

Welcome to Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral

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February 22nd & 23rd, 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. Theodore - The great martyr

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
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. 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-
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.

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).

Anniversaries: John & Stephanie Rimmer (2nd), Basil & Linda Rabayda (6th).

If you don't see your Birthday or Anniversary, please contact 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 Cullen, 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.

ATTENDANCE and COLLECTIONS ANALYSIS – Weekend of Feb 15th & 16th, 2020

Sat. 4:00 PM: 18 + Sun. 9:00 AM: 111 = a Total Weekend Attendance of: 128

Adult Tithes via Collection: \$1,521.21 - Adult Tithes via Online Credit Card: \$280.00

Adult Tithes via Postal Mail: \$130.00 - Total Weekend Collection: \$1,931.21

ADDITIONAL INCOME:

Candles: \$63.00 - Coffee Social: \$29.10 - Baptism Offering: \$50.00

Eparchial Appeal: \$120.00 -- Parish goal \$31,242.74 -- to date \$595.00

February 22, 2020

Vesper Divine Liturgy of John Chrysostom

Begins on Pg. 104 in Green Book:

Psalm 140	Tone 4, or hand-out	p. 138
Vespers Hymns	Tone 4, or hand-out	pp. 138-140
Doxasticon - "Glory & Now and ever"	Tone 4, or hand-out	p. 140
Trisagion		pp. 27-31
Prokeimenon	Tone 8	p. 219
Alleluia	Tone 6	p. 219
"Holy, holy, holy ..."	A	p. 56
Amen		p. 58
"We praise you "		p. 58
Communion Hymns of Sunday		pp. 78-81

February 23, 2020
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Cheesefare Sunday

<i>Troparion of the Resurrection</i>	<i>Tone 4</i>	<i>p. 141</i>
<i>Kontakion of Cheesefare Sunday</i>	<i>Tone 6</i>	<i>p. 218-219</i>
<i>Trisagion</i>		<i>pp. 27-31</i>
<i>Prokeimenon</i>	<i>Tone 3</i>	<i>p. 217</i>
<i>Alleluia</i>	<i>Tone 8</i>	<i>p. 218</i>
<i>“Holy, holy, holy ...”</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>p. 56</i>
<i>Amen</i>		<i>p. 58</i>
<i>“We praise you ”</i>		<i>p. 58</i>
<i>Communion Hymns of Sunday</i>		<i>pp. 78-81</i>

Our Main Candles are lit this week for:

Eternal Lamp: Delfino Lopez (deceased)

Resurrection: Sr. Jean Marie Cihota (deceased)

Our Tetrapod Candles are lit this week for:

Theotokos Icon Side: Sr. Alphonsa Danovich (deceased) Christ Icon Side: Fr. Stephen Casmus (living)

St. Theodore and the Great Miracle of the Kollyva:

In 361, Julian the Apostate was doing his utmost to restore pagan customs. Knowing that the Christians were accustomed to sanctify the first week of Lent by fasting and prayer, he ordered the Prefect of Constantinople to have all of the food set out for sale in the markets sprinkled with the blood of animals sacrificed to the gods, so that no one in the city would escape the contagion of idolatry. However, the Lord did not abandon His chosen people, but sent His servant Theodore to outwit the tyrant. Appearing in a vision to Patriarch Eudoxius (360-364), the holy Martyr informed him of what was happening and told him to instruct the Christians not to buy food from the markets but, instead to eat kolyva made from grains of boiled wheat. Thus, thanks to the intervention of the holy Martyr Theodore, the Christian people were preserved from the stain of idolatry.

Meatfare Sunday

(Readings taken from the Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition of the Bible.)

EPISTLE (Romans 13:11-14:4)

Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

GOSPEL (Matthew 6:14-21)

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

+ + + Upcoming Events + + +

Special Collection this Week on Wednesday, 26 February, 2020, for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

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.

Friday, March 20th, 2020 at 6:00 PM & Saturday, March 21st, 2020, at 1:00 PM

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

Bishop Gerald Dino and Fr. Diodoro Mendoza will be participating at the Eparchial booth of the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, CA, February 21-24, 2020.

Bishop Gerald Dino and Fr. Diodoro Mendoza will be in Puerto Rico February 25th-March 1st to meet the Eastern Catholic Church that would like to join our Eparchy. Please pray for them.

Embracing Holy Poverty is a transformational thing, but being embraced by want and destitution is a terrible thing. Remember the poor and those less fortunate than you are while doing your grocery shopping during the time of the Great Fast. Let's fill St. Nicholas' basket to overflowing!



Calling All Catholic Men: If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, putting your Byzantine Catholic faith into action, or obtaining access to top-rated life insurance protection for your family, the Knights of Columbus is for you!

Liturgical Schedule – Come Pray with Us!

<i>Sat. 2/22</i>	<i>Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers – MAT 386</i>
<i>3:00 PM</i>	<i>Confessions heard</i>
<i>4:00 PM</i>	<i>Vigil Vesper Divine Liturgy - + Elizabeth Gelety, by J. & K. Wursta</i>
	<i>Forgiveness Sunday</i> <i>Tone</i>
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<i>Sun. 2/23</i>	<i>Sunday of Cheesefare – pp. 218-219</i>
<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>Matins</i>
<i>9:30 AM</i>	<i>Confessions heard</i>
<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral</i>
<i>Mon. 2/24</i>	<i>First Day of the Great Fast</i>
<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts</i>
<i>Tue. 2/25</i>	<i>Tarasius, Patriarch – pp. 372-374</i>
<i>11:30 AM</i>	<i>Terce-Sext</i>
<i>Wed. 2/26</i>	<i>Porphry of Gaza, Bishop – pp. 372-374</i>
<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts</i>
<i>Thu. 2/27</i>	<i>Procopius, Venerable-Confessor – pp. 376-377</i>
<i>11:30 AM</i>	<i>Terce-Sext</i>
<i>Fri. 2/28</i>	<i>Basil, Venerable-Confessor – pp. 376-377</i>
<i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts</i>
<i>Sat. 2/29</i>	<i>Comm. of the Miracle of the Great Martyr Theodore – 379-381</i>
<i>3:00 PM</i>	<i>Confessions heard</i>
<i>4:00 PM</i>	<i>Vigil Vesper Divine Liturgy</i>
<i>Sun. 3/1</i>	<i>1st Sunday of the Great Fast – pp. 220-222</i>
<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>Matins</i>
<i>9:30 AM</i>	<i>Confessions heard</i>
<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy – Intentions of Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral</i>

REMINDER in ADVANCE : During the Great Fast (which begins on Monday, 24 February, 2020), the celebration of our Liturgies of the Presanctified Gifts on Friday evenings will begin at 7:30 PM in order to accommodate the Fish-Fry schedule.