



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Cantor: Pani Mary Hendricks

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## **Christ is born! 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, 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

## Saturday, December 26, 2020

Saturday after the Nativity. ☩. The Synaxis of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.  
The Holy Martyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis.

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

Reader: Victor Jiompkowski

*+Stephen L. Kastura, from Kathleen Johnston*

**4:00pm Great Vespers** – *for our Patron St. Stephen & for Sunday*

*– followed by Confessions*

## Sunday, December 27, 2020

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY. Tone 5

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY AND JUST JOSEPH THE BETROTHED,  
DAVID THE KING, AND JAMES THE BROTHER OF GOD.

☩ THE HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN.

Our Venerable Fr. & Confessor Theodore, Brother of Theophane the Hymnographer (845).

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

*Galatians 1:11-19 & for Stephen: Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60.*

*Matthew 2:13-23 & for Stephen: Matthew 21:33-42*

**8:00am Sunday Matins**

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

*+Stephen L. Kastura, from Kathleen Johnston (12-26)*

**12:30pm Vespers**

## Monday, December 28, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Nativity. The Holy Twenty thousand Martyrs of Nicomedia (302).

The Blessed Martyr Gregory Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanislaviv (1945).

*Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31. Mark 10:46-52.*

## Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Post-festive Day of the Nativity. The Holy Innocents killed by Herod in Bethlehem.  
Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Akimetes (486).

Hebrews 12:25-26, 13:22-25. Mark 11:11-23.

**9:30am First & Third Hour**

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Wednesday, December 30, 2020 *no fasting*

Post-festive Day of the Nativity. The Holy Martyr Anysia, Bishop of Thessalonica (406).  
The Venerable Zoticus, Priest and Protector of Orphans (4th Century).

James 1:1-18. Mark 11:22b-26.

*6:00pm Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*+Charlie Carter, from Phyllis Humenik*

## Thursday, December 31, 2020

Leave-taking of the Nativity. Our Venerable Mother Melany of Rome (438).

James 1:19-27. Mark 11:27-33.

**5:00pm All-Night Vigil** (*Great Vespers & Matins*) &

*approx. 7:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision & St. Basil*

*intention of Laura Gazdecki, from Judith Ng*

*New Year's Eve*

**12:15am Moleben of Thanksgiving**

## Friday, January 1, 2021

*no fasting. Civil New Year*

⊕ THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

HOLY FR. BASIL THE GREAT, ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA (379).

*Vespers Paramia:* Genesis 17:1-7, 9-12, 14 • Proverbs 8:22-30 • Proverbs 10:31-11:12.

*Matins Gospel:* John 10:9-16.

*for the Circumcision:* Colossians 2:8-12 & *for Basil:* Hebrews 7:26-8:2.

*for the Circumcision:* Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 & *for Basil:* Luke 6:17-23a.

## Saturday, January 2, 2021

Saturday before Theophany. Pre-festive Day of the Theophany.  
Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335).

1 Timothy 3:14-4:5. Matthew 3:1-11.

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

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

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

## Sunday, January 3, 2021

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY. Tone 6

Pre-festive Day of the Theophany. The Holy Prophet Malachi.

The Holy Martyr Gordius (304). Venerable Mother Genevieve of Paris.

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

2 Timothy 4:5-8. Mark 1:1-8.

**8:00am Sunday Matins**

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

**10:00am Divine Liturgy** with the Baptism of Photina Zoe Russell

*- for the people of the parish*

Reader: Carson Daniel Lauffer

*+Charlie Carter, from Phyllis Humenik (12-30)*

*intention of Laura Gazdecki, from Judith Ng (12-31)*

*+John, +Maria, +John, & +Mary, from Maryalice Lukas (1-2)*

**Akathist** to follow the Divine Liturgy

## Monday, January 4, 2021

Pre-festive Day of the Theophany. The Synaxis of the Holy Seventy Apostles.

Our Venerable Father Theoctist, Hegumen at Cuomo in Sicily (800).

James 2:14-26. Mark 9:42-10:1.

**7:00pm Byzantine Book Club**

<https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh?authuser=0>

Tuesday, January 5, 2021



Vigil of the Theophany. The Holy Martyrs Theopempt and Theona (c. 350).  
Our Venerable Mother Syncletica (4th Century). The Holy Prophet Micah.

1st Hour: Isaiah 35:1-10 • Acts 13:25-33a • Matthew 3:1-11

3rd Hour: Isaiah 1:16-20 • Acts 19:1-8 • Mark 1:1-8

6th Hour: Isaiah 12:3-6 • Romans 6:3-11 • Mark 1:9-15

9th Hour: Isaiah 49:8-15 • Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 • Matthew 3:13-17

**10:00am Royal Hours** - *in Preparation for Theophany*

**6:00pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great** *for Theophany & The Great Blessing of Water*

Readers:

**10:00pm All-Night Vigil** (*Great Compline & Matins*) *for Theophany*

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021** *no fasting*

⊕ THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

*Vespers Paramia:* (1) Genesis 1:1-13 • (2) Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29a • (3) Exodus 15:22-16:1a • (4) Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17 • (5) IV [II] Kings 2:6-14 • (6) IV [II] Kings 5:9-14 • (7) Isaiah 1:16-20 • (8) Genesis 32:1-10a • (9) Exodus 2:5-10 • (10) Judges 6:36-40 • (11) III [I] Kings 18:30-39 • (12) IV [II] Kings 2:19-22 • (13) Isaiah 49:8-15  
for the Vigil: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27. Luke 3:1-18.

