



June 7, 2020

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Parish Schedule

- June 6 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Alfred & Mary Crocker req by Steve & Judi Muchoney
- June 7 (Sun) SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Ruth Seech req by Michael & Ann Andrejczak
- June 13 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Mary Soltis req by Family
- June 14 (Sun) Sunday of All Saints**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Nicholas & Elizabeth Petro

Our Tithe to our Parish - May 31, 2020 - \$2,840.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, we offer a huge "Thank You"



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 7 thru June 13 for +Mary Soltis. *Eternal Memory*



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.

Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr,

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Even though it is uncertain at this time if the actual celebration of the wedding anniversaries can be held this year (tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 13 September 2020 at St Elias Church in Munhall) the Archeparchy is still asking for the names of all those celebrating a significant anniversary this year.

At minimum, honorees will receive anniversary certificates to commemorate this important event.



The students graduating this year did not have the usual celebration and recognition afford previous graduating seniors. We would like to recognize parishioners who graduated from college, high school, trade school, etc.

Please notify the office, by calling or e-mail the names to (ststephennh@outlook.com).

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Even as we enter the church, we (normally!) stop first to venerate the icon of the patron saint of the church or of the feast ... and as we do this, we are symbolically joining ourselves with the saints as we pray.

This is a further reminder that we are not Christians in isolation. There is no such thing as an "isolated Christian" ... cut off from others. In our baptism, we are made one with the community of believing and worshipping Christians. We are part of this living Body of Christ.

We are also made one with the Saints. We are given the name of one of the Saints, and this person becomes our personal heavenly patron ... praying before the throne of God for us. And when we pray, either alone or as a group, we first join ourselves to this great company of God's holy people, the Saints; and in this way, our personal prayer is strengthened and made firm.

Think about this the next time you chant the refrain: *Through the prayers of the Theotokos and of all the Saints, O Savior, save us!*



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How often we chant this refrain!

In every liturgical service of our Byzantine Tradition, the prayers and hymns often include a form of this refrain.

When we pray, we do not pray alone ... or simply as a group of people gathered together here in St Stephen Church ... rather, we join together with the Mother of God, the apostles and prophets, the holy women and men of all generations, indeed with all the Saints, as we offer our prayer and petition to God.

