

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Glory to Jesus Christ!**

**December 10, 2017
Glory to Him Forever!**

Welcome to Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral. We are delighted you have come to pray with us. Our Church follows the teachings of Jesus Christ as found in the Gospel and passed on to us through the teachings of the Holy Apostles and Holy Tradition.

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Sunday Divine Liturgy
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM
Weekday Services See Bulletin

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CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Friday, December 22: 7:00 PM- Royal Hours of Our Lord’s Nativity: Office of Readings

Sunday, December 24: VIGIL OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS EVE)
7:00 PM- Vigil Vesper/Liturgy of the Nativity of Our Lord with Singing of “God with Us”
Followed by Dessert in the Parish Hall

Monday, December 25: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)
9:00 AM- Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 26: SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS
9:00 AM- Divine Liturgy
7:00 PM- Vigil Vesper Liturgy for Feast of St. Stephen (Cathedral Patron Saint)

Wednesday, December 27: STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR
9:00 AM- Divine Liturgy

This Week’s Candle Intention

Eternal Lamp: +Alice Garcia **Resurrection Icon:** +Sr. Jean Marie Cihota
St. Stephen Icon: +Dr. Richard Hill **Tetrapod:** +Don Sopiak & +Linda Sopiak
Holy Theotokos Icon: +Mary Lou Clark **St. Nicholas Icon:** Nancy Sandrock

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ICON SCREEN, TETRAPOD, RESURRECTION TOMB & ETERNAL LIGHT- Some of you donated for intentions in front of the festal icons that were on the walls of the church. In the Spring we removed the lamps and were no longer able to light those candles for your intentions. We intend to honor your intentions. These are the new places that have the vigil candles that can be lit: *Tetrapod Icon (2 Candles), Resurrection Tomb, Eternal Light & Lamps in Front of Icon Screen: Christ the Good Shepherd, St. Stephen, Christ the Teacher, The Theotokos, St. Nicholas & Christ the Physician/Healer.* Please let Fr. Diodoro or Fr. Joe know which lamps or candles you want lit and they will be lit in lieu of the ones on the wall that we didn’t light for you.

Our Weekly Gifts to the Lord—*May the Lord bless your kindness and generosity!*
Saturday: 4 PM:19 / 9 AM:123

Tithes: \$2,847.00 Candles: \$265.00 Baked Goods: \$194.00
Coffee Social: \$59.00 Christmas Flowers: \$160.00 Christmas Offering: \$65.00
Building Fund: \$25.00 Gift Shop: \$50.00 Holydays (St. Nicholas): \$265.00
Retired Religious: \$255.00 Fish Fry Income: \$1,249.00 Bishop’s Appeal: \$100.00
Total: \$5,318.35 (This totals do not reflect our monthly expenses)

OPENING HYMN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 – 4:00 PM VIGIL VESPER/LITURGY
&
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 – 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh,
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And Death’s dark shadow put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sun. 12/10	Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Tone 2
	Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 (27th week)	Gospel: 17:12-19 (29th Week)
Sat. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral	(Msgr. Kevin)
Sun. 8:30 AM	Third Hour	
Sun. 8:45 AM	Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation - Peyton Valentine Mundhal	(Fr. Diodoro)
Sun. 9:00 AM	+John & Anna Rudo by Joe Rudo	(Fr. David)
Mon. 12/11	Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite p. 376	
8:00 AM	+John & Anna Rudo by Joe Rudo	(Fr. James)
Tue. 12/12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Special Handout	
8:00 AM	+John & Anna Rudo by Joe Rudo	(Fr. James)
Wed. 12/13	The Holy Martyr Eustratius and Others p. 381	
8:00 AM	Soroka Family	(Msgr. Kevin)
6:00-6:50 PM	– Mystery of Reconciliation (Penance) In Preparation for Christmas	
7:00 PM	Emmanuel Moleben (Reconciliation following Moleben)	(Fr. Joe)
Thu. 12/14	The Holy Martyr Thrysus and Others	<i>No Morning Divine Liturgy</i>
Fri. 12/15	The Holy Martyr Eleutherius p. 372	
9:00 AM	+ Mary Ann & Bruce Witck	(Bishop Gerald)
Sat. 12/16	The Holy Prophet Haggai	<i>No Morning Divine Liturgy</i>
Sun. 12/17	Sunday of the Forefathers	Tone 3 & Festal Tone
	Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11	Gospel: Luke 14:16-24
Sat. 4:00 PM	+Andria Kowlaczyk by Karen Ratliff	(Fr. Joe)
Sun. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral	(Bishop Gerald)

