

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI 48101    November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
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## **Glory to Jesus Christ! Welcome to St. Stephen!**

You are welcome here. Join us in prayer and worship  
of almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### **About the Parish**

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church, led by the Holy Spirit, is called to evangelize – to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to welcoming and caring for all of God's children.

We are a parish of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Eparchy of Parma, an eparchy of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church *sui iuris* of Pittsburgh. Bishop Milan (Lach) of Parma is our bishop. Archbishop William (Skurla) of Pittsburgh is our Metropolitan. We are in communion with our holy father Francis, the Pope of Rome.

“We are Catholics with the common heritage of our Orthodox brothers but in unity with the Holy Father in Rome.” – Bishop Milan

## LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday & Saturday **Divine Liturgy** at 10:00am

Wednesday evening **Divine Liturgy** at 7:00pm

Friday & Saturday evening **Vespers** at 7:00pm, followed by **Confession**

## HOLY MYSTERIES

### **Holy Baptism and Chrismation**

All you who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ. Alleluia!

Those who are not yet baptized and/or chrismated, contact Fr. John. Your life depends on it! A period of preparation and instruction (catechumenate) of at least one full year may precede adult baptisms and/or chrismations.

If you are expecting a child, please contact Fr. John to arrange for the child's baptism, chrismation, and communion (traditionally forty days after birth).

### **Holy Communion**

Unless we eat the body and drink the blood of the Lord, we have no life in us.

Holy Communion is first received when we are baptized and chrismated. Thereafter, we receive frequently to nourish and sustain us in our life in Christ. Before we receive, we prepare according to our ability with prayer (traditionally including Vespers & Matins), fasting (traditionally from midnight or from Vespers), and holy repentance.

Those unable to attend Divine Liturgies should contact Fr. John to arrange for him to bring them holy communion.

### **Holy Repentance**

All of us sin and fall short of the glory of God. As often as we fall, let us get up again! Never despair of salvation, for God loves us and forgives us as often as we repent. Opportunities for confession are scheduled most Fridays and Saturdays after Vespers and other times by appointment. Just ask!

Four times a year, once during each of the penitential seasons, we celebrate the full Office of Holy Repentance, which includes psalms, readings, prayers and the opportunity for private confession and absolution. We will next celebrate this during the Philip's Fast, **Thursday, December 19th at 7pm.**

## Holy Anointing

Holy anointing is offered to all in need of healing every year on Holy Wednesday. If anyone is sick, call Fr. John (412-378-0308), and he will come pray over you and anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord. This is not only for the dying, but for all who are in need of healing. Before surgery of any kind, it is good to first be anointed.

## Monasticism

Monks and nuns are witnesses to the gospel carrying on the spirit of martyrdom and prophecy in the Church today. You may inquire at these monasteries to pursue this vocation:

### Holy Resurrection Monastery

300 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, PO Box 276, St. Nazianz, WI 54232  
(920) 881-4009  
monks@hrmonline.org  
hrmonline.org

### Christ the Bridegroom Monastery

17485 Mumford Rd. Burton, OH 44021  
440-834-0290  
christthebridegroom@gmail.com  
christthebridegroom.org

## Holy Matrimony

We rejoice with those preparing to be crowned in marriage. They are an icon of Christ and his Church. Contact Fr. John at least six months in advance of your wedding date to begin marriage preparation (and before you rent a hall!).

## Holy Orders

For the sake of holy order, the Church needs deacons, priests, and bishops (and also readers, cantors, and subdeacons). Contact Fr. John to discuss the possibility of serving the Church in ordained ministry. The eparchy's Director of Vocations is the Rt. Rev. Mitred Archpriest Marek Visnovsky 216-741-8773 ext. 6; frmvisnovsky@parma.org

## Funerals

Brothers and sisters, we are going to die. It is good to remember this daily and to always be prepared for it. We know not the hour.

Death does not end our relationship with those who have died. We venerate the bodies of our departed saints and loved ones, because we believe in the resurrection. It is a work of mercy and a sign of faith in the coming resurrection to bury the dead and to pray for them.

The Church understandingly permits but does not prefer or encourage cremation, because we expect the resurrection of the body. The funeral must be celebrated in the church with the body prior to the cremation.

