

Welcome to
Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Closed for Lunch Noon – 1:00 PM

December 7th & 8th, 2019

Cathedral served by:

His Grace, Most Rev. John S. Pazak, 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



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 .

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patroness of the Americas

The exuberant and growing devotion of U.S. Catholics to Our Lady of Guadalupe is clearly evident in the numerous congregations that enthusiastically celebrate her feast on Dec. 12, including San Fernando Cathedral, where Guadalupan devotion has thrived since the parish's foundation in 1731. For nearly three centuries, parishioners there have sought Guadalupe's intercession for blessings and favors: abundant harvests during the days of the Spanish colonial era, protection from humiliation and ethnic prejudice after the United States annexed Texas, solace and hope as numerous Mexicans were exiled during the early 20th century, and, in all time periods, safety, employment and healings of infirmity and distress. Yet devotees also revere Guadalupe as the mother of a vast international family, a faith conviction Pope John Paul II recently affirmed in proclaiming her the patroness of one America, extending from Tierra del Fuego to the northernmost reaches of Canada. The efforts of San Fernando parish leaders to transform their congregation's understanding of Guadalupe from a primarily national or ethnic symbol to the mother of a united American hemisphere should be instructive and inspirational for all contemporary Guadalupan devotees and the clergy that minister to them. Vigil Divine Liturgy: Dec. 11, 2019, at 7:00PM
Feast Day Liturgy: Dec. 12, 2019, at 9:00AM

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

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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

Parish Advisory Board served by:

Peyton Becktold , Jennifer Hetrick, Mary Beth Foster,
Jessica Kostyun, Joanie Mahar, Basil Rabayda,
Ann Zlamal

Parish Finance Council Served by:

Peter Kostyun, Chairperson, Julie Pete,
Karen Ratliff, Nicholas Stefaniak III,
Dolores Sugent, John Surmay

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 Hanafin, S.E.P. coordinator or **Sbdcn. Paul F Kilroy, Asst S.E.P. Coordinator**
dcnanafin@eph.org - 480 307-5182 (cell) **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:victimassistancephoenix@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.

Beginning in 2020, after the coffee social which follows our Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, we will be offering a series of talks on our Catholic faith, spiritual life, liturgical prayer, apologetics, and biblical knowledge and insight. Future announcements will be forthcoming in advance as to the subject matter of each of these presentations, and we look forward to having you join us.

Also Beginning in 2020, Feast Day Liturgies during the week will begin at 10:00AM. _____

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).

Pastoral Visits to the Sick and Homebound: The sick and homebound were last visited on December 3rd, 2019. Arrangements for needed pastoral visits may be made by speaking to Fr. Diodoro directly, or else by contacting the Parish Office.

Our Main Candles are lit this week for:

Eternal Lamp: Helen Fellin (living)

Resurrection: Kathy Richard (living)

Our Tetrapod Candles are lit this week for:

Theotokos Icon Side: Susan Carson (living)

Christ Icon Side: Fr. Stephen Casmus (living)

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.

Divine Liturgy of John Chrysostom – December 7, 2019

Begins on Pg. 104 in Green Book:

Psalm 140	Tone 1	p. 123
Vespers Hymns	Tone 1	pp. 123-124
Doxasticon - “Glory & Now and ever”	Tone 1	pp. 125-126
Trisagion		pp. 27-31
Prokeimenon	Tone 1	p. 127
Prokimenon of the feast	Tone 1	p. 278
Alleluia	Tone 1	p. 127
Alleluia of the Feast	Tone 1	p. 279
“Holy, holy, holy ...”	A	p. 56
Amen		p. 58
“We praise you “		p. 58
Communion Hymn of the Feast		p. 280

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom – December 8, 2019

Troparion of the Resurrection	Tone 1	p. 125-126
Troparion of the Feast	Tone 4	P 278
Kontakion of the Resurrection	Tone 8	p. 162
Trisagion		pp. 27-31
Prokeimenon of the Resurrection	Tone 1	p. 127
Prokeimenon of the Feast	Tone 4	p.278
Alleluia	Tone 1	p. 127
Alleluia of the Feast	Tone 1	p. 279
“Holy, holy, holy”	A	p. 56
Amen		p. 58
“We praise you “		p. 58