Special Intentions: Erwin Armada, Barbara Dugan, Joanie Mahar, Helen Furka, Vincent Rice, McCarthy Family, Gemma Hillman, Marti Lopez, Kathleen Linkowsky, Betty Gelety, Richard Gable, Robert King, Ann Ryan, Chris Faix, Robyn Foy and Elaine Browne, Mark Chapa, Mike Chapa and Iliana Villegas

May the Lord rest His healing hand on His servants and hear their requests:

Mary Rabayda, Jane Walsh, Steve Durkit, Dorothy Dumnich, Richard Reese, Chris Balsz, Sr. Christopher, OSBM, Dorothy Bezeredi, Carlene Eneroth, Fred Way, Sharon White, Nancy Sandroek, Marlene Rolling, Bob Dugan, Cathy Milko, Michael Dougherty, Widad Butty, Clementina Mendoza, Nicholas Stefaniak Sr., Marie Mika, Mary Popovich, Anne Peterson, Dan Palaschak, Michael Sherwood, Christina Toth, Liz Kol, Evelyn Sopiak, Deacon Craig Anderson, Nicholas Toth, Michelle Montalvo, Nicholas Oprendek, Dennis Milko, Karen Kol, Gabriel Papke, Dan Savas, Elena Navarette, Tom Petrus, Mary Washko, Fr. Francis Vivona

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL EPARCHIAL COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS will be taken on this weekend of December 9 & 10. Please make out your checks to St. Stephen Cathedral.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING will take place on Sunday, December 10 after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the Parish Conference Room.

ANGEL TREE This Christmas we will be adopting one family from St. Vincent de Paul and another from Life Choices that cannot afford to have presents. The foyer Christmas Angel tree has paper angels with the requested items these families would like. Please select only one paper angel and return your gift no later than Dec. 21. Thank you and may the Lord bless your generosity.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY CLASS on the Gospel of St. Matthew will take place Monday, December 18 at 6:00 PM in the parish hall foyer. We will take a holiday break and resume class on Monday, January 8, 2018.

PARISH 50TH JUBILEE COMMITTEE MEETING: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
AFTER THE 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY

ST. STEPHEN PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place on Sunday, January 7 after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the Parish Conference Room.

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE! Please go to our website. <http://.stsbcc.org/giving> and press the donate button. “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10) Here are reasons to sign up for Electronic Giving: 1) No need to write checks or bring cash to church. 2) More secure than checks. 3) All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement. 4) IT COSTS YOU NOTHING.

Coming Events –Mark Your Calendars Now

Saturday, December 9- GCU St. Nicholas Day Dinner from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sunday, December 10- Parish Advisory Council Meeting after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 19- ECF Adult Class “Life in Christ” at 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 23- Marriage Preparation Class at 1:00 PM

Sunday, December 24- Parish 50th Jubilee Committee Meeting after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 7 – Birthday Cake Social for Helen Wirt’s 100th Birthday

Sunday, January 7- Parish Finance Council Meeting after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 14- Fish Fry Committee Meeting after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

The Ten Commandments – The Decalogue (Exodus 20:1-17)