Our departed loved one attends the funeral with us and is not closed off from us. Many of the prayers are prayers *of* the departed one, to which we give voice. As a sign of this, when possible, the casket is traditionally open until the end of the funeral.

## Sunday, November 10, 2019

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5

The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rhodion, and their Companions.

*11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.*

Galatians 6:11-18. Luke 10:25-37.

**8:00am Matins**

**9:45am Third Hour**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy** - *for the people of the parish*

*Special intention of Br. Philip Blazhkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (11-6)*

*+Joseph Humenik, from Ceil Burja (11-7)*

*+Charles & +Mary Burja, from Burja Family (11-9)*

Reader: Nicholas Wood

*11:30am Guild Meeting*

**12:30pm Vespers**

## Monday, November 11, 2019

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent (304). The Holy Martyr Stephanis (304).

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite (826).

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5. Luke 14:12-15.

**6:00pm Great Vespers for Josaphat**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Josaphat**

*+Josefa Patrick, from the Marron Family*

## Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Our Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Our Ven. Father Nilus.

✙ The Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk (1623).

*for Josaphat: Hebrews 7:26-8:2. John 10:9-16.*

*for the day: 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10. Luke 14:25-35.*

**6:00pm Great Vespers for John Chrysostom**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy for John Chrysostom**

*+Ernest Semak, from Jane Semak*

## Wednesday, November 13, 2019

✙ Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (407).

*for Chrysostom:* Hebrews 7:26-8:2. John 10:9-16.

*for the day:* 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8. Luke 15:1-10.

**6:00pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*special intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt*

## Thursday, November 14, 2019

✙ The Holy and Illustrious Apostle Philip.

Our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

*for Philip:* 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. John 1:43-51.

*for the day:* 1 Thessalonians 2:9-14a. Luke 16:1-9.

*Parish Work Day*

**7:00pm Vespers** – *with prostrations*

## Friday, November 15, 2019



*Beginning of Phillip's Fast*

The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habib (322).

1 Thessalonians 2:14-19. Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4.

**7:00pm Vespers** - *followed by Confessions*

## Saturday, November 16, 2019



✙ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Matthew 9:9-13.

for the day: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Luke 9:57-62.

**9:45am Third Hour**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*special intention of Fr. Iouri Koslovskii, from Melinda Dewitt*

**7:00pm Great Vespers** - *followed by Confessions*

Sunday, November 17, 2019



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6

Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Neocaesarea (270).

*1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20.*

*Ephesians 2:4-10. Luke 12:16-21.*

**8:00am Matins**

**9:45am Third Hour**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy** - *for the people of the parish*

*+Josefa Patrick, from the Marron Family (11-11)*

*+Ernest Semak, from Jane Semak (11-12)*

*special intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (11-13)*

*special intention of Fr. Iouri Koslovskii, from Melinda Dewitt (11-16)*

Reader: Elizabeth Druga

*11:30am ECF*

**12:30pm Vespers**

*Pumpkin Pie orders due by today!*

## LEGEND

⊕ Great Feast

⊕ Feast with an All-night Vigil

⊕ Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins

⊕. Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins

⊕. Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers



by tradition, a strict fast day (no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil)



by tradition, a fast day permitting wine and oil. (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



by tradition, a fast day permitting fish, wine, and oil (no meat, dairy, or eggs)



by tradition, a fast day permitting dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil (no meat)

# PHILIP'S FAST (ADVENT)

NOVEMBER 15 — DECEMBER 24

**“The first step on the way of the Winter Pascha is the encounter with the man Jesus. We are invited with Philip and the disciples, to ‘come and see.’ If we want to come and want to see, we will. Like the first disciples, we will see ‘greater things’ than we ever expected. We will see ‘heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’ We will see Jesus as our Master, and will cry to Him: ‘Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ And we will come to know Him for Who and What He really is. But first we must come. For if we do not come, we will never see.”**

**from *The Winter Pascha*, 14  
by Thomas Hopko**

“According to the forty-day tradition, the Philip’s Fast in preparation for Christmas begins on Friday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. During this fast, it was the custom to observe a strict abstinence on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and a lesser abstinence (mitigation for wine and oil) on Tuesday and Thursday. The fast is observed more strictly from December 10 (in some traditions) or from December 20 (in other traditions), with daily strict abstinence, and a mitigated abstinence on (wine and oil) on Saturday and Sunday (cf. the Great Fast and the Dormition Fast). The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, 2). This fast may be observed voluntarily, partially or in its entirety.”

