



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 8th, 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, 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

12:00pm 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.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club

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*

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Our Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria.

Our Venerable Father Nilus. ☩ The Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk (1623).

Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9.

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

for the day: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8. Luke 13:1-9.

5:00pm Great Vespers &

6:00pm Divine Liturgy for ☩ Our Holy Father John Chrysostom

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

*8:00pm - The Direction of Eastern Catholic Theology:
a Pastoral Perspective for the 21st Century
Presented by Archbishop Borys Gudziak. lumenchristi.org*

Friday, November 13, 2020



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

Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9.

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

for the day: 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28. Luke 13:31-35.

6:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Great Vespers *for †Holy Apostle Philip*

Saturday, November 14, 2020

✙ Holy & Illustrious Apostle Philip. Holy Fr. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

Vespers: 1 Peter 1:1-6 • 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 • 1 Peter 4:1-11.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

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

for the day: 2 Corinthians 11:1-6. Luke 9:37-43a.

9:45am *Third Hour – Reader Service*

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn & Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

11:00am – 3:00pm - 2020 National Byzantine Catholic Convention
byzantineconvention.com

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

Sunday, November 15, 2020



Beginning of Phillip's Fast

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

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

2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8.

Ephesians 2:14-22. Luke 10:25-37.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am *Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

intention of Rebecca Ng, from Judith Ng (11-10)

intention of James Moore, from Judith Ng (11-11)

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (11-12)

+Melvyn & Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (11-14)

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, November 16, 2020



✙ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

Vespers: 1 Peter 1:1-6 • 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 • 1 Peter 4:1-11.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

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

for the day: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10. Luke 14:12-15.

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

Intention of Anthony Gazdecki, from Judith Ng

Tuesday, November 17, 2020



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

2 Thessalonians 1:10b-2:2. Luke 14:25-35.

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, November 18, 2020



The Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanus (303).

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. Luke 15:1-10.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers - with prostrations

Thursday, November 19, 2020



Day of Alleluia

The Holy Prophet Obadiah. The Holy Martyr Barlaam (304).

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5. Luke 16:1-9.

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)

Philip's Fast (*Filipovka*)

Nov. 15th – Dec. 24th

“According to the forty-day tradition, the Philip's Fast in preparation for Christmas begins on this Sunday. 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 (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

What is a Day of Alleluia?

A few people have asked me, “what is a day of alleluia?” All weekdays during the Great Fast and certain weekdays during the minor fasts, such as the Philip's Fast we are now observing, are sometimes called “Days of Alleluia” because on these days we sing “Alleluia” instead of “the Lord is God” at Matins and sometimes instead of the Prokeimenon at Vespers. When these days fall on Monday through Friday, they are penitential days. The vestments worn are dark. We make prostrations and pray the prayer of St. Ephrem at the liturgical services for these days. Perhaps most strikingly, we do not pray the anaphora (the eucharist prayer) on these days. It is good to make an effort to attend services on these days during the fasts because, as Fr. Michael Bezruchka says,

“We are encouraged to pray more, not less, on these days”

a rubric from an Horologion (Book of Hours):



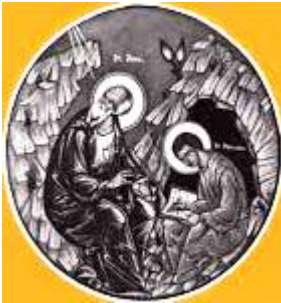
❖ *If Alleluia was chanted in Matins and it is a fast day, we continue here*

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.

Byzantine Book Club



The Book Club is discussing *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective* by Fr. Jack Custer on **November 9th 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



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

Please sign up to clean our church. Sign up for any week you're available to clean and clean the church on any day of that week. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. No one has signed up to clean this week.



The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the Eparchy including the support of charity. Funds raised through the Stewardship Appeal will provide charitable help for the poorest people in our communities and abroad. This includes supporting poor priests and their families.

If you have not already made your pledge or donation, please visit parma.org/2021appeal and consider a donation to the Eparchy to help financially with the many needs we face. Thank you for your generosity!

Our goal this year is \$7,000. So far, 13 contributors have donated \$1,320.50. We're almost 19% toward our goal.

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

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 November 1st was **37**. 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 November 1st was **\$836**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1381.38**

Sun.: \$635; Candles: \$27; Children: \$1; Horizons: \$48; Fuel: \$40; Flowers: \$20; Christmas: \$25; Online: \$40

“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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