

## PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY—We'll honor **Father Stephen's 30th Anniversary of Ordination** to the priesthood with a continental breakfast after the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.  
**ECF End-of-Year Picnic**—Encanto Park beginning at approximately 1:00 pm.

10 Saturday—**Fifth All Souls Saturday** 9:00 am Liturgy with the reading of the names.

11 Sunday—**Pentecost Sunday & Mother's Day Brunch** after the Sunday morning liturgies.

12 Monday—**Pentecost Monday** 9:00 am Simple Holy Day with Liturgy, Procession with Reading of the four gospels for Pentecost.

14 Wednesday—**Eastern Catholic Clergy Meeting of Arizona** will have their luncheon meeting at St. Thomas Church in Gilbert at 11:30 am.

15 Thursday—**Deadline for GCU Scholarship Applications.**

21 Monday—**Accordion Club Dinner**, 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Menu: baked chicken breast, rice & gravy, vegetable.

June 2—**Fr. James Lane will begin his assignment at St. Stephen** as a Parochial Vicar and will assist Fr. Stephen in establishing an outreach parish north of Phoenix.

June 6—**Friday Fish & Pierogi Dinner** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

**"Myrrh-bearers" Women's Retreat**—A retreat experience for girls and women from 7 years of age through adulthood. June 27-29 at Mount Claret on Lincoln Drive. For more information refer to the flyers on the Greeting Table. Plan now.

**ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2008** "Moved by the Spirit in the Windy City" Thursday, July 31—Sunday, August 3, at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. July 1 deadline for registration. See Father Stephen for registration forms.

✠ **ALTAR SOCIETY**—The church cleaners for this week prefer to remain anonymous.

✠ **GCU LODGE 999 SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE** applications and letters of recommendation are to be returned on or before May 15th. If you did not receive an application in the mail and are interested, please call Steve Durkit 480-471-7278.

**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!**



## SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC PRO-CATHEDRAL

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MAY 4, 2008

SUNDAY OF FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL



**THE NICENE CREED**, except for one phrase, it is made up entirely of biblical phrases. However, some passages which give important Scriptural evidence about the second Person of the Trinity, e.g., "The Lord begot me, the first-born of His ways" and "When He established the heavens, I was there," were misunderstood by some. They were unable to imagine how begetting a son could take place except within time, so they thought that there must have been a time when only the Father existed and when the Son did not yet exist. They interpreted these passages from Proverbs as showing that the Son of God is "the first born" and the very best, but nonetheless a creature.

To end this heresy—and to preserve the Church's long-standing faith in the Tradition of biblical interpretation that had been handed down from the very beginning, the Council of Nicaea piled up biblical phrases, calling Jesus "only begotten, born of the Father before all ages, Light from Light, true God from true God."

Then, after long and vigorous debates on the Council floor, they included a phrase that came from philosophical circles: "one in essence with the Father." The phrase "one in essence with" (in Greek, *homoousios*) is a very precise and abstract way of putting the matter. It uses the metaphysical language of *being* and *essence* in order to make absolutely clear, once and for all, that the second Person of the Holy Trinity is in no way a creature but a person who is truly divine and "begotten, not made." The Son of God is truly a Son and not a creature, but he is a Son unlike all the rest of us who were begotten at some point in time. He is *eternally* the Son of the Father, from whom he has received all that he is.

Our Icon of the Trinity portrays this graphically by depicting Father, Son and Holy Spirit as angels with no differentiation in their ages or appearance.

## SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

### 3 Saturday

- 9:00 am Liturgy for the Catholic Daughter of America  
**Vigil for Sunday page 104 & special handouts**
- 5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy God's blessing on Chris & Lisa by Sue Hill

### 4 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, p. 196

- 8:00 am +George Kunak by Dorothy Kruszewski
- 9:45 am The Third Hour
- 10:00 am For our parish family and friends

*ECF Classes*

### 5 Monday Postfestive & Martyr Irene, pp. 191 and 391

- 9:00 am +Lois Haske by Mary Mahar

### 6 Tuesday Postfestive & Just Job the Long-suffering, pp. 191 and 366

- 9:00 am +Matt A, Paul E, Mike Mahar by Mary Mahar

### 7 Wednesday Postfestive & Appearance of the Cross in the Heavens, pp. 191 and 360

- 9:00 am +Arthur Lennon by Helen Wirt

### 8 Thursday *No services*

### 9 Friday Leave-taking of the Feast of the Ascension, p. 191

- 9:00 am +Sister Cornelia by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great