<u>Strange gods?</u>	<u>Name in vain?</u>	<u>Sunday holy?</u>	<u>Honor parents?</u>	<u>Murder?</u>
Occult practices; Superstition; Materialism	Filthy language; Insult the sacred	No unnecessary work; Weekly attendance at Divine Liturgy	Obey legitimate authority; Family peace; Raise children	Abortion; Physical & Mental Abuse; Unjust War; Euthanasia; Capital Punishment
<u>Adultery?</u>	<u>Steal?</u>	<u>False witness?</u>	<u>Covet other's wife</u>	<u>Covet goods?</u>
Fornication; Masturbation; Pornography	Waste time at work; Stealing	Lie; Gossip; Slander; Unnecessary Chatter; False oaths	Impure thoughts; Impure glances; Not controlling one's imagination	Jealousy; Greed

The Capital Sins

PRIDE ANGER GLUTTONY LUST SLOTH COVETNOUSNESS ENVY

The Church Precepts

Participation at Divine Liturgy Obligation	Abstain on the appointed days	Contribute regularly to the support of your parish
Receive the Eucharist during Easter Season (Pascha to Pentecost) Receive the Mystery of Penance (Pure Monday to Pentecost)	Observe the laws of the Church regarding Marriage	

Am I mindful in the different ways I might sin?

Voluntarily or Involuntarily – Word, Deed or Thought – In Knowledge or in Ignorance
Commission – Omission – Serious Sin – Mild Sin

THE HOLY MYSTERY OF PENANCE
According to the Byzantine Catholic Church

After readying yourself by making a good examination of conscience and when the priest is available, approach the Icon of Christ at the front of the church or where ever else the priest might hear your confession. When the priest is ready, he will bless you by saying: May our Lord and God Jesus Christ be in your heart and on your lips that you may worthily confess all of your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*You make the Sign of the Cross and then continue by saying: **I confess to Almighty God, One in the Holy Trinity, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, to all the Saints, and to you, Father, all my sins.***

*Now mention how long it has been since your last confession: **My last worthy confession was ___ weeks, months, years ago. These are the sins I remember since then.***

*Now mention the sins you remember since your last worthy confession. You need not give a numerical amount of times you committed a certain sin, it is sufficient to say frequently or occasionally. After confessing the sins you remember tell the priest: **These are my sins...***

After confessing your sins, listen for any questions or instructions the priest may direct to you. The priest then will give you a penance. If you do not understand or cannot fulfill your penance, always make mention of that to the priest. The priest may then ask you to arouse sorrow in your heart and to make a sincere act of contrition.

For these and all my other sins which I cannot remember or call to mind, I am sorry that I have offended God and have angered Him against me. I am sincerely repentant and promise, with the help of God, to better my life. For this I humbly ask of you, Father, salutary penance and absolution.

*Having given you the penance, the priest will forgive your sins through the power he has received by the power of his ordination. He will say the Prayer of Absolution as you make the Sign of the Cross and then dismiss you by saying: Go in peace and sin no more. You respond by saying: **Thank you, Father.***

It is a good practice to do your penance immediately after receiving absolution. If you cannot do this immediately, spend some time in prayer thanking God for His mercy and loving-kindness.

A GUIDE FOR AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48)
Human perfection consist precisely in this: Constant growth in the good
(Gregory of Nyssa, Life of Moses)*

How are my efforts to grow in the spiritual life through **prayer**, receiving the holy mysteries regularly, and reading the sacred scriptures?
Have I worked to grow in the practice of self-denial? Have I kept the Church precept of **fasting**?
Is my **almsgiving truly sacrificial**?
What is my attitude toward the Holy Mystery of Penance?
Did I forget to mention or deliberately conceal any grave sins in past confessions?
Have I received the Eucharist without the proper disposition?
Did I perform my given penances for past sins?

*How is the health of my soul?
Sin is spiritual sickness; it is an offense against God's will and justice and a disrespect of God's love and mercy.*

Am I mindful of the Natural Law; the reflection of God's eternal law in my heart?
Have I tried to act with respect to my free will and intellect with a mindfulness of natural order and beauty as a child of God created in His image and likeness?

