

Welcome to  
Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral

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## November 30th & December 1st, 2019

Cathedral served by:

His Grace, Most Rev. John S. Puzak, C.Ss.R., Bishop

His Grace, Most Rev. Gerald N. Dino, S.E.O.D, Bishop Emeritus

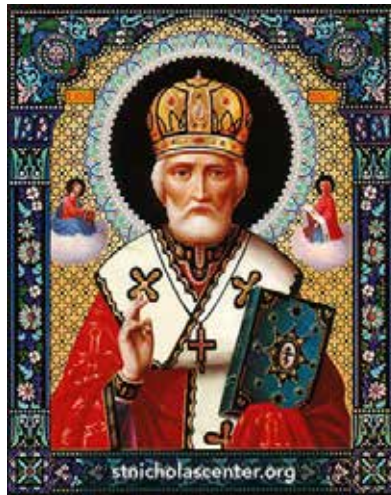
Very Rev. Diodoro Mendoza, Rector - Msgr. Kevin, McAuliffe, in Residence

Rev. Leandro Galvez, in Residence - Rev. Adam Lowe, in Residence

Very Rev. Archpriest David M. Petras, Retired - Deacon John Montalvo

Deacon James Danovich - Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy

Rev. Adam Lowe, in Residence



Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral is in Communion with His Holiness, Pope Francis, the Bishop of Rome.

### St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral Mission Statement:

*To foster a Catholic and Godly renewal with worship through the awe-inspiring Liturgy of the Byzantine Catholic Church; in order to bring the message of the Living Lord to the faithful and seekers of truth.*

#### **Parish Membership is open to any Catholic, and to anyone:**

- who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word and Sacred Mysteries.
- who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church and who will help us form a community based on the Lord's love.
- who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church.
- who acknowledges the authority of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor.
- who will attend Liturgical Services on Saturday or Sunday, and on the Great Holy Days.
- who is willing to support the growth of the Church by sharing their Time, Talent and Treasure (financial support), and who will participate in the yearly Bishop's Appeal. For registration information, contact the Parish Office: (602) 943-5379 .

## **St Nicholas the Wonderworker**

St. Nicholas (270-340 A.D.) was born to Greek parents in Asia Minor, in the coastal town of Patara in Lycia, now known as modern-day Turkey. Tradition records him as being very religious from an early age, and at some point in his youth he lost both of his parents to an epidemic. Nicholas was subsequently raised by his uncle who was the Bishop of Patara, and in time Nicholas would not only follow his example and become a priest, but at length would become the Bishop of Myra – a large city located not far from his home town.

St. Nicholas is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker, not only for the many miracles God performed through him during his earthly life, but also for those that followed after his demise that are attributed to his intercession. One version of a particular story about him that is often recounted, however, illustrates his legendary generosity of spirit and habit of secret gift-giving. Tradition has it that St. Nicholas once heard of a poor man who had three daughters, none of whom he could provide a dowry for in order for them to marry. (A woman not being able to marry in those days, in that culture, was a particularly significant problem - single women in that day unable to secure suitable means of employment to support themselves were often left with prostitution being the only option.) St. Nicholas learned of this man's predicament and decided to remedy the situation, secretly, so the father of these three women would not be subjected to the social stigma of having to accept charity. One version of the story has it that Nicholas made plans to go out on three consecutive nights, and on each night toss a bag full of coins through the open window where this family lived – one bag on each night to provide a dowry for each of the man's three daughters. After St. Nicholas delivered his gift on the second evening, word came to him that the father of the household had made plans to stay up on the following night to discover the mysterious gift-giver. Not wanting to be revealed for his good works, St. Nicholas, rather than tossing this third dowry through the window as on the previous two nights, instead climbed to the rooftop and stealthily dropped it down the chimney instead. Perhaps it is this particular account of St. Nicholas and his habit of secret gift-giving that gave birth to the modified concept of "Santa Claus" we are familiar with today. The remains of St. Nicholas today repose in Bari, Italy, and are traditionally said to ooze myrrh on his feast day.