### 10 Saturday Memory of All the Faithful Departed, p. 428

- 9:00 am Liturgy with the Panachida and the Reading of the names of our deceased.  
**Vigil for Sunday & Pentecost, p. 104 for the Vesper/Liturgy and special handouts for propers.**

- 5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy +Trudy O'Connor Stubbs by Donald & Charlotte Gallucci

### 11 PENTECOST SUNDAY w/reading of Kneeling Prayers after the Ambon Prayer, p. 203

- 8:00 am +George Kunak by Isabel Kosty
- 9:45 am The Third Hour
- 10:00 am For our parish family and friends

*Confessions are heard one half hour before all Services before the Icon of the Prodigal Son.*

✠ **PRAYERS NEEDED FOR** Bishop George Kuzma, Robert Crossley, John Bayus, Alice Johnson, Fran Philpot, William and Elizabeth Gelety, Martha Maleta (Boswell Hospital), Carmen Aragon (grandmother of Deacon John), Fr. Christopher Zuger, Florence Gunt, Mary Hrinko, George Chelena, Louis Rabiej, Jim Cochlin (brother of Jane Brown), Tom Gerez (Dorothy Dumnich's son-in-law), Robert Rankin (father of Fr. Robert Rankin), Olga Uram, Luddy Popovich, Daniel Mundall, Fr. Joseph Ridella (one of our retired priests), Julia Menlicavage, Daniel Dougherty.

### ✠ 7-DAY CANDLES

ETERNAL LIGHT: +Frank S. Slonka by Kathy Slonka.

TETRAPOD: +Michael Mraz.

TETRAPOD: God's Blessing on Robert Crossley by Mary Mihalko.

SHROUD OF THE DORMITION: Helen Kunak by Liz & Tom Kol.

SHROUD OF OUR LORD: Health of Louis Rabiej by Alice & Abigail Garcia.

CHRISTMAS ICON: +C.M. Sherdyl by Alice Garcia.

THEOPHANY ICON: Health of Martha Maleta by Alice Garcia.

PENTECOST ICON: Health of Louis & Diane Rabiej by Martin, Ken & Kahlua.

RESURRECTION ICON: Safe Journey Home Nick & Bev Fratpietro.

ST ANTHONY: Health for Louis & Diane Rabiej by Martin, Ken & Kahlua.

✠ **SINCERE THANKS** to all of our Catechists who have taught our Eastern Christian Formation Classes during this past Catechetical year. Special thanks also the parents who faithfully encouraged the children and teens to take seriously their commitments to on-going spiritual formation. Today, May 4, we close our catechetical year, with two very wonderful celebrations: Fr. Stephen's 30th Anniversary Celebration of his ordination and a picnic in Encanto Park beginning at approximately 1:00 pm. There will be a brief Program after the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy to honor Father, together with a continental breakfast for everyone. As for the picnic, please meet in Encanto park. An area has been reserved for St. Stephen's to the left of the Entrance. Hot dogs will be provided for the children; we shall bring snacks, chips, drinks, etc. Everyone is invited to attend these events. Please join us for these two wonderful celebrations!

✠ **THANK YOU** to our faithful volunteers, especially those who worked above and beyond the call of duty to make our First Friday Fish & Pierogi Dinner a success.

✠ **PHOTO PARISH DIRECTORIES** are available in the back of the church. Each directory has a name on it in order to make sure that each household of our parish has a directory. Special thank you to Mary Popovich and Kathy Slonka for working on this project for the last 5 months.

✠ **ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**—Last year's Bishop's Appeal Rebate and, hopefully, this year's rebate will be used to paint our building complex.

**Paid up pledges: 48, totaling \$23,825.00, sent to the Eparchy.**

**Pledges on payment schedule: 24, totaling \$4,500.00.**

**71 households have responded as of May 2.**

**Parish goal: 139 households x \$200 = \$27,800.00.**

*80 households have not responded. \$3,975.00 needed to make our goal.*

Give what you can to help our Eparchy, which also helps our parish through the rebate.

Make your check payable to "**St. Stephen Church.**"