



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 2nd, 2023

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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, Bishop Kurt (Burnette) of Passaic is our apostolic administrator. Archbishop William (Skurla) of Pittsburgh is our Metropolitan. We are in communion with our holy father Francis, the Pope of Rome.

“Eastern Catholics are in union with Rome. We share the same basic faith and the same mysteries, however, our way of expressing them follows the same tradition as the Orthodox churches.”
– Fr. Joseph Radvansky. *A Brief Explanation of the Eastern Catholic Churches, Introduction.*

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday & Saturday morning at 10:00am

Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

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

Sunday, April 2, 2023



PALM SUNDAY. FLOWERY SUNDAY.

Our Venerable Father Titus the Wonder-worker (9th Century).

Vespers: Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12 • Zephaniah 3:14-19 • Zachariah 9:9-15.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17.

Philippians 4:4-9. John 12:1-18.

8:15am Matins with the blessing of Palms & Pussywillows*

9:30am Procession with the Palms & Pussywillows†

10:00am Divine Liturgy – for the people of the parish

Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia

Reader: Mary Russell

intention of Robert Yohman, from Tom Bernard (3-31)

+John & +Maria Lukas and +John & +Mary Strach, from Maryalice Lukas (3-29)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (4-1)

*After Liturgy: Fellowship & Meatless Potluck in the hall. Eastern Christian Formation Classes for All
12:15pm Bible Discussion in small hall*

4:00pm Vespers at St. Michael, Flushing

* “Palms and pussywillows... [are] held by the faithful during [the] celebration as a symbol of the people who welcomed our Lord into Jerusalem as their King.” (*Annual Typicon*).

† “A procession with the priest and faithful carrying the newly blessed palms and willows may take place after Matins and before the Liturgy. The priest, preceded by candles and incense, processes through the Northern Door of the icon screen. The procession then proceeds around the church, with the singing of the Palm Sunday Troparion, Kontakion, [and Stichera]. The Divine Liturgy begins immediately following the procession.” (*Annual Typicon*).

Monday, April 3, 2023



GREAT & HOLY MONDAY.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 21:18-43. *Third Hour:* Matthew 1:1-16:12.

Sixth Hour: Ezekiel 1:1-20 • Matthew 16:13-28:20. *Ninth Hour:* Mark 1:1-9:16.

Vespers: Exodus 1:1-20 • Job 1:1-12. *Presanctified Liturgy:* Matthew 24:3-35.

10:00am Bridegroom Matins

Cantor: Dominique

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Dominique

intention of the hieromonk Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Tuesday, April 4, 2023



GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 22:15-23:39. *Third Hour:* Mark 9:17-16:20.

Sixth Hour: Ezekiel 1:21-2:1 • Luke 1:1-8:39. *Ninth Hour:* Luke 8:40-16:18.

Vespers: Exodus 2:5-10 • Job 1:13-22 *Presanctified Liturgy:* Matthew 24:36-26:2.

10:00am Bridegroom Matins

Cantor: Dominique

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Dominique

intention of the hieromonk Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

Wednesday, April 5, 2023



GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY.

Matins Gospel: John 12:17-50. *Third Hour:* Luke 16:19-24:53.

Sixth Hour: Ezekiel 2:3-3:3 • John 1:1-7:36. *Ninth Hour:* John 7:37-13:32.

Vespers: Exodus 2:11-22 • Job 2:1-10. *Presanctified Liturgy:* Matthew 26:6-16.

10:00am Bridegroom Matins

Cantor: Dominique

5:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Holy Anointing* & Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Cantors: Mary H,

+Catherine Sticker, from Louise Dalbo Cecilia, Dominique

* We will celebrate *The Office of Holy Oil for Anointing of the Sick* before Presanctified Divine Liturgy begins. Holy Anointing is for healing and none who are baptized and who freely request it will be denied. "The general Anointing of the Sick may be done for all baptized Christians present at the Liturgy." (*Annual Typicon*). This is one of the holy mysteries, a sacrament, and should not be confused with mirovanije. Note that the Anointing is not a replacement for Confession. Confession will be offered before the Office of Holy Oil begins. Note also that all who receive this holy mystery are to be sincerely contrite and that a recent confession is part of preparing to receive the Holy Anointing of the Sick.

Thursday, April 6, 2023



GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY.

Matins Gospel: Luke 22:1-39. *First Hour:* Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15.

Vespers: Exodus 19:10-19 • Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5 • Isaiah 50:4-11. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32.

