



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



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.

In the Eparchy of Mukačevo, there were three miraculously weeping icons of the most holy Theotokos, venerated with great devotion and love. Our holy mother, seeing the sufferings of oppressed people, sympathized with them in a visible manner, miraculously shedding tears in various places. This first occurred in 1670 when, through her weeping icon in the small village of Klokočov (in present-day Slovakia), Mary showed her protection over the peasants suffering from the war between the Protestant nobility and the Catholic Royal House of Habsburg.

In 2018, during the pilgrimage to Central Europe hosted by the Eparchy of Parma, Bishop Milan Chatur, CSsR, of Košice, Slovakia, surprised Bishop Milan Lach, SJ with a copy of the image of Our Lady of Klokočov. Bishop Chatur said the gift was a sign of the communion and love between the Eparchy of Košice and the Eparchy of Parma.

This Icon of Our Lady of Klokočov has been housed in a portable protective display case is traveling to all of our parishes for veneration. She will begin the Church Year with us here at St. Stephen on September 1st and will be with us through the following Sunday.

While she is with us, the church will be open to the public for veneration of her holy icon from 9am until 8pm Tuesday through Saturday & from 8am until 1pm on Sunday, September 6th. Please let all your friends and family know of this marvelous opportunity to venerate the holy icon.

We will offer an increased number of Marian Services while the holy icon is among us. Those who missed the Paraklis during the Dormition Fast will providentially have additional opportunities to pray this beautiful and healing Office of Supplication to the Theotokos.

- ❖ We will welcome her holy icon with the Paraklis at 9am on Tuesday, September 1st, followed by the Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ On Tuesday evening at 7pm we will pray the Akathist.
- ❖ On Thursday evening at 6pm, we will pray the Paraklis *with* the Akathist.
(The Paraklis always permits us to sing the Akathist after the Sixth Ode of the Canon, which we will do this Thursday. Liturgically, this will be our main event before the holy Icon of Our Lady of Klokočov).
- ❖ Saturday morning at 9am we will pray the Paraklis, followed by the Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ On Sunday at noon we will say farewell to the holy icon with the Akathist.

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 Veronica for cleaning last week. Louise Dalbo has signed up to clean this week.



Join us in supporting St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church

Remember to offer your prayers for the people of St. Stephen Parish.
Prayer is our lifeblood.

And please also remember the ongoing financial needs of St. Stephen.

You can mail in your contributions here:

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, Michigan, 48101

Another way to support the work and ministry of St. Stephen is 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/>

God With Us

✦ ONLINE ✦

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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.*

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday & Saturday morning at 10:00am

Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

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 *for † The Deposition*

Monday, August 31, 2020

† The Deposition of the Venerable Sash of the Theotokos in Calcoprateia (942).

Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17 • Ezechiel 43:27-44:4 • Proverbs 9:1-11.

Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56.

for the Deposition: Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

(for the day: 2 Corinthians 12:10-19. Mark 4:10-23.)

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Welcome Icon of our Lady of Klokočov

† The Indiction (*the Beginning of the Church Year*). Ven. Fr. Simeon the Stylite & his Mother (459).

The Synaxis of the Theotokos of Miasena. The Holy Martyr Aeithalas (380).

The Forty Holy Women martyred with their Instructor Ammon the Deacon (313).

Holy Martyr Callista & her Brothers, Evodius & Hermogenes (309). Joshua the Just, Son of Nun.

Vespers: Isaiah 61:1-9 • Leviticus 26:3-12, 14-17, 19-24 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

1 Timothy 2:1-7. Luke 4:16-22.

(for the day: 2 Corinthians 12:20-13:2. Mark 4:24-34.)

9:00am Paraklis

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Manouk (Mike) Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff

7:00pm Akathist

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Holy Martyr Mammas (274). Ven. Fr. John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople (595).
2 Corinthians 13:3-14. Mark 4:35-41.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond

Thursday, September 3, 2020

The Holy Martyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia (303).
Our Venerable Fr. Theoctist, Companion of our Venerable Fr. Euthymius the Great (431).
The Holy Deaconess Phoebe of Cenchreae.
Galatians 1:1-10, 20-2:5. Mark 5:1-20.

