

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, 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 [comm]union with Rome. We share the same 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.



June 11th, 2023

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

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

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – followed by Confessions Sunday, June 11, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1 + The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas. Vespers: 1 Peter 1:3-9 • 1 Peter 1:13-19 • 1 Peter 2:11-14. 2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8. Romans 2:10-16. Matthew 4:18-23. 8:15am Matins 9:30am First & Third Hour – Reader Service; Confessions – in Sacristy Cantors: 10:00am Divine Liturgy – for the people of the parish Mary H, David, Cecilia With the Baptism of Basil Brewer! Reader: Erin

> for the hieromonk Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewit (6-7) for the hieromonk Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (6-9) +Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (9-10)

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Meatless Potluck in the hall.

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, June 12, 2023



Our Venerable Father Onuphry the Great (400). Venerable Fr. Peter of Mt. Athos (734). Romans 7:1-13. Matthew 9:36-10:8.

> 6:30pm Vespers & 7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Tuesday Cantors: Dominique & Victor +Michael Camilleri, from Shirley Mead

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

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The Holy Martyr Aquilina (293). Our Holy Father Triphyllus, Bishop of Leucosia (370). Romans 7:14-8:2. Matthew 10:9-15.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847). Romans 8:2-13. Matthew 10:16-22.

7:00am First Hour & Divine Liturgy

+Mary Strach, from Maryalice Lukas

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Thursday – with prostrations

Thursday, June 15, 2023

The Holy Prophet Amos. The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon (420). Romans 8:22-27. Matthew 10:23-31.

6:30pm Councils Meeting

Friday, June 16, 2023

Our Holy Father and Wonder-worker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis (c. 425). Romans 9:6-19. Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1.

7:00am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers \mathcal{E} 7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Saturday +Conor James Rogan

Saturday, June 17, 2023

The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael (c. 633).

Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of the Rufenianos Monastery.

Romans 3:28-4:3. Matthew 7:24-8:4.

10:00am Akathist – Reader Service

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

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B Day of Alleluia

Sunday, June 18, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2 The Holy Martyr Leontius (c. 73). *3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Mark 16:9-20.

Romans 5:1-10. Matthew 6:22-33.

8:30am Matins 9:45am Moleben for Fathers 10:00am Divine Liturgy – for the people of the parish

> +Michael Camilleri, from Shirley Mead (6-12) +Mary Strach, from Maryalice Lukas (6-14) +Conor James Rogan (6-16)

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Meatless Potluck in the hall. 12:15pm Bible Discussion in small hall – 1 Corinthians

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, June 19, 2023

+ The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord.

 Vespers: Jude 1-10 • Jude 11-16 • Jude 17-25.
 Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

 for Jude: Jude 1-10. John 14:21-24.
 for the day: Romans 9:18-33. Matthew 11:2-15.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club - online: https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok or in person: 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

The Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara (311). Our Holy Father Nicholas Cabasilas. Romans 10:11-11:2a. Matthew 11:16-20.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour – with prostrations

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus (290).

Romans 11:2b-12. Matthew 11:20-26.

7:00am First Hour & Divine Liturgy

+John & +Mary Strach & John & Mary Lukas, from Maryalice Lukas

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Thursday – with prostrations

♂ Fathers Day!

Cantors: Mary W., Mary H., Cecilia Reader: Vic J.

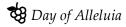
Cantor: Victor



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Thursday, June 22, 2023



The Holy Martyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (379). Romans 11:13-24. Matthew 11:27-30.

7:00pm Office of Holy Repentance

LEGEND

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- 🕀 Great Feast
- 🕁 Feast with an All-night Vigil
- + Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins
- 8. Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins
- E 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)

Summer Bible Discussion – 1 Corinthians

This summer the parish Bible discussion is focused on Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth. When Paul writes to them, the Corinthian Christians are enthusiastic new believers who have a lot to learn about how to live Christian life together. In 1 Corinthians, Paul answers their questions and straightens them out in some areas where they're going wrong. His instructions to them speak to us today.

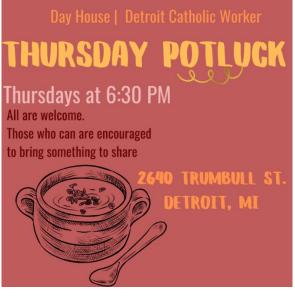
The reading and discussions will begin on **June 18** with a visit to first-century Corinth via photos of the ancient site and some historical background by Kevin Perrotta. We will continue on **June 25**, **July 9**, **July 16**, **August 6**, **August 13**, **and August 27**.

Everyone is welcome. You don't need to take part in all the sessions. Drop in when you can. The group is using a brief guide to 1 Corinthians in the Six Weeks with the Bible series by Kevin. Free copies are available.

We meet at 12:15 pm in the small hall.

