

Welcome to Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral

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January 4th & 5th, 2020

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

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

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. Adam Lowe, in Residence

Very Rev. Archpriest David M. Petras, Retired

Deacon John Montalvo

Deacon James Danovich

Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy



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 Eparchial Appeal.

For registration information, please contact the Parish Office: (602) 943-5379

Parish Information

Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism – Chrismation – Divine Eucharist: Arrangements must be made with a priest at least three months in advance. Prior to Baptism, godparents must present a letter of good standing from their own pastor(s) in which he states they are practicing Catholics.

Crowning in Marriage: This celebration requires membership in our Cathedral parish for at least one of the parties for six months prior to making arrangements for marriage. Marriage arrangements must also be made at least six months before the marriage with one of the priests of our parish. (Prudence dictates that Church arrangements be made before reception arrangements are made.)

Sick and Shut-ins: It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be the last to know someone is ill!

Funeral Arrangements: Your parish priest must be notified immediately upon the death of a parishioner. No funeral arrangements should be made without first consulting your priest.

Divine Liturgy Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the cathedral. Please PRINT clearly the request information. Make your check out to the parish, not the priest, and let Father know if you need a card sent. Place the envelope in the Saturday or Sunday collection. Father will try to schedule your request on the date requested. If your requested date is already taken, Father will place the intention on the closest available date. Please plan ahead!

Candle Intentions: Envelopes are available in the back of the cathedral for the different votive candles. Please PRINT clearly the request information. The donation is \$5 per candle, and please use one envelope per intention. Place your envelopes in the Saturday or Sunday collection.

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 Mendoza, Rector

Parish Advisory Board served by:

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

Parish Finance Council Served by:

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

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
dcnhanafin@eph.org - 480 307-5182 (cell)

Sbdcn. Paul F Kilroy, Asst S.E.P. Cordinator
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-
cephoenix@gmail.com) Telephone: (505) 314-394**

St. Stephen's Religious Goods and Gift Shop

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 we are down to our last webinar with 3 sessions– 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

Birthdays & Anniversaries During the Month of January.

Birthdays: Liz Kol (5th), Amanda Lowe (5th), Stephen Roberts (5th), Bishop Gerald Dino (11th), Josefina Danovich (15th), Mary Rabayda (17th), Viviana Montalvo (20th), Tom Kol (29th).

Anniversaries: (If you have an Anniversary (or Birthday) you'd like remember here, please see Sdcn. Paul or call the parish office during weekday hours of operation.)

Pastoral Visits to the Sick and Homebound: The sick and homebound were last visited on January 7, 2020. 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: Kathy Richard (living)

Resurrection: Msgr. Michael Moran (living)

Our Tetrapod Candles are lit this week for:

Theotokos Icon Side: Msgr. George Vida (living)

Christ Icon Side: Fr. Stephen Casmus (living)

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:

Dominicina Dalina, Msgr. Michael Moran, Mary Jo Pazak, Kathy Richard, Fr. Stephen Casmus, Gail Person, Doreen Stacy, Ramiro Ramirez, Liz Kol, Maria Palacios, Ted Bronson, Vincent Schile, Nicholas Lemak, Jose Mendoza, Herbert Simmons, 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 and Albina Tesoniero

Vesper Divine Liturgy of John Chrysostom
January 4, 2020

Begins on Pg. 104 in Green Book:

Psalm 140	Tone 5	p. 143
Vespers Hymns	Tone 5	pp. 144-145
Doxasticon - "Glory & Now and ever"	Tone 5	p. 145-146
Trisagion		pp. 27-31
Prokeimenon of the Vigil	Tone 6	p. 311
Alleluia of the Vigil	Tone 8	p. 311
"Holy, holy, holy ..."	A	p. 56
Amen		p. 58
"We praise you "		p. 58
Communion Hymn of the Sunday of the Saints		p. 305

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
January 5, 2020

Vigil of Theophany

Troparion of the Resurrection	Tone 5	p. 146
Troparion of the Vigil	Tone 4	p. 310
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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>

The Knights of Columbus will be having their first meeting here at St. Stephen Cathedral on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for new members, who will receive their 1st Degree, with a focus on the principle of Charity.

Sat. 4:00 PM: 26 + Sun. 9:00 AM: 91 = a Total Weekend Attendance of: 117

Adult Tithes via Collection: \$1,474.44 - Adult Tithes via Online Credit Card: \$455.00
Adult Tithes via Postal Mail: \$35.00 - Total Weekend Collection: \$1,984.44

ADDITIONAL INCOME:

Candles: \$50.79 - Bake Sale: \$40.00 - Christmas Collection: 125.00
Gift Shop: \$7.00 - Sunday Social: \$45-25

Christmas Vigil & Christmas Day Collection – Dec. 24th & 25th, 2019: \$3,683.80

Sunday Before Theophany (Readings taken from
the web page of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org)

EPISTLE (II Timothy 4:5-8)

As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

GOSPEL (Mark 1:1-8)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
who shall prepare thy way;
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight—”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

+ + + Upcoming Events + + +

COME AND JOIN US for the FIRST of our TALKS on CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY: What it means to be a person who struggles with sin while also striving to be in a relationship with a loving and all-merciful God.