6:00pm Paraklis with Akathist

Friday, September 4, 2020

Holy Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch (283). Holy Prophet Moses, who saw God.
Galatians 2:6-10. Mark 5:22-24, 35-6:1.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, September 5, 2020

⊗ Holy Prophet Zachary & his Wife, the Holy & Ven. Elizabeth, Parents of the Forerunner.
Our Holy Mother Teresa of Calcutta.
1 Corinthians 4:1-5. Matthew 23:1-12.

9:00am Paraklis

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Rose Grudzenski, from Louise Dalbo

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday

Sunday, September 6, 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5

⊗ Commemoration of the Miracle of the Holy Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chionia.
The Holy Martyr Eudoxius and his Companions (c. 311). Venerable Father Archippus.

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

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4. Matthew 22:1-14.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

+Manouk (Mike) Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff (9-1)

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (9-2)

+Rose Grudzenski, from Louise Dalbo (9-5)

12:00pm Akathist - *Farewell to the Icon of our Lady of Klokočov*

Monday, September 7, 2020

⊗ Pre-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The Holy Martyr Sozon (304).

Galatians 2:11-16. Mark 5:24b-34.

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ⊕ *THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS*

health of Fr. Larry Richards

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

⊕ *THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.*

Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17 • Ezechiel 43:27-44:4 • Proverbs 9:1-11.

Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56.

for the Nativity: Philipians 2:5-11. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

(for the day: Galatians 2:21-3:7. Mark 6:1-7).

8:00am Festal Matins

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, September 9, 2020



Postfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

⊗ Synaxis of the Holy & Just Grandparents of God Joachim & Anna. Holy Martyr Severian.

Galatians 3:15-22. Mark 6:7-13.

6:00pm *Confessions*

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

The Holy Martyrs Menodora, Mitrodora and Nymphodora (306).

Galatians 3:23-4:5. Mark 6:30-45.

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>

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Eastern Catholic Theology in Action

The 23 Eastern Catholic Churches are distinct in their liturgy, theology, spirituality, and discipline of Church life. The Second Vatican Council urged the Eastern Catholic Churches to cultivate and promote their unique share of the tradition. This series responds to that mandate and features leading scholars in the field to offer their theological perspectives drawn from the wisdom of Christian East. In view of broadening our understanding of the Catholic intellectual tradition, this series draws attention to the vantage points of Christians who worship, think, and pray in continuity with the first 1,000 years of the undivided Church.

<http://lumenchristi.org/>

Series Lectures

Thursday, September 3, 7 p.m. CDT

[Introduction to Liturgical Mystagogy](#)

| Daniel Galadza (University of Regensburg)

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/09/Liturgical-Mystigogy>

Thursday, September 10, 7 p.m. CDT

[A Theology of Wonder: An Introduction to the Poetry of Ephrem the Syrian](#)

| Andrew Hayes (University of St. Thomas, Houston)

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/9/Ephrem-the-Syrian>

Thursday, September 17, 7 p.m. CDT

[Christ the Lover of Mankind: Philanthropia, Mystery, and Martyria in Eastern Christianity](#)

| Robin Darling Young (Catholic University of America)

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/9/Christ-Lover-of-Mankind>

Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m. CDT

[Eastern Churches, Latin Territories: Ecclesial Catholicity and the Notion of Diaspora](#)

| Alexander Laschuk (Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at University of St. Michael's College)

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/9/Eastern-Catholic-Diaspora>

Thursday, October 1, 7 p.m. CDT

[Expanding the Archive: Syriac Literature and the Study of Early Christianity Today](#)

| Erin Walsh (University of Chicago)

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/10/expanding-archive-syriac-literature-study-of-early-christianity-today-erin-walsh>

Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m. CDT

[Quo Vadis: the Direction of Eastern Catholic Theology, a Pastoral Perspective for the 21st Century](#)

| Archbishop Borys Gudziak (Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA)

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/11/Quo-Vadis-Eastern-Catholic-Theology>



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

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 31st, 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.

CHARITABLE GIVING

“I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy, and to the poor” (Deut. 15:11).

Each month, St. Stephen donates \$50 to Fish & Loaves.

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 \$427

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

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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on August 23rd was **34**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **44**

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

COLLECTION

The collection for August 23rd was **\$834**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1415.75**

Sunday: \$712; Candles: \$41; Holy Day: \$80, Children: \$1

“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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