





## SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Cantors: Pani Mary Hendricks



### **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 24, 2020

The Holy Martyr Arethas and his Companions (523).

2 Corinthians 3:12-18. Luke 7:1-10.

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

*+Angela, from Judith Ng*

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

## Sunday, October 25, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius (355).

*10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14.*

Galatians 2:16-20. Luke 16:19-31.

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

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

Reader: Carson Daniel Lauffer

*intention of Debbie, from Judith Ng (10-22)*

*+Maria and +John and +John and +Mary, from Maryalice Lukas (10-21)*

*+the departed of the Borella Family, from Judith Ng (10-20)*

*+Angela, from Judith Ng (10-24)*

*Councils Meeting after the Divine Liturgy in the Small Hall*

**1:30pm Great Vespers** *for Demetrius*

## Monday, October 26, 2020

✙ The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius (305).

The Commemoration of the Great and Fearful Earthquake at Constantinople (740).

*Vespers: Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.*

*Matins Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22.*

*for Demetrius: 2 Timothy 2:1-10. John 15:17-16:2.*

*(for the day: Colossians 2:13-20. Luke 10:22-24).*

### **7:00pm Divine Liturgy** *for Demetrius*

*+Fr. Lancelot Rodriguez, from Judith Ng*

## Tuesday, October 27, 2020

The Holy Martyr Nestor (306). Holy Martyr Capitolina & her Servant Erotheïdes (c. 304).  
Colossians 2:20-3:3. Luke 11:1-10.

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

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Wednesday, October 28, 2020



Holy Martyrs Terence & Neonila. Holy Father Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer (807).  
Ⲅ. The Holy Martyr Paraskeva of Iconium (4th Century).  
Colossians 3:17-4:1. Luke 11:9-13.

*6:00pm Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron*

## Thursday, October 29, 2020

The Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia (c. 250). Venerable Fr. Abraham the Hermit (360).  
Passing of our Ven. Fr. Abraham of Rostov, Archimandrite & Wonder-worker (11th C.).  
Colossians 4:2-9. Luke 11:14-23.



## Friday, October 30, 2020

The Holy Martyr Zenobius and his Sister Zenobia (285).  
Colossians 4:10-18. Luke 11:23-26.

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

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers**

**Saturday, October 31, 2020**

*Hallowe'en*

✙ The Holy Priest-Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukačevo (1947).

Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius and their Companions. Holy Martyr Epimachus (250).

*Vespers:* 2 Kings 2:9-14 • Isaiah 26:7-13 • Sirach 2:1-6.

*Matins Gospel:* Luke 12:32-40.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10a. Luke 8:16-21.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+Mary Strach, from Irene Zbikowski*

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

**Sunday, November 1, 2020**

*Daylight Saving Time ends*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5

⌘ The Holy Unmercenary Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.

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

Galatians 6:11-18. Luke 8:26-39.

**8:00am Sunday Matins**

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

*+Fr. Lancelot Rodriguez, from Judith Ng (10-26)*

*+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (10-28)*

*+Mary Strach, from Irene Zbikowski (10-31)*

**12:00pm Akathist**

*National Byzantine Catholic Convention Begins*

*byzantineconvention.com*

**Monday, November 2, 2020**

The Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor, and Anempodistus (335).

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5. Luke 11:29-33.

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

*Election Day*

Holy Martyrs Acepsimas, the Bishop; Joseph, the Priest; & Aeithalas, the Deacon (4th Century).  
Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his precious body is entombed.  
1 Thessalonians 1:6-10. Luke 11:34-41.

**8:30am First & Third Hour**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*for our country as it holds its general election, from Judith Ng*

**7:00pm Vespers**

Wednesday, November 4, 2020



Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great (846).  
The Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermas.  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8. Luke 11:42-46.

*6:00pm Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

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

Thursday, November 5, 2020

The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme (253).  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-14a. Luke 11:47-12:1.

#### 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

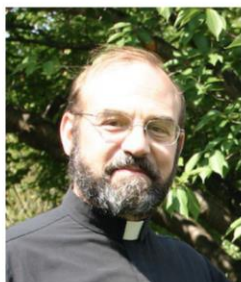
The Book Club is discussing *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective* by Fr. Jack Custer on **October 26th at 7pm**. This book is a great introduction to the study of the Gospels employing the perspective of the Greek Fathers and the liturgical usage of the Byzantine churches with reference to some 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>

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).

# NATIONAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CONVENTION



*For Clergy, Monastics, Religious, and Laity  
Sponsored by the Eparchies of the Byzantine Catholic Church  
and the Intereparchial Vocations Committee*

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## GROWING A VIBRANT BYZANTINE CHURCH

### Virtual Convention Presentations

*Available Online Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Convention Website*

### Live Event Panel Discussions

*Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-3:00pm  
Zoom Webinar*

## FREE REGISTRATION

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The National Byzantine Catholic Convention is an event for Catholic clergy, monastics, religious and laity of the Byzantine tradition with the purpose of *prayer, fellowship, formation and mission* as Eastern Catholics. The theme for the 2020 Convention is *Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church* where presentations will be focused on ways to grow as missionary disciples in Churches where Christ is encountered and worshipped. All are welcome!



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[byzantineconvention.com](http://byzantineconvention.com)

REGISTRATION STARTS SEPT 1<sup>st</sup>

## *The Bridegroom's Banquet*

### **Virtual Benefit Event for Christ the Bridegroom Monastery**

Due to the pandemic, the nuns have decided to transform their annual "Bridegroom's Banquet" into a virtual event on **Saturday, November 7**. There is no cost to attend the event, but everyone is encouraged to register. Enjoy live-streamed Vespers (Evening Prayer) with the nuns followed by a prerecorded online program, including the premier of this year's video: "Bethany, Supporting Spiritual Fatherhood." In thanksgiving, all who register prior to the event will be remembered once a month during Divine Liturgy at the monastery for the coming year. Celebrate with the nuns during a week of fun, virtual events on the monastery Facebook page leading up to the banquet. Learn more about the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by a matching donor. For more information and to register, please visit [www.christthebridegroom.org](http://www.christthebridegroom.org) or call 440-834-0290.

## God With Us

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### **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

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](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events)**

# 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/>

## **Final Series Lecture:**

**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 & Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA)

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

## **November Reflection**

# **The Early Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist**

By Fr. Vasyl Chepelskyy

Christ nourishes us with His Body and Blood in the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist, helping us to mature in His image and grow in His likeness (cf. John, 6:51-58, Luke, 22:19-20, Mark, 14:22- 25, Matthew, 26:26-29). The Greek word eucharistia means “thanksgiving.” There are countless references of the Early Church Fathers to this Sacrament.

“It is called Mystery, because what we believe is not the same as what we see; one thing we see and another we believe. For such is the nature of mysteries.” – St. John Chrysostom “I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the bread of God, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I desire His blood, which is love incorruptible.” –St. Ignatius of Antioch

“What seems bread is not bread, though by bread taste; but the Body of Christ. What seems wine is not wine, though the taste will have it so; but the blood of Christ.” – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

“In this very Sacrament, our people are shown to be one. Just as many grains, collected and ground and mixed together, make one bread, so in Christ, who is heavenly bread, we may know that there is one body, with which our number is joined and united.” – St. Cyprian of Carthage

“In our fragmented lives, the Lord comes to meet us with a loving ‘fragility,’ which is the Eucharist,” says Pope Francis, calling it “the memorial of God’s love.”

“The Eucharist encourages us, even on the roughest road, we are not alone; the Lord does not forget us and whenever we turn to him, he restores us with his love,” – states the Holy Father.\*

The Eucharist is the source of Christian life. It is the real presence of Christ, who comes to our hearts and lives and dwells within us each time we receive this Holy Mystery. Eucharist brings wholeness to our fragmented lives, it heals and restores us. It connects us with God in a very intimate and profound way.

In today’s society where we are always in a rush and have so much going on and where it is hard to stop and reflect let us find moments to be thankful to God for His gifts and love for us. Let us especially be thankful to Him for His gift of Himself in this Holy Mystery. May our whole lives become thanksgiving and may God continue to guide us on the way of our lives.

## 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 LeAnn Osentoski & Betty Sutyak for cleaning last week. Phyllis, Ceil, & Char have signed up to clean this week.



## CHARITABLE GIVING

*from St. Stephen Parish*

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

*- St. John Chrysostom*

*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

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\* Pope Francis’ homily during the Mass for the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (‘Corpus Christi’), celebrated Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 7p.m. in the square in front of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.

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

Attendance on October 18<sup>th</sup> was **34**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **41**

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 October 18<sup>th</sup> was **\$1032**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1385.25**

Sunday: \$610; Candles: \$29; Children: \$1; Fuel: \$100; Horizons: \$12; Online: \$280

“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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