Sunday, January 12, 2020, after the coffee social / rear of the Parish Hall (11:30 AM-Noon). All are welcome!

House Blessings for Theophany will be on Saturdays at 11:00 AM. If you'd like your house blessed, please schedule an appointment directly with Fr. Diodoro.

Appreciation Dinner for All Volunteers: Sunday, January 19, 2020, following the coffee social in the Parish Hall. This dinner is being given in appreciation for all of our various volunteers who offer their time and talent here at St. Stephen Cathedral. PLEASE RSVP directly to FR. Diodoro if you're planning to attend.

All Welcome! All Welcome! All Welcome! All Welcome! All Welcome!

SPIRITUAL RETREAT ON THE PASSION TO BE GIVEN BY FR. CHRISTOPHER ZUGGER:

Join us here at St. Stephen Cathedral for this enlightening retreat and make it part of your time of prayerful introspection and preparation during the 40-day Great Fast. The retreat will be offered on two days:

Friday, February 28th, 2020 at 7:00 PM & Saturday, February 29th, 2020, at 1:00 PM

Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following each talk.

Fish Fry Volunteers Needed - Please see/contact Ann Zlamal: zlamalaz@gmail.com, or (602) 790-1045.

Fish Fry Fridays this Year will be: Feb. 28, 5-7 PM, Mar. 1, 5-7 PM, Mar. 13, 5-7 PM, Mar. 20, 5-7 PM,
Mar. 27, 5-7 PM, Apr. 3, 5-7 PM

Youth & Teen Retreat Cancelled: Due to a lack of volunteers to help schedule and facilitate the event, the Ark of Salvation Youth and Teen Retreat that was to be held by St. John of the Desert Melkite Catholic Church has been cancelled

We Still Have a Few Nut Rolls Left: A limited quantity of Walnut, Date-Nut, Apricot and Poppy Seed Rolls are still available for purchase.

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Prov. 29:18

Liturgical Schedule – Come Pray with Us!

Sat. 1/4	Sat. Before Theophany – Synaxis of the 70 Apostles – pp. 370-372	Tone 5
3:00 PM	Confessions heard	Fr. Diodoro
4:00 PM	Vigil Vesper Div. Liturgy - + John Mottet, by Karen Ratliff	Fr. Diodoro
Sun. 1/5	Sunday Before Theophany – pp. 309-312	Ton 5
9:00 AM	Matins	Fr. Adam
9:30 AM	Confessions heard	
10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral	Fr. Diodoro
	Epistle 31st week after Pentecost	Holy Day of Precept
Mon. 1/6	Theophany of Our Lord – pp. 312-316	
10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Bp. John
7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Fr. Diodoro
Tue. 1/7	Synaxis of St. John the Baptist – pp. 363-365	
	Post-feast of Theophany – see Propers, pp. 316-318	
11:30 AM	Divine Liturgy - + Mary Gentile, by Sally Rock	Msgr. Kevin
Wed. 1/8	Post-feast of Theophany – see Propers, pp. 316-318	
	George, Dominica & Emilian, Venerables – pp. 378-379	
11:30 AM	Divine Liturgy – + Manuel Marmol, by Hugo & Patti Marmol	Fr. Diodoro
Thu. 1/9	Post-feast of Theophany – see Propers, pp. 316-318	
11:30 AM	Polyeuct, Martyr – pp. 379-381	
	Divine Liturgy – Paula Majia (living), by Hugo & Patti Marmol	Fr. David
Fri. 1/10	Post-feast of Theophany – see Propers, pp. 316-318	
	Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop – pp. 372-373	
11:30 AM	Divine Liturgy – Tom & Maria Fitzpatrick (living), by H. & P. Marmol	Fr. Diodoro
Sat. 1/11	Sat. After Theophany – Theodosius, Venerable – pp. 387-389	Tone 6
3:00 PM	Confessions heard	Fr. Diodoro
4:00 PM	Vigil Vesper Divine Liturgy – + Matthew Chamberlain, by V. Lewis	Fr. Diodoro
Sun. 1/12	Sunday After Theophany – pp. 316-318	Tone 6
9:00 AM	Matins	
9:30 AM	Confessions heard	
10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral	Fr. Diodoro
11:30 AM	First of our series of coffee social talks in the Parish Hall	Fr. Adam

NEW TIME for Sunday Morning Divine Liturgies: 10:00 AM, beginning in January, 2020.
Theophany of Our Lord: Monday, January 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM, & 7:00 PM.