Composite Gospel: Mt 26:1-20; Jn 13:3-17; Mt 26:21-39; Lk 22:43-45; Mt 26:40-27:2.

10:00am Matins for Holy Thursday

Cantors: Dominique & Victor A

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy for Holy Thursday

Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia

intention of Robert Yohman, from Tom Bernard

Reader: Debra

10:00pm Strasti – Service of the Twelve Gospels for Holy Friday

Cantors:
Victor A &
Dominique

Friday, April 7, 2023



GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY.

Strasti: The Twelve Passion Gospels: (1) John 13:31b-18:1 • (2) John 18:1-28 •

(3) Matthew 26:57-75 • (4) John 18:28-19:16 • (5) Matthew 27:3-32 •

(6) Mark 15:16-32a • (7) Matthew 27:33-54 • (8) Luke 23:32-49 • (9) John 19:25-37 •

(10) Mark 15:43-47 • (11) John 19:38-42 • (12) Matthew 27:62-66.

First Hour: Zachariah 11:10-13 • Galatians 6:14-18 • Matthew 27:1-56.

Third Hour: Isaiah 50:4-11 • Romans 5:6-11 • Mark 15:16-41.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 52:13-54:1 • Hebrews 2:11-18 • Luke 23:32-49.

Ninth Hour: Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15 • Hebrews 10:19-31 • John 18:28-19:37.

Vespers: Exodus 33:11-23 • Job 42:12-17 • Isaiah 52:13-54:1 •

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2 •

Composite Gospel: Mt 27:1-38; Lk 23:39-43; Mt 27:39-54; Jn 19:31-37; Mt 27:55-61.

8:00am Royal Hours for Holy Friday

Cantors: Victor A & Dominique

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Burial Vespers

Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia

– after which, we Guard the Tomb all night long

* A strict fast is prescribed for this day.

Saturday, April 8, 2023



GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY.

Matins: Ezekiel 37:1-14 • 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, Galatians 3:13-14 • Matthew 27:62-66.

Vespers: (1) Genesis 1:1-13 • (2) Isaiah 60:1-16 • (3) Exodus 12:1-11 •

(4) Jonah 1:1-4:11 • (5) Joshua 5:10-15 • (6) Exodus 13:20-15:19 • (7) Zephaniah 3:8-15

• (8) 1 [3] Kings 17:8-24 • (9) Isaiah 61:10b-62:5 • (10) Genesis 22:1-18 •

(11) Isaiah 61:1-10a • (12) 2 [4] Kings 4:8-37 • (13) Isaiah 63:11-64:5 •

(14) Jeremiah 31:31-34 • (15) Daniel 3:1-88 (LXX)

Romans 6:3-11. Matthew 28:1-20.

1:00am Jerusalem Matins for Great & Holy Saturday

Cantors: Dominique &
Victor A

4:00pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great – Paschal Vigil

Cantors:
Mary H,
Cecilia

11:30pm Midnight Office of Pascha

Sunday, April 9, 2023

⊕ PASCHA! THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Acts 1:1-8. John 1:1-17.

9:00am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom





followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets in the hall

Cantors:
Dominique, Victor A,
Mary H, Cecilia
Reader: Debra

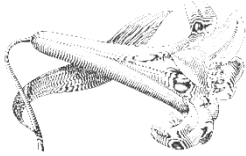
7:00pm Agape Vespers

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)

* Holy Saturday is a day of fast, with a mitigation for wine, until midnight.






Paschal Flowers have been offered in memory of

members of the Barillas Family
 members of the Barnes Family
 members of the Butella & Gutkowski Families
 John Bonacor
 Irene & Anthony Bonacor
 Mary & Charles Burja
 John Grega
 Bertha Grega
 Ferenc & Maria Griba
 Helen Humenik
 Peter Humenik
 Joseph Humenik

Linda Jacobson
 Helen Naret
 Barb Osentoski
 Joseph Sutyak
 Andrew & Helen Yatcko
 Roman & Akinina Zukow
 Ruth & Abraham
 Janet & Jim
 Joseph

& in honor of
 Pani Katie Russell

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2023		
Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)		Adapted by Fr Vitalii Stashkevych (BCC) for the Gregorian Calendar
SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2ND GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 GREAT AND HOLY WEEK ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 7TH	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 9TH NO FASTING!	 BRIGHT WEEK HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Paskas & Butter Lambs from the Guild!