The Office of Holy Repentance

During this penitential season of the Apostle's Fast, we will celebrate the full form of the office of holy repentance on **Thursday, June 22nd at 7pm**. This includes private confession to a priest. There will be an additional priest – Fr. Constantin Hadarag – available for confessions as well on this evening.



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.

Want to learn more about the Byzantine Catholic faith?



Join a Free Monthly Online Webinar Series for Adults!

Vineyard of the Lord Catholic Ministries & The Metropolain Andrey Sheptytsky Institute

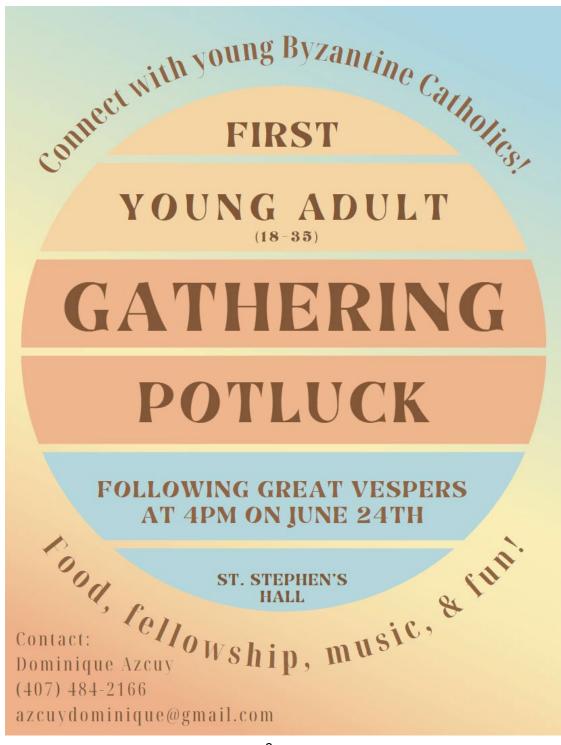
If you are a Byzantine Catholic who would like to go deeper into your faith, a frequent attendee at a Byzantine Catholic parish, or are interested in exploring becoming Byzantine Catholic, this is for you!

Starts June 11, 2023 @ 6-7pm PST 12 MONTHS - SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Based on the Catechism, Christ Our Pascha, and the series "Becoming Byzantine"



Sponsored by the Eparchy of Phoenix Office of Religious Education



FAMILY & CANTOR CAMP





Come with your spouse and children and join us for a weekend of fellowship, prayer and spiritual formation in the Byzantine Catholic Tradition.

JULY 16-20,2023 EASTON, KS

Marriage is designed to be the closest possible relation of increasing intimacy and growing interdependence. We have to keep working on our marriage to stay closely connected. At our Family Camp, parents will have time for themselves to nurture their marriage relationship... all while our team will take care of your children at the Cantor Camp.

At the Cantor Camp, led by Fr. Andrew Summerson, children divided into age groups will learn about the beauty of our tradition of chant in a very interactive and playful manner. We witness in our parishes how children cherish singing from early childhood; it's no wonder so many Byzantine Catholics are great singers from early on.

COME AND JOIN US FOR FAMILY AND CANTOR CAMP! www.parma.org/family-camp

Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage "Under the Protection of Your Veil"



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

3:00pm – Blessing of Water & Moleben to the Theotokos – Shrine Chapel
4:00pm – Divine Liturgy (for Saturday), Blessing of Pilgrims
5:30pm – Café open for dinner
7:00pm – Great Vespers (for Sunday)
8:30pm – Campfire and fireside chat
9:30pm – Compline
*Afterwards & until midnight – supervised social interaction

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023 9:00am – Matins 11:00am – Teen activity 12 noon – Sixth Hour / Café open for Lunch 1:30pm – Children's Activity / Guest Speaker 3:00pm – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy; Mirovanija: Procession with the Plaschanicja (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos) & the Gospels 5:00pm – Café open for Dinner

The opportunity for Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the Pilgrimage • Camping is permitted • Food will be available for purchase at the cafeteria or you are welcome to bring your own food • Bring your own chair

The Eastern Treasures Gift Shop will be open. 17486 Mumford Road, Burton, Ohio https://www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch

Upcoming Retreat Opportunities

Parma's Byzanteens may be interested in the Third Annual Young Adult Retreat: Becoming "Fools for Christ's Sake" scheduled to take place **July 27-30** in Marblehead, OH. Youth will come together for a weekend of service, socializing and spirituality.

Women within our Eparchy are invited to attend the 2023 Eparchial Women's Renewal: "The Courage to be Myrrh-bearers scheduled to take place **November 10-11** in Whitehouse, OH. Join us as we find our courage in God and learn how to take the steps to share our gifts with others.

