



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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 (11-20)

+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.

Friday, November 20, 2020



Pre-festive Day of the Entrance. Venerable Father Gregory the Decapolite (9th Century).

Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446).

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18. Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Great Vespers for ☩ THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

Saturday, November 21, 2020



⊕ ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE.

Vespers: Exodus 40:1-5, 9, 10, 16, 34-35 • 1 Kings 7:51-8:1, 3-7, 9-11 • Ez. 43:27-44:4.

Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56.

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

(for the day: Galatians 1:3-10. Luke 9:57-62).

8:00am Festal Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Rezder Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Mary Strach, from Kris & Phil Babuska

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday

Sunday, November 22, 2020



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

Post-festive Day of the Entrance. The Holy Apostle Philemon and his Companions.

3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20.

Ephesians 4:1-6. Luke 12:16-21.

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 Anthony Gazdecki, from Judith Ng (11-16)

+Mary Strach, from Kris & Phil Babuska (11-21)

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, November 23, 2020



Post-feast of the Entrance. Holy Frs. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium & Gregory, Bishop of Agrigento.

1 Timothy 1:1-7. Luke 17:20-25.

Tuesday, November 24, 2020



Post-festive Day of the Entrance.

⊗ The Holy Great Martyr Catherine (310). The Holy Great Martyr Mercury (c. 255).

1 Timothy 1:8-14. Luke 17:26-37.

9:30 First & Third Hour

Wednesday, November 25, 2020



Leave-taking of the Entrance.

Holy Fathers & Martyrs Clement, Pope of Rome (101) & Peter, Bishop of Alexandria (311).

1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15. Luke 18:15-17, 26-30.

9:30 First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

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

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Thanksgiving Day

Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite (640).

Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Kiev.

1 Timothy 3:1-13. Luke 18:31-34.

10:00am Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving

+Lena Morandini, from the Dalbo Family

Friday, November 27, 2020



The Holy Martyr James the Persian (400). Our Venerable Father Palladius (c. 600).

1 Timothy 4:4-8,16. Luke 19:12-28.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

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 (*Filiporka*)

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”

Byzantine Book Club



The Book Club is discussing *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective* by Fr. Jack Custer on **November 16th 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>



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

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. Thank you to Fr Dcn Lawrence for cleaning this week. 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 parishes and missions. For the good of the faithful, we will examine all regions of the Eparchy and determine the way forward. We will provide consultation in financials, capital improvements, and human resources. We will assess the vitality of parishes and determine the establishment of new parishes as we stabilize ourselves as a community first.

St. Stephen's 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 8th was **47**. 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 8th was **\$1693**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1389.84**

Sun.: \$1230; Candles: \$43; Horizons: \$48; Literature Rack: \$2; Online: \$370

“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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