St. Stephen's Guild has baked Paskas (Easter Breads) and made Butter Lambs this year for your Easter Baskets!

Pick up begin after Divine Liturgy today (Palm Sunday, April 2nd). You can pick up your paskas and butter lambs in the hall at that time or arrange to pick them up at the parish office during Holy Week.

If you forgot to order one, there are some extra paskas you can purchase in the hall.

Paskas are \$15.00 each.

Butter lambs are \$5.00 each.



Adult Eastern Christian Formation Opportunity:

Bible Discussion

After the Sunday Divine Liturgy, Kevin Perrotta is leading us on an exploration and discussion of two short Old Testament books: Ruth and Jonah. These are rich stories that speak to us about love, faithfulness, and mercy. Studying them together and talking about our own lives in light of these texts will be an opportunity to encounter God's word to us and deepen our relationship with each other.

Class Dates: *after Divine Liturgy on:* Sunday, April 2nd
Sunday, April 16th
Sunday, April 23rd

Stational Vespers

On the Sunday Evenings of the Great Fast
For the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate

On each Sunday evening of the Great Fast at 4:00 pm, we will celebrate Vespers at a different parish of the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate. Priests will be available for confession. The hosting parish will provide a simple meatless Lenten meal of soup and bread after Vespers. All our parishioners are encouraged to participate. In addition to being an opportunity for prayer and repentance during the Great Fast, this is also a chance for us to visit the other parishes of our region and for us to all get to know each other better. Here is the schedule:

Date	Sunday of the Great Fast	Parish	Celebrant & Preacher
2-Apr	Palm Sunday Flowery Sunday	St. Michael, Flushing	Fr. Jim Batcha



Special Collections 2023

This year we are grouping the collections so that they happen on one weekend each quarter.

June 24-25, 2023 (*use envelopes dated Jun 18, 2023 & Jun 25, 2023*):

Catholic Home Missions Appeal / Peter's Pence

- Catholic Home Missions: The Eparchy of Parma benefits from this USCCB Collection through the financial support of our Chancery, and Eparchial Offices; support for our parishes, missions, Shrine, and religious education programs.
- Peter's Pence: This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

September 23-24, 2023:

Catholic Communication Campaign

- Catholic Communication Campaign: The Eparchy of Parma directly benefits from this USCCB Collection as 50% of the funds collected in our churches remain in the Eparchy to support Horizons and other media communications of the Eparchy. The Eparchy of Parma also benefits from the other 50% that goes to the USCCB, as we receive grants from them which financially assist us in our communication efforts within the Eparchy.

December 9-10, 2023 (*use envelopes dated Aug 27, 2023*):

Retirement Fund for Religious

- Retirement Fund for the Religious: The Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Uniontown benefit directly from this USCCB Collection for their retired nuns. As they were active and provided ministry to our Eparchy in the past, we wish to help them by participating in this collection. This collection is not for our retired priests but will only benefit the retired nuns of the community of St. Basil the Great.



For the faithful of the
Eparchy of Parma,
1 Scholarship
opportunity available!
Apply by 4/1!



July 20 - August 8, 2023

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METROPOLITAN CHURCH
OF PITTSBURGH**



www.parma.org/WYD2023

Pre Cana Weekend

Preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite

Sat. & Sun. April 29 & 30, 2023

12:30pm - 5:00pm

**St. John Byzantine Catholic Church
36125 Aurora Rd - Solon, OH 44139**



Ways to register:

On-line at taborlife.org

Scan the QR with your mobile device

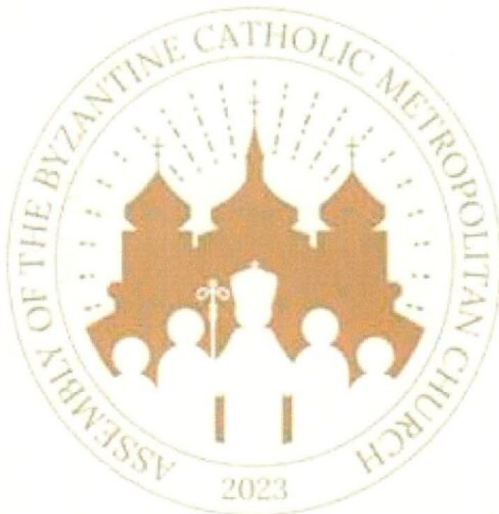
Call Catherine at 708-653-8344

Email us at taborlife@earthlink.net



Registration Fee: \$150/couple

*Sponsored by the Marriage and Family ministry of the Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma
in cooperation with the Tabor Life Institute*



March 10, 2023

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Dear Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh:

With this letter I emphasize my call to each of you to attend the Assembly of our Byzantine (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church 2023. You are encouraged to come and participate with representatives from each of our eparchies and our exarchate in Toronto, Canada at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey this coming autumn.

