

Welcome to Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral

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February 1 & 2 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.

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral Mission Statement:



Cathedral served by:

His Grace, Most Rev. John S. Pzak, 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 Agatha - Patroness of women with breast cancer

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

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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 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 February.

Birthdays: Kathy Richard (4th), Michael Giudino (9th), Kari Surmay (11th), Grace Rimmer ((11th), Martin Dec (13th), Audrey Kardos (13th), Payton Mundall (14th), Samuel Mundall (15th), Gerald Mundall (21st), Gregorio Montalvo (21st), John Grimes (26th), Kenneth Roberts III (26th).

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.

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:

Daniel Palaschak, Irene Culen, Steve Durkit, Msgr. Michael Moran, Mary Jo Pazak, Kathy Richard, Fr. Stephen Casmus, Gail Person, Doreen Stacy, Msgr. George Vida, Liz Kol, Maria Palacios, Ted Bronson, Vincent Schile, Nicholas Lemak, Jose Mendoza, Herbert Simmons, Teresa Blanc, Gabriella Reagan, Ana Ruiz, Jane Walsh, Dorothy Dumnich, Richard Reese, Chris Balsz, Carlene Eneroth, Bob Dugan, Cathy Milko, Clementina Mendoza, Michael Sherwood, Nicholas Toth, Nicholas Oprendeck, Dennis Milko, Karen Kol, Rita Chokan, Rebecca Braskie and Albina Tesoniero.

GCU Lodge 999 presents:

St. Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale

Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Hall – 8141 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 86020

Adult: \$10:00

Child: \$5.00

Proceeds will benefit the Sisters of St Basil, Uniontown, PA

Our presence at (and participation in) GCU-sponsored Parish Events supports the efforts of the GCU, whose efforts help support our parish!

Vesper Divine Liturgy of John Chrysostom – February 1, 2020

Begins on Pg. 104 in Green Book:

Psalm 140	Tone 1, or hand-outs	p. 123
Vespers Hymns	Tone 1. or hand-outs	pp. 123-124
Doxasticon - “Glory & Now and ever”	Tone 1, or hand-outs	pp. 124-125
Trisagion		<i>pp.</i> 27-31
Prokemenon of Sunday	Tone 1	p. 127
Prokemenon of the Feast	Tone 3	p. 322
Alleluia of Sunday	Tone 1	p. 127
Alleluia of the Feast	Tone 8	p. 322
“Holy, holy, holy ...”	A	p. 56
Amen		p. 58
“We praise you “		p. 58
Instead of “It is truly proper”, the Magnification Irmos of the Feast		pp. 322-323
Communion Hymns of Sunday		pp. 78-81
Communion Hymn of the Feast		p. 324

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom – February 2, 2020

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna

Sunday Antiphons		p. 14-15
Entrance Hymn of the Feast		p. 321
Troparion of the Resurrection	Tone 1	pp. 125-12
Troparion of the Feast	Tone 1	p.
Kontakion of the Publican and the Pharisee	Tone 3	p. 215
Kontakion of the Feast	Tone 1	pp. 321-322
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(Readings taken from the web page of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org)

EPISTLE (2 Timothy 3:10-15)

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL (Luke 18:10-14)

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

ATTENDANCE and COLLECTIONS ANALYSIS – Weekend of Jan. 25th & 26th, 2020

Sat. 4:00 PM: 12 + Sun. 9:00 AM: 94 = a Total Week Attendance of: 106

Adult Tithes via Collection: \$1,042.00 - **Adult Tithes via Online Credit Card:** \$530.00

Adult Tithes via Postal Mail: \$325.00 - **Total Weekend Collection:** \$1,897.00

ADDITIONAL INCOME:

Candles: \$50.95 - All Souls: \$50.00 - GCU St. Nicholas Matching Funds: \$2,920.00

Coffee Social: \$51.80 - Bake Sale: \$25.00 - Widow's Special Collection: \$907.00

Thank you for your financial support!

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Mt. 6:21)”

+ + + Upcoming Events + + +

All Souls Divine Liturgy and Panachida: The first of this year's 5 All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgies will be celebrated on February 15, 2020, at 10:00 AM, at Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Phoenix. Other Eastern Catholic Churches in the Phoenix area will be participating. Please note: there will not be an All Souls Divine Liturgy celebrated on this day (Feb. 15th) at St. Stephen Cathedral.

The Homebound will be Visited on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020. Please contact the parish office to make any needed arrangements.

Donations are Being Accepted for a Widow in Need. Please make your checks payable to St. Stephen Cathedral, and write "widow donation" in on the memo line. Many thanks!

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, March 20th, 2020 at 6:00 PM & Saturday, March 21st, 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.

Our Main Candles are lit this week for:

Eternal Lamp: Albert Thompson (deceased) **Resurrection:** Carol Bistrek (deceased)

Our Tetrapod Candles are lit this week for:

Theotokos Icon Side: Celia Eliades (deceased)

Christ Icon Side: Fr.

Liturgical Schedule – Come Pray with Us!

Sat.2/1	Tryphon, Martyr – pp. 379-381	Tone 1	
3:00 PM	Confessions heard – Blessing of Candles		Fr. Diodoro
4:00 PM	Vigil Vesper Divine Liturgy – Helen Fellin, by Helen Fellin		Fr. Diod
Sun. 2/2	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – The Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna – pp. 321-324	Tone 1	
9:00 AM	Matins		Fr. Adam
9:30 AM	Confessions heard – Blessing of Candles		Fr. Adam
10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy – Blessing of Candles		Bp. John
	Intentions of Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral		Bp. John
Mon. 2/3	Epistle 34th week after Pentecost	Synaxis of the Holy Prophets Simeon and Anna	
	No Liturgical Services are scheduled for this day.		
Tue. 2/4	Post-festive Day of the Meeting of Our Lord With Simeon & Anna		
11:30 AM	Isidore, Venerable – pp. 376-377		
	Divine Liturgy – Chris & Laura Faix (living), by JoAnn Faix		Fr. Joe
	Post-festive Day of the Meeting of Our Lord With Simeon & Anna		
Wed. 2/5	Agatha, Martyr – pp. 391-393		
11:30 AM	Divine Liturgy – Peter Kostyun & Family (living), by Karen Ratliff		Msgr. Kevin
	Post-festive Day of the Meeting of Our Lord With Simeon & Anna		
Thu. 2/6	Bucolos, Bishop – pp. 372-374		
11:30 AM	Divine Liturgy – Mary Jo Pazak (living), by Karen Ratliff		Fr. David
	Post-festive Day of the Meeting of Our Lord With Simeon & Anna		
Fri. 2/7	Parthenius, Bishop – pp. 372-374		
11:30 AM	Divine Liturgy - Frank Kostyun (deceased) by Karen Ratliff		
	Post-festive Day of the Meeting of Our Lord With Simeon & & Anna		
Sat.2/8	Theodore, Great Martyr – pp. 379-381	Tone 2	
3:00 PM	Confessions heard		Fr. Adam
4:00 PM	Vigil Vesper Divine Liturgy – + Albert Thompson, by George Tomley & Linda True		Fr. Adam
Sun. 2/9	Leave-taking of the Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna		
	Sunday of the Prodigal Son – p. 216	Tone 2	
9:00 AM	Matins		
9:30 AM	Confessions heard		Fr. Adam
10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral		Fr. Adam

Just as plants need water to bear fruit, so a person needs divine prayer in order to bear the fruit of Virtue

- St. John Chrysostom