Please be advised that the following will be the Special Collections schedule for the Eparchy, for the Calendar year 2020:

- Wednesday, 26 February, 2020: Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- Friday, 10 April, 2020: Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
- Sunday, 26 April, 2020: Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Sunday, 24 May, 2020: Catholic Communications
- Sunday, 28 June, 2020: Peter's Pence Collection
- Sunday, 18 October, 2020: Eparchial Priests health Insurance Offering
- Sunday, 13 December, 2020: Retirement Fund for Religious.

Each of these collections is important in the continuing work of the Church, both locally and throughout the world. The Eparchy, for example, has been fortunate for a number of years in receiving Grant funds from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which, this year, in 2019, again total \$85,000.00. These funds support our two annual clergy gatherings, supplement the Myrrh Bearers and Alive in Christ retreats, our Eparchial Newsletter, and other projects, programs and needs including our annual October request to help offset the health insurance for our clergy. This year, we are also asking parishioners to consider contributing to the national USCB collection for the Church in Eastern Europe, where many of us, in the Eastern Catholic Rites, may have ancestry.

*From the Rector's Desk*

## **Welcome to St Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral**

### **Glory to Jesus Christ!**

Welcome to St Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral! we are delighted to have you join us in prayer by giving Thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God.

In His last supper with the disciples, Christ offered bread and wine in the context of a Passover supper and declared them to be His body and blood. "the blood of the covenant," telling the disciples to do this "in remembrance of me." The Byzantine Divine Liturgy is precisely this remembrance. It is the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, made present in our midst, and concluding with a meal that renews our baptismal covenant with God.

May God richly bless you,

Very Rev. Diodoro Menoza, Rector

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### **Parish Advisory Board served by:**

Peyon Bechtold, Jennifer Hetrick, Mary Beth Foster  
Jessica Kostyn, Joanie Mahar, Basil Rabayda, Ann Zlamal

### **Parish Finance Council Served by:**

Juilie Pete, Karen Ratliff, Nicholas Stefaniak III  
Dolores Suguent, John Surmay

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## **Safe Environment Program Contact Information**

Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral is committed to maintaining a safe environment at all times for all minors and vulnerable adults. For more information about our Eparchy - wide Safe Environment Program or to report any observations or concerns, please contact:

**Dcn Michael Hnafin, S.E.P. coordinator** or  
**dcnanafin@eph.org - 480 307-5182 (cell)**

**Sbdcn. Paul F Kilroy, Asst S.E.P. Coordinator**  
**sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org - 602 943-5379 (S.E. office)**

### **Victim Assistance Coordinator Contact Information**

The Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you, or anyone, who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We encourage you to speak out.

**Dr. Caroline Bonham, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Eparchy of Phoenix Email: [victimassistan-  
cephoenix@gmail.com](mailto:victimassistan-<br/>cephoenix@gmail.com) Telephone: (505) 314-394**

## **ST. STEPHEN'S RELIGIOUS GOODS AND GIFT SHOP**

Begin your Christmas shopping here! A great selection of icons, religious articles and jewelry, edifying and inspirational books, cards and other items are available for your perusal. Open each Sunday following Divine Liturgy, or by appointment.

**LOOK: GOD WITH US ONLINE** is offering five (free of charge) live webinars – the subject matter and dates for these webinars are as follows: The Gift of God – Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity December 16 @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm PT. Baptized into Christ – The Mystery of the Initiation & Identity of the People of God January 8, 15 and 22 @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm PT.

**For more information and to register for free, visit: [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events)**

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## **Birthdays & Anniversaries During the Month of December.**

**Birthdays:** JoAnn Faix (3rd), Linda Rabayda (8th), John Surmay (11th), Richard Grimes (12th), Bert Winn (14th), Jessica Longuria (14th), Sean Grimes (18th), Alex Danovich (20th), Luciana Marmol (23rd), Ryan Grimes (29th).

