

# ST. STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND**

**MAY 17, 2020**

**INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**Acts 16:16-34**

**Jn. 9:1-38**



The Ascension of our Lord

"Leaving earthly cares to the earth and that which is waste and refuse to the dust, come, let us arise from sleep and with our eyes and hearts let us go towards higher things. Let us also lift up our thoughts and our attention from the earth to the gates of heaven, where we fix our eyes on the Redeemer as he is carried away to heaven. For it is there that the Lord departs for heaven; it is there also that He distributes His great gifts to the apostles, giving them strength and comforting them as a Father, guiding them as sons and saying to them: I am not separating myself from you; I shall always be with you, and no one shall ever have power over you." (Matins-of Ascension)

O Lord, what a simply marvelous, mysterious, Great Wonder You have done for us. You took our human nature into heaven. It was sullied from the time of the fall; You restored it by giving it divine beauty, and brought it back to the place You had prepared for it from all eternity.

How can we thank You? Our words are inadequate but our hearts, if they really yearn for You, are acceptable. So my prayer is: "Teach me to number my days so that I may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

✠ **CHOOSE LIFE!** For the disciples and apostles in our day, that they may teach that each human life is a gift from God, we pray to the Lord.

**DIVINE LITURGIES ON YOUTUBE** - St. John the Baptist Byzantine, Uniontown, has videoed and then posted on YouTube the Divine Liturgies for Palm Sunday, the Resurrection, Thomas Sunday, and the Ointment-Bearers. Divine Liturgies will continue to be posted throughout the Covid epidemic. To view them, go to YouTube on either your computer or phone and search for stjohnthebaptistbyzantine. Then click on the Divine Liturgy you wish to view. These can be viewed at your time convenience, even multiple times; they are not live streamed.

## SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES FOR HOLY WEEK

SUN	MAY 17	11:00 AM	SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND	PARISH FAMILY
MON	MAY 18	6:00 PM	Theodotus and Others (Martyrs)	Intention of the Donor, Req. by Anonymous
TUES	MAY 19	6:00 PM	Patrick (Bishop - Martyr)	Intention of the Donor, Req. by Anonymous
WED	MAY 20	6:00 PM	Thalaleus and Others (Martyrs)	Intention of the Donor, Req. by Anonymous
THURS	MAY 21	6:00 PM	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (OBLIGATION)	Parish Family
FRI	MAY 22	6:00 PM	Constantine and Helen (Equals to the Apostles)	Intention of the Donor, Req. by Anonymous
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE)				
SAT	MAY 23	6:00 PM	Michael of Synnada (Bishop - Confessor)	+John Prokopiak, Req. by Req. by Anne Marie Prokopiak
SUN	MAY 24	11:00 AM	SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL	PARISH FAMILY

(Weekday Divine Liturgies are in the Rectory Chapel)

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

Offertory = \$680.00 Candles = \$22.00 Lent = \$65.00 Building Fund = \$95.00  
Cemetery = \$100.00 **TOTAL = \$962.00**

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MARCH 15 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2020

Offertory = \$975.00 Candles = \$4.00 Holy Day = \$45.00 Easter Flowers = \$30.00  
Easter Offering = \$1410.00 Lent = \$130.00 **TOTAL = \$2594.00**

### CONTRIBUTION FOR MAY 8, 2010

Offertory = \$145.00 Holy Day = \$25.00 Lent = \$15.00 Easter = \$70.00  
Building Fund = \$15.00 Cemetery = \$15.00 **TOTAL = \$285.00**

### CONTRIBUTION FOR MAY 10, 2020

Offertory = \$1015.00 Holy Day = \$50.00 Easter = \$400.00 Building Fund = \$70.00  
Cemetery = \$70.00 **TOTAL = \$1605.00**

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – Father Ron asks that anyone who has prayer requests to please email him at [stjohnthebaptistuniontown@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnthebaptistuniontown@gmail.com).