The clergy will meet on Thursday, November 2 through Friday evening of November 3. Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5 will be especially for the laity.

The chosen themes have emerged from Archieparchial and Eparchial synod reports, and thus as a Church, we will remember our historical past, consider the reality of our present, and explore the vision and dreams of our going forward into the future. In addition, we will celebrate our cultural heritage of art and music as expressed through the lived experience of "Our People."

Whenever we gather like this our sharing of insights becomes not only an enriching personal experience, but it also gives and receives new approaches in how to spread the good news of the Gospel.

Your presence and participation are vital and welcome. Please consider attending and supporting this historic Assembly 2023. Watch for more information as it is disseminated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *William C Skurła*

Most Reverend William C Skurła, DD
Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh

Eparchial Events 2023

- Family Camp – July 13-16, 2023 – *location TBD*
- Teen Camp in Slovakia and World Youth Day – July 20-August 8, 2023
- Bishop's Golf Classic – August 14, 2023 - Ohio
- Pilgrimage to Shrine of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio – August 20, 2023 (*tentative date*)
- Priest Convocation – October 16-20, 2023 - Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma, Ohio
- Evening of Hope – October 21, 2023, Independence, Ohio
- Eparchial Women's Renewal – November 10-12, 2023 at Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, Ohio

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The Eparchy of Parma and
Dormition of the Mother of
God Byzantine Catholic
Church are proud to sponsor
a women's renewal.

A weekend of empowerment,
spiritual reflection and
community fellowship.

Registration

Send registration and checks:
Women's Renewal
4600 State Rd,
Cleveland, OH 44109

Make checks payable to:
Dormition of the Mother of God
Byzantine Catholic Church

Venmo link for online payment:
@Kim-Kocuba

If you are paying online via Venmo, please
email your registration information to
kimkocuba@ameritech.net
**Registration is first come first
served!**

When:

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November 10-12, 2023
Reserve your space by
October 1, 2023

Early fee by Sept 1 = \$200
After Sept 1 fee = \$225

*Registration is first come first served.
If needed, we will start a waiting list.*

For questions
& online registration:
Kim Kocuba
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THE COURAGE TO BE MYRRH BEARERS

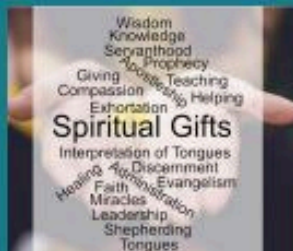
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**Parma Eparchial Women's
Renewal 2023**

Where:

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The Lial Retreat Center
5908 Davis Rd,
Whitehouse, OH 43571



St. Nicholas Apostolate

The St Nicholas Apostolate had several successful meetings, and we welcome all parishioners interested to attend future meetings! A monthly meeting will be held every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Email Fr Deacon Lawrence at frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com.

The St. Nicholas Apostolate is a means for members in our parish to practice Christian love through giving charitable donations and volunteering. The St. Nicholas Apostolate is facilitating donations from the parish for three funds modeled after the three purses of St. Nicholas. He was a wealthy man before he became a priest and bishop, and he chose to use his wealth to save three impoverished women from slavery by giving each of them a sack of gold coins for a dowry. St. Nicholas is often shown holding three purses or three coins. The three purses of the St. Nicholas Apostolate will be used to support the following:

- 1) charitable organizations
(such as Day House, Image of God Pregnancy Center, & Fish & Loaves)
- 2) fellow parishioners in need
- 3) neighbors and strangers who come to the parish seeking help.

One way that parishioners are encouraged to practice Christ's command to "help those that ask" is through monetary donations. Someday soon, a basket next to an icon of St. Nicholas will be placed in the narthex with envelopes for parishioners to donate to a purse of their choosing or simply to make an unrestricted gift. Donations for the first purse, charitable organizations, are given directly to the organizations. Donations for the second and third purses, our parishioners and our neighbors, are distributed by Fr. John Russell as seen fit. All donations are tax deductible. In the near future, volunteer opportunities will also be organized for the parish to participate in.

The St. Nicholas Apostolate is not a philanthropic club, but rather is a vehicle for the parish community to respond to God's commandment to love our neighbor, especially our neighbors in need.