**Anniversaries:** Dcn. James and Josefina Danovich (1st), Tom and Jennifer Hetrick (11th).

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### **Philip's Fast is Upon Us!**

Philip's Fast is Upon Us! Philip's Fast is upon us, beginning on November 15th, the day following that of the Feast of Saint Philip, and concluding on December 24th. During this time we are encouraged to use these 40 days to prepare ourselves and our families to be spiritually ready to receive the incarnate God who comes to us in the glorious feast of his birth. We are encouraged to fast, to pray more and to do more of the Works of mercy so that through all these things we might come to a fuller understanding of what the true meaning is of our Lord's Nativity. Simple Fast or Abstinence Regulations Simple fast or abstinence is required on all Fridays, and it forbids the use of meat and meat products, but does not forbid the use of eggs or dairy products.

#### Our Main Candles are lit this week for:

Eternal Lamp: Julie Trutza (deceased)

Resurrection: Fr. Basil Hutsko (living)

#### Our Tetrapod Candles are lit this week for:

Theotokos Icon Side: Loretta Winn (living)

Christ Icon Side: Fr. Stephen Casmus (living)

# Divine Liturgy of John Chrysostom – November 30, 2019

Begins on Pg. 104 in Green Book:

Psalm 140	Tone 8	p. 159
Vespers Hymns	Tone 8	p. 159-161
Doxasticon - "Glory & Now and ever"	Tone 8	p. 159
Trisagion		pp. 27-31
Prokeimenon	Tone 8	p. 153
Alleluia	Tone 8	p. 153
"Holy, holy, holy ..."	A	p. 56
Amen		p. 58
"We praise you .... "		p. 58
Communion Hymn of Sunday		pp.78-81

## Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom – December 1, 2019

Troparion of the Resurrection	Tone 8	p. 161
Kontakion of the Resurrection	Tone 8	p. 162
Trisagion		pp. 27-31
Prokeimenon	Tone 8	p. 153
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## ATTENDANCE and COLLECTIONS ANALYSIS –

Weekend of November 23 - 24 , 2019

Sat. 4:00 PM: 18+ Sun. 9:00 AM: 136 = Total Weekend Attendance of: 54

**Adult Tithes via Collection:** \$1,363.26 - **Adult Tithes via Online Credit Card:** \$625.00 **Adult Tithes via Postal Mail:** \$510.00 -

**Total Weekend Collection:** \$2,498.26

ADDITIONAL INCOME:

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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Readings taken from the web page of United States Conference of Catholic

Bishops: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))

### EPISTLE (Ephesians 4:1-6)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

### GOSPEL (Luke 18:18-27)

And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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## Prayer intentions for this week . . .

Special Intentions: Erwin Armada, Barbara Dugan, Helen Furka, Vincent Rice, McCarthy family, Marti Lopez, Kathleen Linkowsky, Richard Gable, Robert King, Ann Ryan, Chris Faix, Robyn Foy, Elaine Browne, Mark Chapa, Michael Chapa, Baby Micah Lombardi, Dalton, Tatum & Christy.

May the Lord rest His healing hand on His servants and hear their requests: Gail Person, Doreen Stacy, Ramiro Ramirez, Liz Kol, Maria Palacios, Ted Bronson, Mike Chapa, Vincent Schile, Mark Chapa, Nicholas Lemak, Jose Mendoza, Herbert Simmons, Teresa Blanc, Daniel Andrews, Gabriella Reagan, Ana Ruiz, Jane Walsh, Dorothy Dumnich, Richard Reese, Chris Balsz, Carlene Eneroth, Bob Dugan, Cathy Milko, Clementina Mendoza, Dan Palaschak, Michael Sherwood, Nicholas Toth, Nicholas Oprendeck, Dennis Milko, Karen Kol, Rita Chokan, Rebecca Braskie & Albina Tesoniero.

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### + + + Upcoming Events + + +

MEN'S GROUP: . Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 8:00 AM– We will meet in the Rectory (8141).

Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 8:00 AM– We will meet in the Rectory (8141).

WOMEN'S GROUP: . Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:30 PM – We will meet in the Rectory (8141).

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM – We will meet in the Rectory (8141).

