



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Cantors: Pani Mary Hendricks, Theresa Szatkowski



## **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

# EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



## Public Liturgical Services

Our liturgical services are open to the public. There is no obligation to attend.

Whenever you do not pray the Divine Liturgy, it is traditional to pray the Typika instead. We are also encouraged to pray Vespers, Matins, the Hours, and other services at home. To help with this, the Metropolitan Cantor Institute has many wonderful resources available at <https://mci.archpitt.org/>

If you would like to watch a live broadcast of liturgical services happening in our churches all over the country (and the world), here is an excellent resource: <http://liveliturgy.com/>

**St. Stephen has a YouTube channel**, where we continue to live stream our liturgical services: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintStephenByzantineCatholicChurch>

## Church Cleaning

We have resumed our regular weekly rotation of church cleaning. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Please sign up for any week you're available to clean. Thank you to Betty Sutyak & Leann Osentoski for cleaning last week. Phyllis Humenik, Char Bonacor, & Ceil Burja have signed up to clean this week.



# God With Us

## ✠ ONLINE ✠

— at —

EASTERNCATHOLIC.ORG

**GOD WITH US ONLINE** is a collaborative outreach of the Eastern Catholic bishops and eparchies of the United States to provide educational resources for the faithful in our Eastern Christian traditions.

Go to **EASTERNCATHOLIC.ORG** to find many excellent talks, the opportunity to sign up for live educational webinars and other resources! *All resources are offered free of charge.*

# LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday & Saturday morning at 10:00am

Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

## Saturday, September 19, 2020

Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedont (c. 227).

*for the Cross:* 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. John 8:21-30.

*(for the day:* 1 Corinthians 10:23-28. Matthew 24:34-44).

### 10:00am Divine Liturgy

*in thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage – Michael & Mary Camillieri*

### 4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – followed by Confessions

## Sunday, September 20, 2020

*Catechetical Sunday*

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Tone 7

The Holy Martyr Eustace and his Companions (118).

Holy Martyrs & Confessors, Great Prince Michael & his Counselor Theodore, Wonder-workers of Chernigov (1244).

*5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Luke 24:12-35.

*for the Cross:* Galatians 2:16-20. Mark 8:34-9:1.

*(for the day:* 2 Corinthians 6:1-10. Matthew 25:14-30).

### 8:00am Sunday Matins

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

Reader: Mark Tamisiea

*+Frank & +Mary Kovtun; +John & +Maria, &*

*+John & +Mary, from the family & Maryalice Lukas (9-18)*

*+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (9-14)*

*intention of Laura Gazdecki, from Judith Ng (9-16)*

*in thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage – Michael & Mary Camillieri (9-19)*

### 12:00pm Vespers

## Monday, September 21, 2020

Leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Apostle Quadratus of Magnesia (c. 130).

Ephesians 1:22-2:3. Luke 3:19-22.

## Tuesday, September 22, 2020

The Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope (103). The Holy Prophet Jonah.

Ven. Fr. Jonah the Priest, Father of Theophane the Hymnographer & Theodore the Artist (9th C.).

*Today we also commemorate the Holy Apostle Quadratus, because of the Leavetaking yesterday.*

Ephesians 2:19-3:7. Luke 3:23-4:1.

## Wednesday, September 23, 2020



⊗. The Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John.

*for John:* Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 1:5-25.

*(for the day: Ephesians 3:8-21. Luke 4:1-15).*

**7:00pm Vespers – Reader Service**

## Thursday, September 24, 2020

⊗ The Holy Protomartyr among Women, and Equal to the Apostles, Thecla (51).

Ephesians 4:14-19. Luke 4:16-22a.

**8:00 p.m.** Online Presentation by Alexander Laschuk on  
Eastern Churches in Latin Territories.

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/9/Eastern-Catholic-Diaspora>

## Friday, September 25, 2020



Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyna (479).

Ephesians 4:17-25a. Luke 4:22-30.

