



June 26, 2022

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 25 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**

*For our Parish Family*

**June 26 (Sun) THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**

*+Jude Bodnar req by the Prodan Family*

**June 29 (Wed) PETER & PAUL PREEMINENT APOSTLES  
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Divine Liturgy 7:00pm**

*For our parish family*

**July 2 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**

*For all Christians suffering in Ukraine*

**July 3 (Sun) FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Divine Liturgy 10:30pm**

*+Bryan Mihalick*

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**Our Tithe to our Parish - June 19, 2022 - \$1,531.00**  
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The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of June 26 thru July 2 for Katyln req by the Pasternak Family.



*.Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.*

Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson,  
Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Kevin Ianni, Ted Race,  
Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr. , Mark Sethman



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As you likely are aware, St. Stephens Byzantine Catholic Church will be celebrating our fiftieth year of existence in a few months. Your Parish Advisory Council has been busy planning a spiritual and permanent remembrance to mark the occasion of this milestone in our church's history, inspired by the beautiful icon shrines displayed at Mt. St. Macrina, only smaller.

A specially painted icon of Saint Stephen will be housed in a metal enclosure with a locking glass door, that will be encased in beautiful cut-stone shrine with a shake-style roof. The shrine will include a recessed, bronze, commemorative plaque marking the occasion. We will place the shrine in the area between the rectory and the church and it will be a permanent reminder to everyone of the dedication of the parishioners of St. Stephen since its inception.

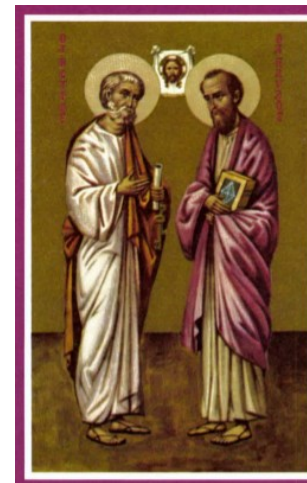
Rather than host a dinner that inspires only a fleeting memory, we have chosen to commemorate the dedication of all parishioners in a permanent and everlasting way. The cost to construct the shrine is \$10,000 to \$12,000. We are asking all parishioners to consider donating to the important milestone in the life of our church. If you are so inspired, please write a check to St. Stephen, and in the memo line indicate that it is for the "Icon Shrine."

The following pictures show the beauty of the inspiration for our shrine. Thanks be to God for the blessings He has bestowed on this congregation.

## THE FEAST OF SS. PETER and PAUL

June 29, 2022 Divine Liturgy 7:00PM

Ancient and local tradition and written documents regarding the apostolic work and martyrdom of SS. Peter and Paul in Rome validly serve as the historical foundation for the universal celebration of their feast.



St. Peter is referred to as the Prince of the Apostles and the Vicar of Christ on earth, the visible Head of the Church. His original name was Simon, but in view of his future role in the Church, our Divine Savior changed his name to Peter, which means rock. The significance of this name change became evident only later when Jesus Christ, praising Peter's faith, said: "You are Peter (the rock), and on this rock I will build my Church; and the gates (powers) of hell shall not prevail against it." (*Mt. 16:18*)

St. Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, received his education at the feet of the celebrated Rabbi Gamaliel in Jerusalem and was a member of the Pharisee sect (*Phil. 3:5*). In his zeal for the Mosaic law, he persecuted the Church. However, by the direct intervention of Christ (*Acts 9:1-19*), he soon converted to Christianity and became a leading champion of the Gospel.