*Matins Gospel:* Mark 1:9-11

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Matthew 3:13-17

**10:00am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** *for Theophany*

**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

The Book Club will next meet on **January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** and continue discussing *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective*, which looks at the Gospels from the perspective of the Greek Fathers and the liturgical usage of the Byzantine Churches with reference to contemporary scholarship. We have books available for any who would like to participate.

Fr. Deacon Lawrence & Pani Mary host the Byzantine Book Club from their home. You can join through Google Hangouts at the following link: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh?authuser=0>

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### 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.

### *Christmas Flowers Offered*

*in memory of:*

Anthony & Irene Bonacor

John Bonacor

Mr. & Mrs. M. Borella

Stephen Borella

Anthony & Irene Burja

Butella Family

Harry Capron

Michael & Kathryn Druga

Joseph Humenik

Angela Ng

Joseph Sutyak

Andrew Yatcko

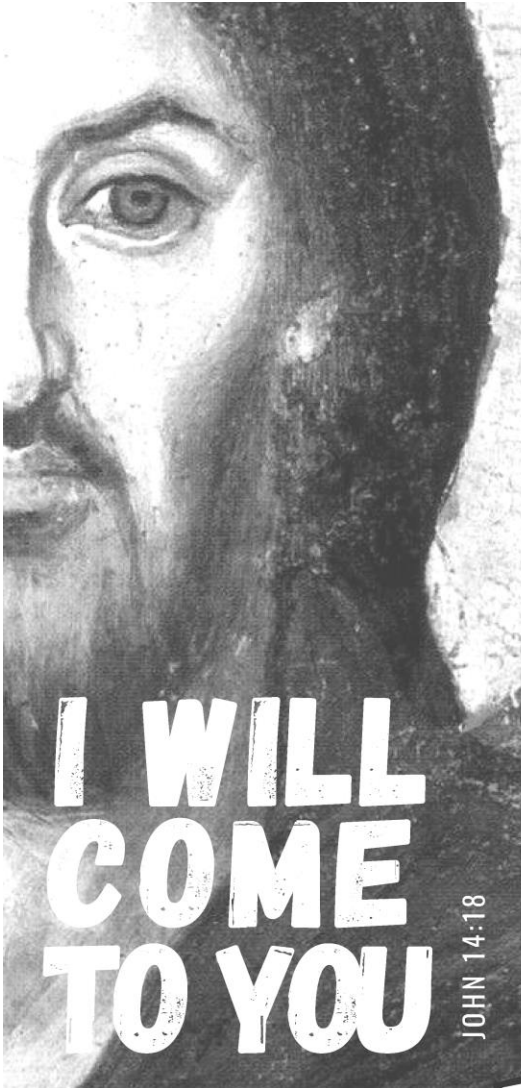
Helen Yatcko

*& in honor of:*

David Capron

Donna Capron





**I WILL  
COME  
TO YOU**

JOHN 14:18

.....  
THE EPARCHY OF PARMA  
YOUTH COMMITTEE  
INVITES YOU TO OUR  
**ONLINE zoom**  
YOUTH MEETINGS

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GIVE US 45 MINUTES OF YOUR  
TIME AND SHARE WITH US  
HOW YOU LIVE THE FAITH IN  
YOUR YOUTH COMMUNITY

**WHEN?**

**JANUARY 9, 2021  
SATURDAY @ 1PM EST**

**DETAILS**

**MEETING ID: 861 4184 3557  
PASSCODE: 246850**

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86141843557>

**OUR HOST:**

Seminarian Candidates  
Studying at the  
International  
Theological Institute  
in Trumau, Austria



## Church Cleaning

Please sign up to clean our church. Sign up for any week you're available to clean and clean the church on any day of that week. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Thank you to Phyllis & Ceil & Char for cleaning this week. Mary Ann Reardon & Veronica have signed up to clean this week.



***Christ is born! Glorify Him!*** Consider the Father's Gift of the Christ Child and how you can offer your time, talent, and treasure back to God in thanksgiving.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$7,000. As of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20 contributors have donated \$2,782.25, which puts us at almost 40% toward our goal.

Help support the Eparchy of Parma's Annual Stewardship Appeal through a one-time or monthly donation at [parma.org/2021appeal](http://parma.org/2021appeal). Thank you for your generosity and a blessed Nativity to you!

## CHARITABLE GIVING

*from St. Stephen Parish*

*St. Stephen Parish donates \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry*

*Since our last contributions,*

for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$119

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



**ATTENDANCE** – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on December 20<sup>th</sup> was **40**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **37**

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

**COLLECTION** – *Thank you for supporting your parish.*

The collection for December 20<sup>th</sup> was **\$3,348.92**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,485.04**

Sun.: \$917; Children: \$1; Candles: \$93; Fuel: \$20; Flowers: \$64; Fuel: \$59; Holy Day: \$29; Horizon: \$12;  
Christmas: \$1,873.92 Online: \$280

“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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