**7:00pm Great Vespers – Reader Service**

## Saturday, September 26, 2020

✝ The Passing of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

*Vespers:* 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

*Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.

*for John:* 1 John 4:12-19. John 19:25-27; 21:24-25. *(for the day: 1 Cor. 14:20-25. Luke 4:31-36).*

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*intention of Br. Tadey, from Melinda Dewitt*

**4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – followed by Confessions**

## Sunday, September 27, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

The Holy Martyr Callistratus and his Companions (304).

Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.

Our Holy Father Vincent de Paul.

*6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53.*

2 Corinthians 6:16b-7:1. Luke 5:1-11.

**8:00am Sunday Matins**

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

*intention of Br. Tadey, from Melinda Dewitt (9-26)*

**12:00pm Great Vespers** *for +Our Ven. Fr. & Confessor Chariton*

## Monday, September 28, 2020

+ Our Ven. Fr. & Confessor Chariton (362). Holy Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs (929).

Holy Prophet Baruch. Passing of our Bl. Fr. and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949).

Synaxis of the Holy Frs. of the Pecherskaya Lavra who repose near the Venerable Anthony.

*Vespers: Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 4:7-15.*

*Matins Gospel: Matthew 4:25-5:12.*

*for Chariton: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Luke 6:17-23.*

*(for the day: Ephesians 4:25-32. Luke 4:37-44.)*

## Tuesday, September 29, 2020

⌄ Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite (557).

Ephesians 5:20-26. Luke 5:12-16.

**9:30am First & Third Hour**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+Charles & +Mary Burja, from their children*

**7:00pm Vespers**

Wednesday, September 30, 2020



⊗ The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia (332).  
Ephesians 5:25-33a. Luke 5:33-39.

**6:00pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for the ⊕ *PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS*  
+Thomas Russell

Thursday, October 1, 2020

⊕ PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

The Holy Apostle Ananias. Our Venerable Father, Romanus the Melodist (496).

Our Venerable Mother Thérèse of the Child Jesus (1897).

*Vespers:* Genesis 28:10-17 • Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a • Proverbs 9:1-11.

*for the Protection:* Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

*(for the day: Ephesians 5:33-6:9. Luke 6:12-19).*

**8:00am Festal Matins**

**8:00 p.m.** Online Presentation by Erin Walsh on

Syriac Literature and the Study of Early Christianity.

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/10/expanding-archive-syriac-literature-study-of-early-christianity-today-erin-walsh>

## 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, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



by tradition, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, or eggs)



by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)

# LUMEN CHRISTI INSTITUTE

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## Eastern Catholic Theology in Action

The 23 Eastern Catholic Churches are distinct in their liturgy, theology, spirituality, and discipline of Church life. The Second Vatican Council urged the Eastern Catholic Churches to cultivate and promote their unique share of the tradition. This series responds to that mandate and features leading scholars in the field to offer their theological perspectives drawn from the wisdom of Christian East. In view of broadening our understanding of the Catholic intellectual tradition, this series draws attention to the vantage points of Christians who worship, think, and pray in continuity with the first 1,000 years of the undivided Church.

<http://lumenchristi.org/>

### Series Lectures

**Thursday, September 24, 8 p.m.**

**Eastern Churches, Latin Territories: Ecclesial Catholicity and the Notion of Diaspora**

| Alexander Laschuk (Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies)

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/9/Eastern-Catholic-Diaspora>

**Thursday, October 1, 8 p.m.**

**Expanding the Archive: Syriac Literature and the Study of Early Christianity Today**

| Erin Walsh (University of Chicago)

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/10/expanding-archive-syriac-literature-study-of-early-christianity-today-erin-walsh>

**Thursday, November 12, 8 p.m. CDT**

**Quo Vadis: the Direction of Eastern Catholic Theology, a Pastoral Perspective for the 21st Century** | Archbishop Borys Gudziak (Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA)

<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/11/Quo-Vadis-Eastern-Catholic-Theology>



## Byzantine Book Club

The Book Club will begin discussing *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective* by Fr. Jack Custer on **September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. This book is a great introduction to the study of the Gospels employing the perspective of the Greek Fathers and the liturgical usage of the Byzantine churches with reference to some conclusions of contemporary scholarship. We have books available for any who would like to participate.