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Cookie Exchange 2019, December 15th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM: Bring 3 or 4 dozen of your favorite cookies (and the recipe) to share. Prize for the favorite cookie! Cookie decorating, games with prizes – take your picture with the Gingerbread man! All proceeds go to benefit Andre House, and any donations you may wish to bring along of things like blankets, back packs, white cotton crew socks and personal hygiene items.

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Christmas Luncheon will be served in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 22 December, following the morning Liturgy. Come and join us! Come and join us! Come and join us!

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2020 Men's Conference, Catholic Men's Fellowship of Phoenix: The 2020 Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 Tickets will go on sale December 10th, 2019. Additional details on the conference and ticket availability may be found at the following website: <http://cmfp.org/2020conference>

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You can Help Support our Upcoming Silent Auction: Needed are donations to fill our Silent Auction tables again this year with interesting quality items: Gift Cards for Goods or Services, Toys and Games, Christmas Decorations, Gift Baskets, Home and Decorative Accessories, Collectible Items, Religious Gifts, etc. If you wish to solicit donations from local businesses which you frequent, please See Fr. Diodoro or contact Subdeacon Paul the Parish Office to obtain a signed letter of introduction of our Church and fundraiser to give prospective donors. AND . . . , to help support our "Tricky Tray" Table for the Kids please contact Kathy Slonka for information on toys and other prizes you may wish to provide.

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2019 Thanksgiving & Christmas Baked Goods are on Sale NOW: Kolachy (aka, Rolls) for \$12.00 (walnut, date nut, apricot and poppyseed). To guarantee your needs, pre-order now thru Nov. 10th. Forms are available in the hall and online. You can also pre-order directly by contacting Joanie - call/text her at 602-920-0607, or email: joaniesellshomes@aol.com. Or, call Dolores at 480-991-1856, or email: dsugent@cox.net. Make sure your name, contact info and order is clearly stated/written. For more information, call Joanie or Dolores, or check St. Stephen's website.

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A Gentle Reminder from the Rector . . . No political solicitation, activity or canvassing of any kind should be taking place on Church-owned properties. If you wish to be more knowledgeable as to what the Catholic Church teaches on this matter, there is a very informative link on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops called Political Activity Guidelines: Please log on to: <http://www.usccb.org/about/general-counsel/political-activity-guidelines.cfm> Then select: Political Activity and Lobby Guidelines for Catholic Organizations

### **Liturgical Schedule – Come Pray with Us!**

- Sat. 11/30 25th Sunday after Pentecost (Vigil) – pp. 159-163 Tone 8  
3:00 PM Confessions heard  
4:00 PM Vigil Vesper Div. Liturgy – Widad Butty (living), by Widad Butty Fr. Diodoro
- Sun. 12/1 25th Sunday after Pentecost – pp. 161-163 Tone 8  
8:00 AM Matins  
8:30 AM Confessions heard  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral Fr. Diodoro
- Mon. 12/2 Epistle 26th week and Gospel, 29th week Habakuk, Prophet – pp. 366-368  
No liturgical services scheduled for this day
- Tue. 12/3 Zephaniah, Prophet – pp. 366-368  
11:30 AM Divine Liturgy – + Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pravy, by R. & J. Lichalk Fr. Diodoro
- Wed. 12/4 Barbara, Great Martyr – pp. 379-381  
11:30 AM Divine Liturgy - + Julie Trutza, by Diane Herring Fr. Diodoro
- Thu. 12/5 Sabbas, Venerable – pp. 387-389  
7:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy Fr. Diodoro
- Fri. 12/6 Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop – pp. 274-276  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Sanctification of all Parishioners, by Bert & Loretta Winn Bp. John
- Sat. 12/7 26th Sunday after Pentecost (Vigil) – pp. 123-127 Tone 1  
3:00 PM Confessions heard  
4:00 PM Vigil Vesper Div. Liturgy – John & Anna Orenyak (living), by R. & J. Lichalk  
Fr. Diodoro
- Sun. 12/8 26th Sunday after Pentecost – pp. 125-127 Tone 1  
8:00 AM Matins  
8:30 AM Confessions heard  
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral Fr. Diodoro



