



# THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA OF THE RUTHENIANS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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## DECREE

In the name of the Lord. Amen.

After prayerful discernment and thorough study of the pastoral situation of the parishes of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma for the Ruthenians in the Cleveland metropolitan area and after seeking the consultation of the pastors and Christian faithful of the parishes of Saint Stephen, Euclid, Ohio and Holy Transfiguration, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio;

Having presented all pertinent and necessary information to the Eparchial Presbyteral Council of the Eparchy of Parma on June 19, 2019, and having heard the same council in accord with canon 280, §2 (CCEO), with careful consideration of the pastoral needs of the people of the two parishes, the mission of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma for the Ruthenians, and convinced of the just and serious reasons for merging the afore mentioned parishes,

I hereby decree the merger of Saint Stephen Parish, Euclid, Ohio and Holy Transfiguration Parish, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio to form one new parish to be known as the PARISH OF HOLY RESURRECTION at the current site of Saint Stephen Parish in Euclid, Ohio. The just and serious reasons that motivate this action include the need to have in the Cleveland eastern metropolitan area a single faith community, capable of more effectively sustaining itself, evangelizing, and sharing the resources of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma for the Ruthenians.

I further decree that:

The worship site and seat of the parish for a period not to exceed three years beginning on the date of this decree will be the church of Saint Stephen, the parish church of the Parish of the Holy Resurrection, on the property of the former parish of Saint Stephen, Euclid, Ohio.

The canonical registers of the parishes of Saint Stephen, Euclid Ohio and Holy Transfiguration, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, are to be kept at the new parish, the Parish of the Holy Resurrection, Euclid, Ohio.

The territories of Saint Stephen, Euclid, Ohio and Holy Transfiguration, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio become the territory of the Parish of Holy Resurrection, Euclid, Ohio.

The temporal goods and obligations of Saint Stephen, Euclid, Ohio and Holy Transfiguration, Mentor on-the-Lake, Ohio become the temporal goods and obligations of the Parish of Holy Resurrection, Euclid, Ohio.

This decree is to be notified to the Clergy and to the Faithful of the new parish. The means of publication is posting of this decree on the eparchial web site and publication of this decree in the eparchial publication *Horizons*. Posting on the eparchial web site is to be considered official publication of the decree.

A petition for revocation or emendation of this decree is subject to the applicable canons (canons 996-1004, CCEO).

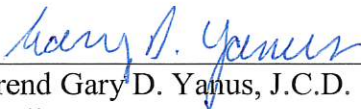
This decree shall be effective October 1, 2019.

Given at the Chancery of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma for the Ruthenians, Independence, Ohio, on this 27th day of September 2019.




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Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma




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Reverend Gary D. Yanus, J.C.D.  
Chancellor





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Reverend Richard Bona, J.C.D.  
Notary