

ST. STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
February 21, 2021

GLORY FOREVER!

Heb. 11:24-26, 32:12-2
Jn. 1:43-51

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, February 21 1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
11:00 a.m. For the Parish Family

Monday, February 22 Finding of the Relics of the Martyrs of Eugenia
5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Tuesday, February 23 Polycarp (Bishop - Martyr)

Wednesday, February 24 1st & 2nd Findings of the Head of John the Baptist
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE OR EQUIVALENT)

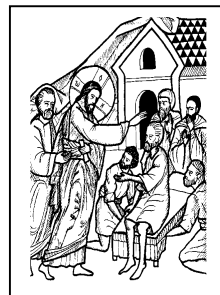
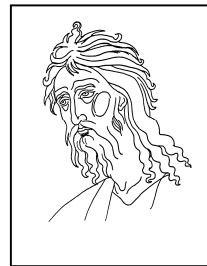
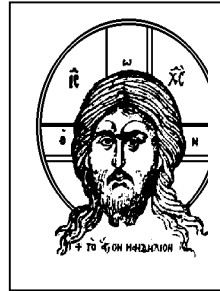
Thursday, February 25 Tarasius (Patriarch)

Friday, February 26 Porphyry of Gaza (Bishop)
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE OR EQUIVALENT)

Saturday, February 27 2nd All Souls Saturday

Sunday, February 28 2nd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
11:00 a.m. For the Parish Family

NO DAILY DIVINE LITURGY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



‡CHOOSE LIFE! For all who face an unwanted pregnancy, that they may open their hearts in love for the unborn child, we pray to the Lord.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY 2-14-2021

Offering = \$840.00 Holy Day = \$5.00 Candles = \$20.00 Initial = \$25.00 BCW = \$39.00
Roof = \$125.00 TOTAL = \$1054.00

PRAYER REQUESTS – Millie, Ellie, Pam, Becky, Tim, Jim, John, Barry, Jessica, Albert, David, Ron, Leonard, Ted, Joe, Dick & Connie, Dolly, Wilma, Kinley, Allen, Andrea, Aaron, Janelle, David, Carter, Addison, Ivan, Debbie, Josephine, Ted, Ted, Joe, Mark, Evelyn, Pamela, Theresa, Janet, Dan, Ellana, Holt, Alex, Michael, Kendall, Tom, John David, Connie, Maryann, Sherri, Michael, Sandy, Barry Sr., Barry Jr., Jen, Chase, Emmett, Connie, Daniel, Alois, Steve, Connie, Stacey, Martha, Cecelia, Diane. Patty, Connie, Chris, Melba, well-being of St. Stephen Church, parishioners of St. Stephen, Fr. Ron, Abbot Leo, +Fr. Joe.

PLEASE CALL IN – Please continue to call us at 724-438-6027 to RSVP your attendance at Divine Liturgy on Sunday. This procedure will last a while yet. Also please continue to wear your mask and maintain social distance.

LENTEN SERVICES – Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts will be held at St. Stephen each Monday (6 p.m.) during the Great Fast. Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts will be held at St. John the Baptist each Wednesday and Friday (6 p.m.) during the Great Fast.

BEAUTY OF YOUR HOUSE – Chris and Ali Homer.

THANK YOU – to Chris and Ali Homer for their work on the 2020 St. Stephen parishioner donations for income tax.

CATHOLIC NON-NEGOTIABLES – INTRINSIC EVILS - As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, its principal focus in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person, and she is thereby consciously drawing particular attention to principles which are not negotiable. Among these the following emerge clearly today: (a) protection of life in all its stages, from the first moment of conception until natural death; (b) recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage, and its defense from attempts to make it juridically equivalent to radically different forms of union which in reality harm it and contribute to its destabilization, obscuring its particular character and its irreplaceable social role; (c) the protection of the right of parents to educate their children. (Pope Benedict XVI, Address to European Parliamentary Group, 30 March 2006)

The Hyde Amendment is named for the late Rep. Henry Hyde (D-IL), who sponsored the amendment that was first enacted in 1976, and which prevents taxpayer funding of abortions except in case of rape or incest. The amendment has passed every year since 1976 as an attachment to spending bills with bipartisan support. It is estimated that the amendment has saved over 2 million lives since its enactment. Democrat President Joe Biden was a long-time supporter of the Hyde Amendment, but last week said he would oppose the Hyde Amendment. Vice-President Kamala Harris and Senator Elizabeth Warren have already opposed the Hyde Amendment. The 2016 Democratic National Platform called for the repeal of the policy as well as of the Helms Amendment, which restricts the U.S. from giving foreign assistance for abortions. Roll Call reported that an amendment was inserted into the Labor-HHS appropriations bill by Reps. Jayapal, Pressley, Lee, DeGette, and Schakowsky that would remove the Hyde Amendment from the package and require federal funding of abortion in Medicaid and other federal health programs, as well as prevent any state or local restrictions on abortion coverage in the private sector. As Catholics, we are to promote, not negate, the sanctity of all life. Please write or call your Representative and Senators to voice your concern that they support the Hyde Amendment and any other bill that removes federal funding from abortion.