

ST. STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

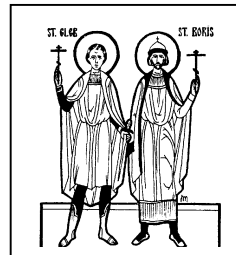
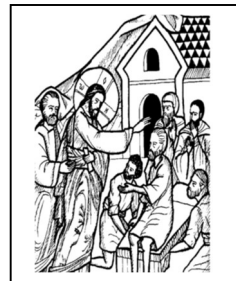
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 19, 2020

GLORY FOREVER!

Rom. 15:1-7
Mt. 9:27-35

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, July 19 9:00 a.m.	SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS For The Parish Family
Monday, July 20 6:00 p.m.	Elijah – Great Prophet (SIMPLE) For The Parish Family Blessing of Vehicles after the Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, July 21 8:30 a.m.	Simeon & John (Venerables) +Mary Perhach, Req. by Richard Perhach
Wednesday, July 22 8:30 a.m.	Mary Magdalene – Equal to the Apostles +Andrew Perhach, Req. by Richard Perhach
Thursday, July 23 8:30 a.m.	Trophimus & Others (Martyrs) +Marie Perhach, Req. by Richard Perhach
Friday, July 24 8:30 a.m.	Boris & Gleb (Martyrs) (ABSTINENCE) +Edward Perhach, Req. by Richard Perhach
Saturday, July 25 8:30 a.m.	Dormition of Anna +Stefan and Agnes Fuchek Req. by Father Robert Fuchek
Sunday, July 26 11:00 a.m.	8 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST For the Parish Family



✠ **CHOOSE LIFE!** That those in the Pro-Life Movement may remember to reach out to Christ for guidance and strength, we pray to the Lord.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY – 6/12/2020

Offering = \$606.00 Candles = \$14.00 Peter's Pence = \$40.00 **TOTAL = \$660.00**

BEAUTY OF YOUR HOUSE – Chris and Ali Homer.

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

COMMUNION – You must tilt your head back, open your mouth wide, and not touch the spoon while receiving Holy Communion. Wait until you have been given Communion to return to your pew. The last two people in line should wait for the blessing to be given before departing for their pew.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Josephine, Ted, Ted, Millie, Pam, David, Ed, Tim, Kitty, Lisa, Albert, Steff & Tom, Denise & Steve, Sharon, Kitty, William, Greg & Wilma, Joe, Mark, Evelyn, Pamela, Theresa, Janet, Dan, Ellana, John David, Alex, Holt, Tom, Kendall, Connie, Bobby, Maryann, John David, Allen, Andrea, Aaron, Janelle, Ivan, Debbie, Patty, Sherri, Daniel, Sandy, Barry, Jen, Chase, Emmett, John, Steve, Alois, Patty, Cecelia, Bob, Mary, Marc, Heath, Mark, Sam, Sheila, Fran, Mod, Patty, Melba, Owen, Anne, Bertha, +Dorothy, +Dolores, Abbot Leo, Father Ron, +Father Joe, all parishioners of St. Stephen, well-being of St. Stephen Church.

PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD, COUNTRY, AND PARISH – Lord, Our God, we praise you, we thank you, and we glorify you. We know that you love us, your creation, and that you have empowered us in your image and likeness in those who believe in you and fulfill your commandments. Look upon all your creation and guide your people in this time of crisis and those you have given talents to and a vocation to bring healing in this time of pandemic. Give your authorities who possess knowledge and wisdom to fulfill your will and help the people of this world.

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS - Most Reverend +Milan Šašik, CM, 67, Bishop of the Eparchy of Mukachevo, who unexpectedly fell asleep in the Lord, Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Bishop Milan will be buried from The Holy Cross Cathedral in Uzhhorod on Monday, July 20.

PARISH ADVISORY MEETING – This will be held in the Hall after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 2, 2020.

FROM A LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS BY SAINT CLEMENT, POPE

We are blessed if we fulfill the commands of the Lord in the harmony of love

Beloved, see what a marvelous thing love is; its perfection is beyond our expression. Who can truly love save those to whom God grants it? We ought to beg and beseech him in his mercy that our love may be genuine, unmarred by any too human inclination. From Adam down to the present time all generations have passed away; but those who were perfected in love by God's grace have a place among the saints who will be revealed when the kingdom of Christ comes to us. As it is written: *Enter your chambers for a little while, until my wrath and anger pass away; and I shall remember a good day and raise you from your graves.* We are blessed, beloved, if we fulfill the commands of the Lord in harmonious, loving union, so that through love our sins may be forgiven. For it is written: *Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputes not iniquity, and in whose mouth there is no deceit.* This is the blessing that has been given to those who have been chosen by God through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

We should pray then that we may be granted forgiveness for our sins and for whatever we may have done when led astray by our adversary's servants. And as for when led astray by our adversary's servants. And as for those who were the leaders of the schism and the sedition, they too should look to the common hope. For those who live in pious fear and in love are willing to endure torment rather than have their neighbor suffer; and they more willingly suffer their own condemnation than the loss of that harmony that has been so nobly and righteously handed down to us. For it is better for a man to confess his sins than to harden his heart.

Who then among you is generous, who is compassionate, who is filled with love? He should speak out as follows: If I have been the cause of sedition, conflict and schisms, then I shall depart; I shall go away wherever you wish, and I shall do what the community wants, if only the flock of Christ live in peace with the presbyters who are set over them. Whoever acts thus would win great glory for himself in Christ, and he would be received everywhere, *for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.* Thus have they acted in the past and will continue to act in the future who live without regret as citizens in the city of God.

(From The Liturgy of the Hours, Catholic Book Publishing Co., New York: 1975, pp. 473-474. Nn. 50, 1-51, 3; 55, 1-4; Funk I, 125-127, 129)