



## SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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

Sunday, December 6, 2020



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

✙ HOLY FR. NICHOLAS THE WONDER-WORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA (343).

*Vespers Paramia:* Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 1:23

• Proverbs 10:31-11:12 • Wisdom 4: 7-15.

*5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Luke 24:12-35.

Ephesians 6:10-17 & for Nicholas: Hebrews 13:17-21.

Luke 17:12-19 & for Nicholas: Luke 6:17-23a.

**8:00am Sunday Matins**

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Debra Grega


health of Michael Rosen, from Ceil & Char (12-12)

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (12-4)

+Mary Strach, from Mike & Mary Camilleri (12-5)

**12:30pm Akathist**

Monday, December 7, 2020

 *Day of Alleluia*


Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397).

2 Timothy 2:20-26. Luke 20:27-44.

**8:00pm Seven Ages of the Kingdom: A Study of Salvation History**

<https://godwithusonline.org/events/seven-ages-of-the-kingdom/>

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

 *Day of Alleluia*

Pre-festive Day of the Maternity of the Holy Anna. Our Venerable Father Patapius.

2 Timothy 3:16-4:4. Luke 21:12-19.

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

**6:00pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** *for the Maternity of the Holy Anna*

*+Irene Hendricks, from Rev. Dcn. Lawrence Hendricks*

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

✙ THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA. Holy Hannah, Mother of Prophet Samuel.

*Vespers Paramia:* Genesis 28: 10-17 • Ezekiel 43:27 - 44:4 • Proverbs 9: 1-11.

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

*for the Maternity:* Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 8:16-21.

*(for the day: 2 Timothy 4:9-22. Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24).*

*6:00pm Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*+Bernard Gutkowski, from Theresa Butella*


Thursday, December 10, 2020



The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Euegraphus (4th Century).

Titus 1:5-2:1. Luke 21:28-33.

Friday, December 11, 2020

 *Day of Alleluia*

Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite (489).

Titus 1:15-2:10. Luke 21:37-22:8.

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

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers**

Saturday, December 12, 2020



✙ Our Lady of Guadalupe (1591).

✙ Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus.

*Vespers Paramia:* Genesis 28: 10-17 • Ezekiel 43:27 - 44:4 • Proverbs 9: 1-11.

*Matins Gospel:* Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

*for Guadalupe:* Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 1:39-56.

(*for the day:* Ephesians 1:16-23. Luke 13:18-29).

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*health of Michael Rosen, from Ceil & Char*

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

Sunday, December 13, 2020



SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS. Tone 3

✙ The Holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes.

The Holy Virgin Martyr Lucy. Our Holy Father Herman of Alaska.

*Vespers Paramia:* Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3.

*6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Luke 24:36-53.

Colossians 3:4-11. Luke 14:16-24.

**8:00am Sunday Matins**


*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

*+Irene Hendricks, from Rev. Dcn. Lawrence Hendricks*

**12:30pm Vespers** – *with prostrations*

Monday, December 14, 2020

 *Day of Alleluia*

The Holy Martyrs Thrysus, Leucas, Philemon, Appolonius, and Callinicus (2nd Century).  
The Blessed Priest and Ascetic Father Nimatulla al-Hardini (Joseph Kassab).

Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19. Mark 8:11-21.

**8:00pm Seven Ages of the Kingdom: A Study of Salvation History**

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Tuesday, December 15, 2020



The Holy Martyr Eleutherius (120). Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra (950).

⌘. Our Holy Father Stephen, Archbishop of Surozh (c. 775).

Hebrews 4:1-13. Mark 8:22-26.


**9:30am First & Third Hour**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt*

**7:00pm Vespers** – *with prostrations*

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

 *Day of Alleluia*

The Holy Prophet Haggai.

Hebrews 5:11-6:8. Mark 8:30-34.

*6:00pm Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*children of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron*


Thursday, December 17, 2020



⌘ The Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Children, Hananiah, Azariah, & Mishael.

Hebrews 7:1-6. Mark 9:10-16.

Friday, December 18, 2020

 *Day of Alleluia*

The Holy Martyr Sebastian and his Companions (287).

Hebrews 7:18-25. Mark 9:33-41.

**9:30am First & Third Hour** – *with prostrations*

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers**

Saturday, December 19, 2020

 *Saturday of Alleluia*

Saturday before the Nativity of the Lord. The Holy Martyr Boniface (290).

