our faith in the resurrection, we prefer to bury or entomb the body, like Christ, without cremation.

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

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

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

in thanksgiving for 62 years of marriage (on Aug. 30th)

– Don & Theresa Butella

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – 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

in thanksgiving for 62 years of marriage – Don & Theresa Butella

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

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

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)

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>

The Jesus Prayer



“We very much pity those Christians who think that the best rest for their exhausted soul is to watch television news. This isn’t a bad thing, perhaps, but it’s a dead thing. You may spend all of the earthly time you have been allotted with such distractions, but you will never be at peace. If you want to calm your mind and ease your heart, try calling instead on the most holy name of Jesus Christ, without haste and with only one intent: to attract His attention and repent of your sins.

“Try taking a walk for ten minutes as you invoke his miracle-working name, and you will see spiritual profit. Begin in a simple, humble manner, ‘O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ You may even do this somewhat mechanically, knowing that this tradition has been sanctified by generations of saints, but as you walk and pray, try not to think of anything else. Just walk in the presence of God.

“In these ten minutes you will find that your fevered mind is soothed, that the noisy bazaar of your thoughts has become light, clear, and direct...”

-Fr. Artemy Vladimirov



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

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✠ ONLINE ✠

— at —

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.*

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 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 Bridegroom 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 Fr. Dcn. Lawrence for cleaning last week. Veronica has signed up to clean this week.



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 \$252

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 16th was 37. Average Sunday attendance ≈ 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 16th was **\$1100.25**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1422.38**

Sunday: \$745.25; Candles: \$18; Holy Day: \$95, Children: \$2; Online: \$240

“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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