



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 1st, 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, 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 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, Pegasus, 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.

9:30am 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



Venerable Fr. Joannicus the Great (846). Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. 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.

Friday, November 6, 2020



⌄ Our Holy Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (351).
1 Thessalonians 2:14-19. Luke 12:2-12.

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, November 7, 2020

The Holy Thirty-three Martyrs at Melitene (298).

Our Venerable Fr. Lazarus, the Wonder-worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee (11th C.).

2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Luke 9:1-6.

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+ Dcn. Dr. Richard Nelson, from Fr. Dcn. Lawrence Hendricks

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

Sunday, November 8, 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6

✙ THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL ANGELIC POWERS.

Vespers: Joshua 5:13-15 • Judges 6:7, 11-24 • Isaiah 14:6-20.

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

Ephesians 2:4-10 & for Michael: Heb 2:2-10. Luke 8:41-56 & for Michael: Luke 10:16-22.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Debra Grega

for our country, from Judith Ng

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

+Dcn. Dr. Richard Nelson, from Fr. Dcn. Lawrence Hendricks

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, November 9, 2020

Our Venerable Mother Matrona (492). The Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos (881).

1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8. Luke 12:13-15, 22b-31.

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

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

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13. Luke 12:42-48.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Rebecca Ng, from Judith Ng

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, November 11, 2020



The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent (304). The Holy Martyr Stephanis (304).
Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite (826).

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12. Luke 12:48b-59

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of James Moore, from Judith Ng

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Great Vespers for ✠ *The Holy Martyr Josaphat*

8:00pm Crowned with Glory: Understanding the Marriage Covenant
Presented by Fr. Stephen Freeman. EasternCatholic.org/Events

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 **November 2nd 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>

NATIONAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CONVENTION



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

GROWING A VIBRANT BYZANTINE CHURCH

Virtual Convention Presentations

*Available Online Sunday, November 1st
Convention Website*

Live Event Panel Discussions

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

FREE REGISTRATION

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

REGISTRATION STARTS SEPT 1st

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 or call 440-834-0290.

God With Us

✦ ONLINE ✦

FALL / WINTER EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

EASTERN CATHOLIC.ORG



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

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>

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 Phyllis, Ceil, & Char for cleaning last week. No one has 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

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on October 25th was **35**. 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 25th was **\$1573**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1395.29**

Sunday: \$1293; Candles: \$28; Children: \$1; Horizons: \$72; 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).



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