We encourage you to check back for more opportunities! <u>https://www.parma.org/retreats</u>

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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 Gad Byzantine Catholic Church

Venmo link for online payment: <u>@Kim-Kocuba</u>

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

When:

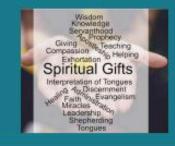
November 10-12, 2023 Reserve your space by October 1, 2023

Early fee by Sept 1 = \$200 After Sept 1 fee = \$225 Registration is first come first served. If needed, we will start a waiting int

For questions & online registration: Kim Kocuba kimkocuba@ameritech.net 216-337-2673

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





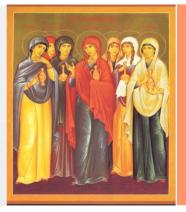
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Parma Eparchial Women's Renewal 2023

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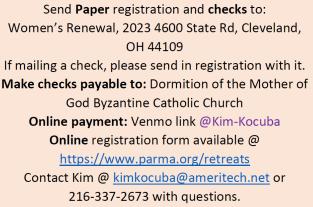
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Keynote: Lynne Wardach: The ByziMom

https://www.byzimomcom/byzikids

ByziMom's Guide to Great Fast Meals. She is also the creator and executive editor of ByziKids Magazine, and is an oblate and Coordinator of the Myrrhbearing Lay Sisters of St. John the Beloved at Holy Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Monastery.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Phone #:

Parish:

Payment method:

Check #

Venmo ID

Dietary restrictions:

Mobility restrictions:



Spiritual Leader: Rev. Dennis Hrubiak Retired - Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma

You have gifts to offer! Join us as we find our courage in God and learn how to take the step to share our gifts with others. Registration is first come first served. Don't miss your chance, reaister by September 1. 2023

The Courage to be Myrrh Bearers Women's Renewal

You have gifts to offer the world. Join us as we find our courage in God and learn how to take the steps to share our gifts with others.

The Eparchy of Parma and The 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.

The weekend will take place November 10-12, 2023, at The Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse, OH.

Our Keynote Speaker is Lynne Wardach, ByziMom of https://www.byzimomcom. Rev. Dennis Hrubiak is the spiritual director.

Early registration fee is \$200. Registration is first come first served. Don't miss your chance, register by September 1, 2023.

Registration:

Online registration form available @ https://www.parma.org/retreats Online payment: Venmo link @Kim-Kocuba

Send Paper registration and checks to: Women's Renewal, 2023 4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109 Make checks payable to: Dormition of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church

See brochure at the entrance of the church, for more information.

Contact Kim @ kimkocuba@ameritech.net or 216-337-2673 with questions.

FAQ:

1 Can I carpool with someone or is there a bus?

A we are working on a solution, please sign up and in make a note that you would need a ride to the event. We will get back to you.

2 Can I pay later?

A Yes. Please sign up if you are interested and when the time comes, you can send a check or Venmo online, no later than 30 days before. If we are

selling out, we can reach out to you to send in payment to secure your spot.

3 Can I pick my own room?

A No, but if you let us know if you have special needs, we can try to accommodate.

4 I sent in my registration online or by mail, am I signed up?

A No, you need to pay to complete your registration and hold your spot. If you send in your information, we can reach out as we fill up to check on

your payment.

5 Are you offering vouchers or discounts?

A No, we are already extending a great value due to the support of the Eparchy and their generous donation to the event.



METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY

Art | History | Presentations | Prayer | Dancing

NOVEMBER 2 - 5, 2023

LIVING OUR FAITH Moving Forward Appreciating Our Past

- \$250 per person
- \$400 per family
- Young Adult (18-35)*
 *registration underwriten by The Maria Theresa Foundation



St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ

Assembly Coordinators

Fr. Edward Cimbala 212-677-0516 | Fr. Yuriy Oros 609-394-5004 Email: byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com | Web: byzantineassembly2023.org

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 <u>frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com</u>.

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:

313-382-5901 4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI 48101 ststephen@parma.org

Parish Picnic!

This year's parish picnic will coincide with our blessing of cars on **July 23**rd! See Victor Azcuy to volunteer with set up, clean up, and donation.

Rides to Church

If you need a ride or are willing to offer a ride to others, please contact Victor Jiompkowski (313-930-0801 / v.jiompkowski1111@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 Jiompkowski or Father John.

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.

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

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

Since our last contributions,

For the Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$85.

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.

Prayer List

Pray for the healing of Barb Barnes, Don & Theresa Butella, Dorothy Brooks, Lawrence Thomas Dion, Chris Lauffer, Edith Santo

Attendance & Collection

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on May 21st was 51 & on May 28th was 50. Collection for May 21st was \$1,113.35 and for May 28th was \$2,250.20 **ATTENDANCE** – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on June 4th was **65**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **55** 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 June 4th was **\$1,563.85.** Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,037.80** Sunday: \$1050; Holy Day: \$10; Online: \$472.35; Candles: \$31.50

"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).

