



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

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).

The Holy Icon of the Theotokos called "the Sign."

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

9:30 First & Third Hour



6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, November 28, 2020



⌘ Holy Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger (767). Holy Martyr Irenarchus (4th C.).

Galatians 3:8-12. Luke 10:19-21.

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Angela Ng, from Judith Ng

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

Sunday, November 29, 2020



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1
The Holy Martyr Paramon (250). The Holy Martyr Philemon.
Our Venerable Father Acacius, mentioned in "The Ladder."

4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.

Ephesians 5:8b-19. Luke 13:10-17.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (11-25)

+Lena Morandini, from the Dalbo Family (11-26)

+Angela Ng, from Judith Ng (11-28)

12:30pm Great Vespers for ✙ Andrew

Monday, November 30, 2020



✙ The Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-called.

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

Matins Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23.

for Andrew: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. John 1:35-51.

(for the day: 1 Timothy 5:1-10. Luke 19:37-44).

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club

Tuesday, December 1, 2020



Day of Alleluia

The Holy Prophet Nahum. Our Holy Father Philaret the Merciful.

1 Timothy 5:11-21. Luke 19:45-48.

9:30am First & Third Hour *(with prostrations)*

7:00pm Vespers *(with prostrations)*

Wednesday, December 2, 2020



Day of Alleluia

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk.


1 Timothy 5:22-6:11a. Luke 20:1-8.

6:00pm Confessions

6:40pm Ninth Hour *(with prostrations)*

7:00pm Vespers *(with prostrations)* &
Small Compline

Thursday, December 3, 2020

 *Day of Alleluia*

The Holy Prophet Zephaniah.

1 Timothy 6:17-21. Luke 20:9-18.

Friday, December 4, 2020



⊗ The Holy Great Martyr Barbara (306). Our Venerable Father John of Damascus (749)

2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18. Luke 20:19-26.

9:30 First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, December 5, 2020



⊕ Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified (532).

Vespers Paramia: Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Luke 6:17-23.

for Sabbas: Galatians 5:22-6:2. Matthew 11:27-30.

(for the day: Galatians 5:22-6:2. Luke 12:32-40).

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Mary Strach, from Mike & Mary Camilleri

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday & St. Nicholas – followed by Confessions

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

“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 23rd 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. Phyllis, Char, & Ceil have signed up to clean this week.





The effectiveness of our faith community and our Eparchy of Parma depends upon the support of our entire parish family. As stewards, we are challenged to show gratitude to God for bestowing us with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. With your financial support, we help build the Kingdom of God. Think of God first. Give your gift to God from the first fruits, not from what is left over.

Visit us online at parma.org/2021appeal to submit your one-time or monthly donation to the Stewardship Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$7,000. As of November 3rd, 13 contributors had donated \$1,320.50, putting us 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 15th was **28**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **40**

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 15th was **\$442**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1376.23**

Sunday: \$408.50; Candles: \$32.50; Children: \$1

“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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