Communion Hymn of Sunday		pp.78-81
Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”, Magnification of the Feast		p. 279
Communion Hymn of the Feast		p. 280

2019 Christmas Baked Goods are on Sale NOW: Kolachy (aka, Rolls) are \$12.00 each (walnut, date-nut, apricot and poppy seed). Order forms are available in the Parish Hall and online. You can also 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. (If you use the order forms available in the Parish Hall, please make sure you fill them out so they are clearly legible.

Come Join us on Christmas Day! We'll be having a festive dinner for residents, parishioners and clergy, in the Hall at Saint Stephen's, 3 pm, Christmas Day, December 25, 2019. A juicy Turkey and a honey Ham will be provided; just bring your favorite Christmas side dish, dessert or drink and join the fun! PLEASE RSVP: Leave a message for Judy Harding who will be coordinating this event at (360) 306-2800 or (602) 687-9383 by December 15th, or personally notify Judy Harding or Subdeacon Paul. Let us know what you will be bringing and how many will be in your party.

EPISTLE
(Galatians 4:22-31)

For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one that dost not bear; break forth and shout, thou who art not in travail; for the desolate hath more children than she who hath a husband.” Now we, brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now. But what does the scripture say? “Cast out the slave and her son; for the son of the slave shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” So, brethren, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

GOSPEL
(Luke 8:16-21)

No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.” Then his mother and his brethren came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd. And he was told, “Your mother and your brethren are standing outside, desiring to see you.” But he said to them, “My mother and my brethren are those who hear the Word of God and do it.”

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: Kathy Richard, Fr. Stephen Casmus, 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.

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

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 things like blankets, back packs, white cotton crew socks and personal hygiene items.

Regretfully, due to the difficulty in obtaining consistent and varied volunteers for baking rolls and pierohis, we will no longer be able to sustain these activities. Many thanks to all of you who have given so much of your time and talent to all these activities over the years. May God richly bless you!

ATTENDANCE and COLLECTIONS ANALYSIS
Weekend of Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st , 2019

Sat. 4:00 PM: 22 + Sun. 9:00 AM: 91 = a Total Weekend Attendance of: 113 **Adult Tithes via Collection:** \$1,650.31
- **Adult Tithes via Online Credit Card:** \$140.00 **Adult Tithes via Postal Mail:** \$100.00 -
Total Weekend Collection: \$1,800.31

ADDITIONAL INCOME:

6 Candles: \$45.50 - **Bake Sale:** \$433.00 - **Ret. Religious:** \$332.00 - **Christmas Flowers:** \$105.00 **Christmas Coll:**
\$40.00 - **St. Nicholas Tickets:** 620.00 - **St. Nicholas Holy Day:** \$110.00 **Sunday Social:** \$20.00

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

Mon. 12/9 30th week Patapius, Venerable – pp. 387-389
 Epistle 27th week and Gospel,
 No liturgical services scheduled for this day

Tue. 12/10 Mennas and Others, Martyrs – pp. 381-383
 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy - + John Diethorn, by R. & J. Lichalk Msgr. Kevin

Wed. 12/11 Daniel the Stylite, Venerable – pp. 387-389
 7:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy Fr. Diodoro

Thu. 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe – pp. (special hand-out) 9:00 AM
 Divine Liturgy Bp. John

Fri. 12/13 Eustratius and Others, Martyrs – pp. 381-383
 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Charles Oberle living), by Fr Diodoro Fr. Diodoro

Sat. 12/14 Sunday of the Forefathers (Vigil) – pp. 281-283 Tone 2
 3:00 PM Confessions heard
 4:00 PM Vigil Vesper Div. Liturgy - Fr. Diodoro

Sun. 12/15 Sunday of the Forefathers – pp. 281-283 Tone 2
 8:00 AM Matins
 8:30 AM Confessions heard
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral Fr. Adam

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

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>