–Fr. David Petras

## Byzantine Book Club

You are invited to join a book club! Most Mondays from 7 – 9 pm at Fr. Deacon Lawrence & Pani Mary Hendricks' home. This group has been meeting for several years to read and discuss books on Byzantine and Eastern Christianity. Our next meeting is **tomorrow Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. We are reading a new book: *Heaven Starts Now*. And *Now* is a great time to join the Book Club!



## Men's Day of Reflection

**Men of the parish:** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Men's Day of Reflection on Saturday, **November 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2019 at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 23300 King Drive, Clinton Township, Michigan. This Day will be geared for a male spirituality in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord during the St. Philip's Fast. The Day will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. This is a FREE event. Come and join us! To register, please call the parish at 586-791-1052 or through email at: [stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.com](mailto:stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.com).



## PUMPKIN PIES!

The Guild will once again be baking and selling pumpkin pies. They will be 9 inch pies at a cost of \$10 per pie. Please place your orders with Louise Dalbo (313-382-6788 or [louisedalbo@gmail.com](mailto:louisedalbo@gmail.com)). The last day to place an order is Sunday, **November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Baking day will be Saturday,

November 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9 a.m. Pies can be picked up on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> after liturgy. They will be fresh and great for Thanksgiving.

## Monthly Chant Practice

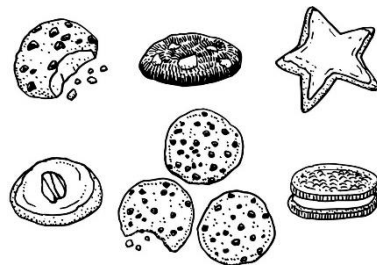
“Cherish the beauty of our *prostopinije*, our liturgical chant. We constantly need to work on it” – Bishop Milan.

Toward this end, we will begin monthly chant practices, to which all are invited! In our Church, the congregation is the choir. You are in the choir, so it's good to practice. Our practices will be on the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm, starting on **November 19<sup>th</sup>**.



# ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

The Guild's annual cookie sale will take place on Sunday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>** after Divine Liturgy.



## We're Making a New Parish Directory! (finally)



You are invited to participate in our upcoming professional photography sessions.

Photography Date: **December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Times: 2p-9p

To schedule your appointment, sign up today in the narthex or after in the hall.

Or, go to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b30kq7ee/>

Or, call the parish office for assistance @ 313-382-5901

- No sitting fee!
- Complimentary 8x10 and free directory for each family
- Opportunity (with no obligation) to purchase additional portraits with discounts
- First responders, military personnel, and seniors over 60 will receive an additional 20% discount.



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*Safe Environment Coordinator*

Dr. Sharon DiLauro Petrus: ext. \*; 330-958-9630  
*Victim's Assistance Coordinator*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**Join the Guild!** The Guild is dedicated to caring for and beautifying our holy place and all the appointments for our Divine worship. All are welcome to join the Guild. They meet today, **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, after Divine Liturgy. Come and see!

**Join the workers!** Please join the workers every Thursday for our weekly parish work day.

**Join the cleaners!** Please contact Louise Dalbo to volunteer to clean the church for any particular week you're able. Or, get your name put in the rotation of regular church cleaners.

**The Osentoski & Sutyak Families** is scheduled to clean the church this week. Many thanks to **the Russell Family** and to all who worked and cleaned these past two weeks. May God grant them many years!

## CHARITABLE GIVING

"I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy,  
and to the poor" (Deut. 15:11).

Since our last contributions,

for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$71

for the Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$146

for the retirement of our religious sisters, we have collected \$212

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on November 3<sup>rd</sup> was **55**. Average Sunday attendance  $\approx$  **58**

Devote yourselves “to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

## COLLECTION

The collection on November 3<sup>rd</sup> was **\$1163.25**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1500.34**  
Sunday: \$935; Holy Day: \$25; Children: \$1; Horizons: \$72; Fuel: \$100; Candles: \$30.25

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7).



**Saint Stephen**

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