Fr. Deacon Lawrence & Pani Mary host the Byzantine Book Club from their home. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, they have been hosting the meeting through Google Hangouts through the following link: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh?authuser=0>





### GOD WITH US

The Art of Catechesis in the Orthodox Tradition

Rev. David Anderson

**Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET**

As an old saying goes, the law of prayer is the law of belief. The foundation and authority of Orthodox Catholic catechesis is and always has been the Divine Liturgy of the Church. Rooted in prayer and looking to the Lord, we discover the Orthodox Faith in the face of Christ.



### CROWNED WITH GLORY

Understanding the Marriage Covenant

Rev. Stephen Freeman

**Wednesday, November 11 @ 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET**

"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together... Because when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down." - St. John Chrysostom



### SEVEN AGES OF THE KINGDOM

A Study of Salvation History

Rev. Daniel Dozier

**Mondays, November 30, December 7 & 14 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET**

The Church as God's Holy People is at the heart of His unfolding plan of salvation that is ultimately fulfilled in Christ. Join us as we explore how this plan for a universal covenant kingdom unfolds in Scripture through particular stages in the history of God's People.



### PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

A Patristic Study of Deification

Rev. Nathan Symeon Adams

**Wednesdays, January 13, 20, & 27 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET**

God has called his people to become partakers of His Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:4). Join us for this three-part series as we explore this process of participating in the Sacramental and moral life of Christ by which each individual and the whole Church are transformed into the mystical body of Christ.

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Live participation is highly encouraged for a full experience, including opportunities for discussion with fellow students and instructors.

For those unable to participate live, lectures are recorded and available on-demand, free of charge, in our event library, currently offering many hours of adult faith formation in the Eastern Christian tradition.

**Register at [EasternCatholic.org/Events](https://EasternCatholic.org/Events)**

## *The Bridegroom's Banquet*

Save the date for Christ the Bridegroom Monastery's annual benefit dinner, the "Bridegroom's Banquet," on **Saturday, November 7**, at a new location: St. Elias Melkite Catholic Church in Cleveland. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but **registration is required (by October 26)**. Adults 21 and older may attend. Enjoy a buffet dinner, entertainment, and an evening with the nuns and their guests. Learn more about and support the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors! If an in-person event is not possible, a live online event may be held. For more information or to register, please visit [www.christthebridegroom.org](http://www.christthebridegroom.org) or call 440-834-0290.

## CHARITABLE GIVING

*from St. Stephen Parish*

**"WHERE ALMS ARE, THE DEVIL DARES NOT  
APPROACH, NOR ANY OTHER EVIL THING."**

*- St. John Chrysostom*

Because of the pandemic, many churches have postponed the following collections. Please prayerfully consider supporting these important causes. Donations can be given to your local church or mailed directly to the Eparchy of Parma, 5000 Rockside Rd., Suite 310, Independence, Ohio 44131. Thank you for your charity!



*Peter's Pence Collection*  
**OCTOBER 3 & 4**

Assists our Holy Father in humanitarian initiatives, social promotion projects, and helps support the Holy See

Learn more at [www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html)

*Since our last contributions,*

for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$119  
for the retirement of our religious sisters, we have collected \$322  
for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138  
for Peter's Pence, we have collected \$125

**ATTENDANCE** – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on September 13<sup>th</sup> was **39**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **44**

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

**COLLECTION** – *Thank you for supporting your parish.*

The collection for September 13<sup>th</sup> was **\$1563**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1410.93**

Sunday: \$1190; Candles: \$42; Holy Day: \$60, Children: \$1; Fuel: \$10; Online: \$260

“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).



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