"On the subject of mutual charity you have no need for anyone to write you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.... Nevertheless, we urge you... to progress even more." (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10).

Synodal Process

From the survey and the conversations with parishioners in the context of reflections on the Beatitudes, we have formulated some goals for St. Stephen's.

*** Develop opportunities for adult religious education**

In the survey, parishioners expressed some reservations about their readiness to share the Christian faith with others. It seems that further education would be helpful. In order to develop something that will best meet parishioners needs, we need to ask more specific questions to discover areas in which they would most like to learn and formats they would find most helpful.

Action: we will create some ways of inquiring into educational needs in the parish during the fall. In the new year we will begin to present new educational opportunities.

Our goal is to involve at least 20 percent of the active adults in the parish in new educational experiences by Pascha next year.

*** Encourage and help parishioners to go on retreats**

Most parishioners report that they do not often or ever go on retreats. Taking retreat time is a normal practice in Christian life. While retreats in the eparchy are routinely brought to parishioners' attention, more could be done to encourage and help them.

Action: we will give more attention to helping parishioners see the value of taking retreats and will work to identify and promote retreats and help people attend them (transportation, etc.).

We would like to see 10 percent of the active adults in the parish attend a retreat by the end of 2023.

*** Develop outreach opportunities**

In conversation over the Beatitudes, parishioners expressed the need for ways of serving neighbors in need and also for deepening community life within the parish. Developing outreach opportunities in a way that also deepens parishioners relationships with each other would help to meet this need.

Action: We will revive the long defunct St. Nicholas Apostolate as a way of involving parishioners in service to needy neighbors—and to each other in the parish. The apostolate will encourage donations for help to individuals outside and inside the church and will help parishioners learn about, support, and participate in selected local nonprofit organizations.

Our goal is to involve at least 20 percent of the active adults in the parish in this apostolate.

Please continue to let us know your thoughts about the parish and about these initiatives in particular. You may always call or write:

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Prayer List

Pray for Barb Barnes, Dorothy Brooks, Michael Camilleri, Katya Coffey-Burns, Robert Dalbo, Michael Hudak, Chris Lauffer, Edith Santo and for the healing of all who suffer.

Rides to Church

If you need a ride or are willing to offer a ride to others, please contact Victor Jiomkowski (313-930-0801 / v.jiomkowski1111@att.net) so he can help make the arrangements. The St. Nicholas Apostolate is still looking for a second person to help coordinate rides to church for people having trouble getting to services. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Victor Jiomkowski or Father John.

Stewardship Appeal

How are we using our gifts to build up the Kingdom of God? What treasure do we have stored here on earth that could be offered for the Kingdom? Thankfully, we have an opportunity this Holy Week to help build the Kingdom of God in a particular way: by supporting the Eparchy's Stewardship Appeal. The Stewardship Appeal provides critical support for God's Church in four ways: 1) supporting parishes and missions; 2) evangelization and ministries; 3) caring for retired priests; and 4) vocations and seminarian education. Please contribute to the Appeal today. You may visit parma.org to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through the website.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$6,900. So far, 29 donors from St. Stephen have donated \$5944, putting us at roughly 86% of our goal. Thank you! If our parish exceeds its goal, a rebate will be paid equal to 100% of the amount by which we exceed our goal. Rebates paid will be exempt from the 10% eparchial assessment. This rebate plan will help to strengthen the parishes and provide an opportunity to raise additional funds that are not subject to assessment.

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 narthex of the church. Thank you to LeAnn & Betty for cleaning the church. Ceil, Char, & Phyllis are signed up to clean this week.

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

We donate \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry

Since our last contributions, we donated \$225 for the Churches in Central & Eastern Europe &

\$1,000 to Image of God Pregnancy Center.

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

for Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$85.

For the retirement of our nuns, we have collected \$295.

Image of God Pregnancy Center

Our parish helps to support Image of God Pregnancy Center (4151 Seminole St., Detroit), a place of hope for disadvantaged women on the city's east side for the past 11 years. Their facility provides vital resources at no cost to current and expecting mothers, from pregnancy testing to professional counseling, in Detroit's most underserved area.

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on March 26th was **44**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **54**

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.*

Collection for March 26th was **\$2,559.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,969.01**

Sunday: \$1986; Holy Day: \$85; Online: \$424.35; Candles: \$34; Flowers: \$30

“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).



Saint Stephen

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