Do I live in the spirit of the Beatitudes? (Matthew 5:3-12)
Have I been patient in accepting the sorrows and disappointments of temporal, fallen life?
Am I growing in the practice of virtue?

**I give you a New Commandment: that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, so you should love one another. (John 13:24)**
Do I perform the Spiritual and Corporal Works of mercy?

First Great Commandment

**You shall love the Lord your God
with your whole heart,
with your whole soul,
and with all your mind.**

(Matthew 22:37 & Deuteronomy 6:5)

Second Great Commandment

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**Treat others the way you would have
them treat you.**

(Matthew 22:39 & Matthew 7:12)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 17:12-19

While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed. Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine-where are they? Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has been your salvation."

Great Vespers Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Service begins on page 104 of the Green Book

Psalm 103 "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"	Version A	Pg 104	Version with melody
Lamp-Lighting Psalms & Great Incensation	Tone 2	Pg 128	
O Joyful Light		Pg 117	
Holy God (<i>Trisagion</i>)	Version A	Pg 27	
Prokeimenon & Alleluia		Pg 132	
Let us Who Mystically (<i>Cherubikon</i>)	Version A	Pg 42	
Nicene Creed	Version A	Pg 51	
Holy, Holy, Holy	Version A	Pg 56	
We Praise You (<i>Anamnesis</i>)	Version A	Pg 58	
Magnification		Pg 62	
Our Father	Tone 2	Pg 67	
Communion Hymn	Version A	Pg 78	
We Have Seen the True Light	Version A	Pg 82	
May Our Mouth Be Filled	Version A	Pg 84	
Blessed Be the Name	Version A	Pg 88	

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Sunday, December 10, 2017 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Service begins on page 11 of the Green Book

1 st & 2 nd Antiphons (<i>Sundays</i>)		Pg 14	
Hymn of the Incarnation	Version A	Pg 21	
3 rd Antiphon (<i>Sundays</i>)	Version A	Pg 25	
Entrance Hymn	Version A	Pg 25	
Troparion of the Resurrection	Tone 2	Pg 130-131	
Holy God (<i>Trisagion</i>)	Version C	Pg 28	
Prokeimenon & Alleluia	Tone 1	Pg 132	
Let us Who Mystically (<i>Cherubikon</i>)	Version C	Pg 44	
Nicene Creed	Version A	Pg 51	
Holy, Holy, Holy	Version C	Pg 57	
We Praise You (<i>Anamnesis</i>)	Version D	Pg 59	
Magnification		Pg 62	
Our Father	Tone 2	Pg 67	
Communion Hymn	Version C	Pg 79	
We Have Seen the True Light	Version A	Pg 82	
May Our Mouth Be Filled	Version A	Pg 84	
Blessed Be the Name	Version C	Pg 88	

CLOSING HYMN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 – 4:00 PM VIGIL VESPER/LITURGY

&

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 – 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY

THE ANCIENT PROPHECIES FORETOLD

The ancient prophecies foretold
The coming of the birth
Of God's anointed Savior
Who brings peace upon earth

He shall be born unto us,
And God will be with us;
And we shall find Him
In the cave of Bethlehem.

O star of Bethlehem you shine
With brilliance in the sky
To lead us all to God's own Son
Who will save all mankind.

He shall be born unto us,
And God will be with us;
And we shall find Him
In the cave of Bethlehem.

The lowly town of Bethlehem
In the Judean Hills
Will be exalted from above
By God's own Gift of Love.

He shall be born unto us,
And God will be with us;
And we shall find Him
In the cave of Bethlehem

With jubilation angels sang
Glad tidings of the birth,
Proclaiming glory in heaven
For God's Son born on earth

He shall be born unto us,
And God will be with us;
And we shall find Him
In the cave of Bethlehem.

As humble shepherds watched their flocks
These tidings were announced;
The Savior's born in David's town
In swaddling clothes He's found.

He shall be born unto us,
And God will be with us;
And we shall find Him
In the cave of Bethlehem.