

# ST. STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY – 9/6/2020

Offering = \$955.00    Renovation = \$10.00    Holy Day = \$60.00    Candles = \$15.00  
Cemetery = \$10.00    TOTAL = \$1050.00

Amounts for 8-23-2020 will be available in the Bulletin for 9-20-2020.

### **GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

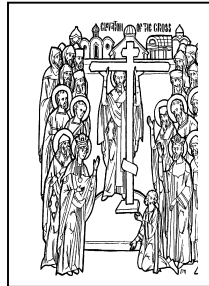
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS  
September 13, 2020

### **GLORY FOREVER!**

Gal. 6:11-18  
Jn. 3:13-17

### SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

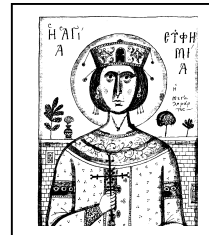
Sunday, September 13 SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION  
OF THE CROSS  
11:00 a.m.  
For the Parish Family



Monday, September 14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
6:00 p.m.  
For the Parish Family (SOLEMN)

Tuesday, September 15 Nicetas (Great-Martyr)  
8:30 a.m.  
+ Deanna Mikush, Req. by Richard Perhach

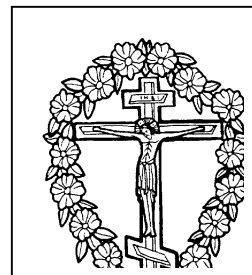
Wednesday, September 16 Euphemia (Great-Martyr)  
8:30 a.m.  
+Marie Perhach, Req. by Richard Perhach



Thursday, September 17 Sophia and Others (Martyrs)  
8:30 a.m.  
+Edward Perhach, Req. by Richard Perhach

Friday, September 18 Eumenius (Bishop) (ABSTINENCE REQUIRED)  
8:30 a.m.  
Special Intention

Saturday, September 19 Saturday After the Exaltation of the Cross  
8:30 a.m.  
+Stefan and Agnes Fuchek Family  
Req. by Father Robert Fuchek



Sunday, September 20 SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION  
OF THE CROSS  
11:00 a.m.  
For the Parish Family

51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ROSARY WALK – Begins at 2:00 p.m. on September 20 at St. George  
Maronite, Uniontown.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Josephine, Ted, Ted, Joe, Mark, Evelyn, Pamela, Theresa, Janet, Dan, Ellana, John David, Alex, Holt, Michael, Tom, Kendall, Connie, Bobby, Maryann, Irene, Denise, Colin, Ann, Paul, Irene, Betty, Patty, Allen, Andrea, Aaron, Janelle, Ivan, Debbie, Al, Patty, Mark, Marc, Heath, Mary, Diane, Sheila, Mod, Cecelia, Diane, Carol, Melba, Owen, Anne, Bertha, +Dorothy, +Dolores, Abbot Leo, Father Ron, +Father Joe, all parishioners of St. Stephen, well-being of St. Stephen Church.

‡**CHOOSE LIFE!** For those tempted to choose death as a solution to end life problems, we pray to the Lord.

BEAUTY OF YOUR HOUSE – Rita Byers, Tabby Horvath, and Mary Byers.

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.

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

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)

## *Catechetical Sunday 2020*

**It's hard to believe, next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. Parents should be sure to have their children ready for the blessing. And, if you are already beyond the phase in life that you have children in school, be sure to be present to pray for the next generation of holy people. Aunts, uncles, older brothers and sisters, along with grandparents are included in the term "family," and, as such, share in the imagery of God. God is Trinity—three persons, yet one God. Family is not confined to the number "three," but the principle is the same. Each individual shares a common bond with each other individual—that makes them "one." Students and teachers will be blessed asking God's guidance in their studies during both the Saturday evening, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday morning, 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgies, the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September.**

**The theme of Catechetical Sunday this year is "Christ the Heavenly Bread." The God With Us curriculum builds upon the faith initiated through Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist. In the curriculum you will find the following lessons on the Holy Eucharist as an additional resource for reflection: "I'm Thankful for Holy Communion," "We Receive Jesus," "We Receive Holy Communion," "Living in God's Love," "The Liturgy Enables Us to be the Church," "Pascha, the New Passover," "We Are Sharers in Jesus' Victory," and "Holy Eucharist Nourishes Us on Our Journey."**

**As we begin the new catechetical year 2020 let us take time to meditate on the reflections, grow in our love and gratitude for the gift of the Holy Eucharist, sharing that love with those entrusted to our care. May we all Faith-fully navigate through this pandemic, knowing and trusting that God is With Us.**

**Looking forward to it? A Welcome Open House will be held in conjunction with Registration in the school after the Saturday and Sunday Divine Liturgies.**