Galatians 3:8-12. Luke 13:18-29.

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+Manouk (Mike) Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff*

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

Sunday, December 20, 2020



THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY. THE SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS. Tone 4

⌘ Pre-festive Day of the Nativity. The Holy Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer (107).

*Vespers Paramia:* Genesis 14:14-20 • Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut. 10:14-21.

*7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* John 20:1-10.

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40. Matthew 1:1-25.

**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 Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (12-15)*

*children of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron (12-16)*

**12:30pm Vespers**

Monday, December 21, 2020



Pre-festive Day of the Nativity. The Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (304).

Hebrews 8:7-13. Mark 9:42-10:1.

Tuesday, December 22, 2020



Pre-festive Day of the Nativity. The Holy Great Martyr Anastasia (304).

Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23. Mark 10:2-12.

9:30am **The Churching of the Child on the Fortieth Day**

*followed by First & Third Hour*

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, December 23, 2020



Pre-festive Day of the Nativity. The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete (250).

Commemoration of the Dedication of the Great Church of Holy Wisdom in Constantinople.

Hebrews 10:1-18. Mark 10:11b-16.

6:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Vespers

Thursday, December 24, 2020



*Day of Strict Fast*

Vigil of the Nativity. The Holy Great Martyr Eugenia (262).

*First Hour:* Micah 5:2-4a; Hebrews 1:1-12; Matthew 1:18-25.

*Third Hour:* Baruch 3:36-4:4; Galatians 3:23-4:5; Luke 2:1-20.

*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 7:10-16; 8:1-4, 8-10; Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Matthew 2:1-12.

*Ninth Hour:* Isaiah 9:6-7; Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23.

**10:00am Royal Hours - in Preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord**

*Noon: Decorate the Church for Christmas*

**4:00pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Nativity**

Readers: Ceceilia Hendricks & Carson Daniel Lauffer

6:00pm *Holy Supper*

**9:00pm All-Night Vigil for the Nativity**

# Friday, December 25, 2020

## ⊕ THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

*Vespers Paramia:* Genesis 1:1-13 • Numbers 24:2-3, 5-9, 17-18 • Micah 4:6-7; 5:2-4

- Isaiah 11:1-10 • Baruch 3:35-4:4 • Daniel 2:31-36, 44-45 • Isaiah 9:6-7
- Isaiah 7:10-16a; 8:1-4, 8b-10

*At the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil:* Hebrews 1:1-12. Luke 2:1-20.

*Matins Gospel:* Matthew 1:18-25

*At the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:* Galatians 4:4-7. Matthew 2:1-12.





### 10:00am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Nativity

+Manouk (Mike) Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff (12-19)

Reader: Victor Jiomkowski

#### 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)

## Nut Rolls for Christmas

The Guild will be preparing Nut Rolls for those who would like them for Christmas. There's a sign up sheet in the back of the Church.

The rolls are \$15 each.

Order by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Pick up on December 20<sup>th</sup> in the hall. Payment at time of pick up only.







## Byzantine Book Club

The Byzantine Book Club will not be meeting until January, so as to allow people to participate in the Seven Ages of the Kingdom Study (*information below*).

The Book Club will next meet on **January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** and continue discussing *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective*, which looks at the Gospels from the perspective of the Greek Fathers and the liturgical usage of the Byzantine Churches with reference to 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>

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## 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.

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](https://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.



**Stewardship is a manifestation of deep faith.** On behalf of the priests who have preached and those who are still preaching the Word of God, and the seminarians who in the future will be preaching, please support the activities connected with the preaching of the Word of God. Many of the priests serving in our Eparchy came as mission priests, leaving behind their families and countries so they could preach the Word of God to you because they know the Word of God gives life.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$7,000. As of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20 contributors have donated \$2,782.25, which puts us at almost 40% toward our goal. Join those who have given already and submit your one-time or monthly donation to the Stewardship Appeal: [parma.org/2021appeal](http://parma.org/2021appeal). Thank you for your generosity!

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> was **40**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **38**

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 29<sup>th</sup> was **\$2,707.50**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1408.28**

Sun.: \$2068; Holy Day: \$150; Children: \$1; Candles: \$53.50; Special Donation: \$250; Fuel: \$145; 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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