



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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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 morning at 10:00am

Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

## Saturday, October 3, 2020

⌘ The Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite.

1 Corinthians 15:39-45. Luke 5:17-26.

### **10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt*

### **4:00pm Great Vespers**

## Sunday, October 4, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

The Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Our Venerable Fr. Francis of Assisi (1226).

*7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Luke 6:31-36.

### **8:00am Sunday Matins**

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

*+Charles & +Mary Burja, from their children (9-29)*

*+Thomas Russell, from his son (9-30)*

*intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (10-3)*

### **12:00pm Akathist**

## Monday, October 5, 2020

The Holy Martyr Charitina (304).

Philippians 1:1-7. Luke 6:24-30.

**7:00pm** *Byzantine Book Club: The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective* by Fr. Jack Custer

<https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh?authuser=0>

## Tuesday, October 6, 2020

✦ The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas.

*Vespers:* 1 John 1:1-7 • James 1:1-12 • Jude 1-7, 17-25.    *Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.  
*for Thomas:* 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. John 20: 19-31.

*(for the day: Philippians 1:8-14. Luke 6:37-45).*

**8:00am First & Third Hour**

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*for priestly vocations & for the sons of Laura Gazdecki, from Judith Ng*

## Wednesday, October 7, 2020



✦ The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus (303).

Philippians 1:12-20a. Luke 6:46-7:1.

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers**

**8:00pm** *God With Us: The Art of Catechesis in the Orthodox Tradition*

presented online by Rev. David Anderson

<https://godwithusonline.org/events/god-with-us/>

## Thursday, October 8, 2020

Our Venerable Mother Pelagia (457).

Philippians 1:20b-27a. Luke 7:17-30.

## Friday, October 9, 2020



✦ The Holy Apostle James Alpheus. Ven. Fr. Andronicus & his Wife Athanasia (4th C.).

Our Righteous Forefather Abraham & his Nephew Lot. Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris.

*for James:* 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Luke 10:16-21.

*(for the day: Philippians 1:27-2:4. Luke 7:31-35).*

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

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+John & +Elizabeth Sabo, from Kathy Mykeloff*

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Saturday, October 10, 2020

The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia (302).

1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3. Luke 5:27-32.

### 10:00am Divine Liturgy

*+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond*

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

## Sunday, October 11, 2020

NINETEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

Holy Apostle Philip, 1 of the 7 Deacons. Ven. Fr. Theophane, Artist & Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea

Our Holy Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome.

*Vespers Paramia:* Genesis 14:14-20 • Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut. 10:14-21.

*8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* John 20:11-18.

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. Luke 7:11-16

### 8:00am Sunday Matins

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

*for priestly vocations & for the sons of Laura Gazdecki, from Judith Ng (10-6)*

*+John & +Elizabeth Sabo, from Kathy Mykeloff (10-9)*

*+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (10-10)*

### 12:00pm Vespers

## Monday, October 12, 2020

The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus (292).

Our Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maiuma, the Hymnographer (8th Century).

Our Holy Father Martin, Bishop of Tours.

Philippians 2:12-16a. Luke 7:36-50.

## Tuesday, October 13, 2020

The Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus and Agathonica (250).

Philippians 2:16b-23. Luke 8:1-3.

### 8:00am First & Third Hour

### 7:00pm Vespers

## Wednesday, October 14, 2020

The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, and Celsus (60).

Our Venerable Mother Paraskeva of Trnovo (1201).

The Passing of the Blessed Martyr, the Priest Roman Lysko (1949).

Philippians 2:24-30. Luke 8:22-25.

6:00pm *Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

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

## Thursday, October 15, 2020

Our Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger (9th Century).

The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of the Great Church of Antioch (312).

Philippians 3:1-8. Luke 9:7-11.

### 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)



## Byzantine Book Club

The Book Club will begin discussing *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective* by Fr. Jack Custer on **October 5<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)**

# Generous Scholarships Available!

*Ave Maria Fall Fest, Sat., October 10*

Outdoor Pavilion of the Monaghan Residence, Ann Arbor

3:00 pm Tailgate & Livestream Ave Maria Football Game

4:00 pm Dinner / 5:00 pm Program

*meet with admissions representatives & alumni*

## High School Juniors & Seniors Ave Maria University

Michigan / Toledo  
Scholarship

*\$7,000/year  
up to 4 years*

Michigan / Toledo  
Homeschool Faith  
Scholarship

*\$9,000/year  
up to 4 years*

*plus additional Academic and Athletic Aid Available*

## College Seniors & Post-Grads Ave Maria School of Law

Michigan / Toledo Scholarship

*Full-tuition + Stipend*

**Free Event - Registration is Required**

by October 5th at

**AveMariaFoundation.org**

**(734) 930-3441**



The annual Notre Dame College Eastern Churches Seminar will be online this year. This is an opportunity for us who are outside of the Greater Cleveland area to participate. Our own **Father Mike Hayduk** will be one of the participants on the panel discussion following Father Garklavs' presentation.

Notre Dame College and co-sponsors present  
the 36<sup>th</sup> Eleanor Malburg Eastern Churches Seminar:  
*Eucharist in Art and Life*



Very Reverend Alexander Garklavs

In the Christian traditions of East and West, Eucharist and art hold much in common. Both have sensory and spiritual dimensions. Both bring people together. Both transform minds and hearts. Both feed the soul's hunger for personal meaning and interpersonal communion. Both express praise and thanks to God. And both the Eucharist and the arts are about living *life* to the full.

The Eucharist has inspired countless masterpieces of visual, musical, and literary art. In turn, the arts have added beauty and joy to the celebration of Eucharist. The interplay of Eucharist, art, and life is the focus of Father Alexander Garklavs' presentation for this year's Eastern Churches Seminar.

Father Garklavs is currently pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Parma, Ohio. He formerly served as chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America.

As the first virtual presentation in its 36-year history, this year's seminar will debut on YouTube on **October 25, 2020**, at [YouTube.com/NotreDameCollege](https://www.youtube.com/NotreDameCollege) or [NotreDameCollege.edu/EasternChurchesSeminar](https://www.NotreDameCollege.edu/EasternChurchesSeminar)

For more information, contact (440) 279-9348 or [kivancic@ndc.edu](mailto:kivancic@ndc.edu).

## *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.



# Eastern Catholic Theology in Action

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>

## 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 Veronica & Fr. Dcn. Lawrence for cleaning last week. Louise Dalbo has 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.*

## St. Stephen has a YouTube channel

We continue to live stream our liturgical services:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintStephenByzantineCatholicChurch>

# 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 27<sup>th</sup> was **35**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **42**

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 27<sup>th</sup> was **\$1208.50**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1413.91**

Sunday: \$932; Candles: \$30.50; Holy Day: \$5, Children: \$1; Online: \$240

“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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