



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

January 10th, 2021

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Christ is baptized! 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, January 9, 2021

Saturday after Theophany. Post-festive Day of the Theophany. Holy Martyr Polyeuct (230).

for the Saturday after Theophany: Ephesians 6:10-17. Matthew 4:1-11.

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Joseph Humenik, from Phyllis Humenik

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

Sunday, January 10, 2021

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. Tone 7

Our Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa (c. 395). Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Melitene (602).

Our Venerable Father Marcion, Priest and Econome of the Great Church (c. 471).

Our Venerable Father Theophan the Recluse (1894).

10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14.

for the Sunday after Theophany: Ephesians 4:7-13. Matthew 4:12-17.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy *with the Baptism of Thomas Cassius Sabula*

- for the people of the parish

Reader: Cecilia Hendricks

+Joseph Humenik, from Phyllis Humenik (1-9)

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, January 11, 2021

Post-festive Day of the Theophany. ✠ Venerable Fr. Theodosius, Founder of the common life (529).

for Theodosius: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Matthew 11:27-30.

(for the day: James 2:14-26. Mark 10:46-52).

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club

<https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh?authuser=0>

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Post-festive Day of the Theophany. The Holy Martyr Tatiana (c. 227).

James 3:1-10. Mark 11:11-23.

9:30am First Third Hour

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Wednesday, January 13, 2021



Post-festive Day of the Theophany. The Holy Martyrs Hermylaus and Stratonicus (c. 309).

Our Venerable Father Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers.

James 3:11-4:6. Mark 11:22b-26.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

8:00pm PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE: A Patristic Study of Deification

<https://godwithusonline.org/events/partakers-of-the-divine-nature/>

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Leave-taking of the Theophany. Venerable Frs. martyred by Arabs in Sinai & Raitho (312).

Commemoration of the Passing of the holy Equal-to-the-apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians.

James 4:7-5:9. Mark 11:27-33.

Friday, January 15, 2021



⌘ Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes (c. 345) and John the Hut-dweller (5th Century).

1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10. Mark 12:1-12.

9:30am First Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, January 16, 2021

⌘ The Veneration of the Chains of the Holy Apostle Peter.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23. Luke 17:3-10.

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, January 17, 2021

THE SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS. THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

✙ Our Venerable Father Anthony the Great (356).

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

11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

1 Timothy 4:9-15. Luke 19:1-10.

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 Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (1-12)

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (1-15)

+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (1-16)

12:30pm Vespers

Monday, January 18, 2021

⌘ Our Holy Fathers Athanasius (373) and Cyril of Alexandria (444).

1 Peter 2:21b-3:9. Mark 12:13-17.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club

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Tuesday, January 19, 2021

⌘ Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (390).

1 Peter 3:10-22. Mark 12:18-27.

9:30am First Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Laura Gazdecki, from Judith Ng

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

✙ Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great (473).

Matins Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30.

for Euthymius: Hebrews 13: 17-21. Luke 6:17-23.

(for the day: 1 Peter 4:1-11. Mark 12:28-37).

9:30am First Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

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

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

8:00pm PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE: A Patristic Study of Deification

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Thursday, January 21, 2021

Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (c. 620). Holy Martyr Neophyte (4th C).

Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, & Aquila. Holy Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome.

1 Peter 4:12-5:5. Mark 12:38-44.

9:00am Panachida *for +Elizabeth Russell on 20th anniversary of her death*

Friday, January 22, 2021



The Holy Apostle Timothy. The Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628).

2 Peter 1:1-10a. Mark 13:1-8.

9:30am First Third Hour

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)



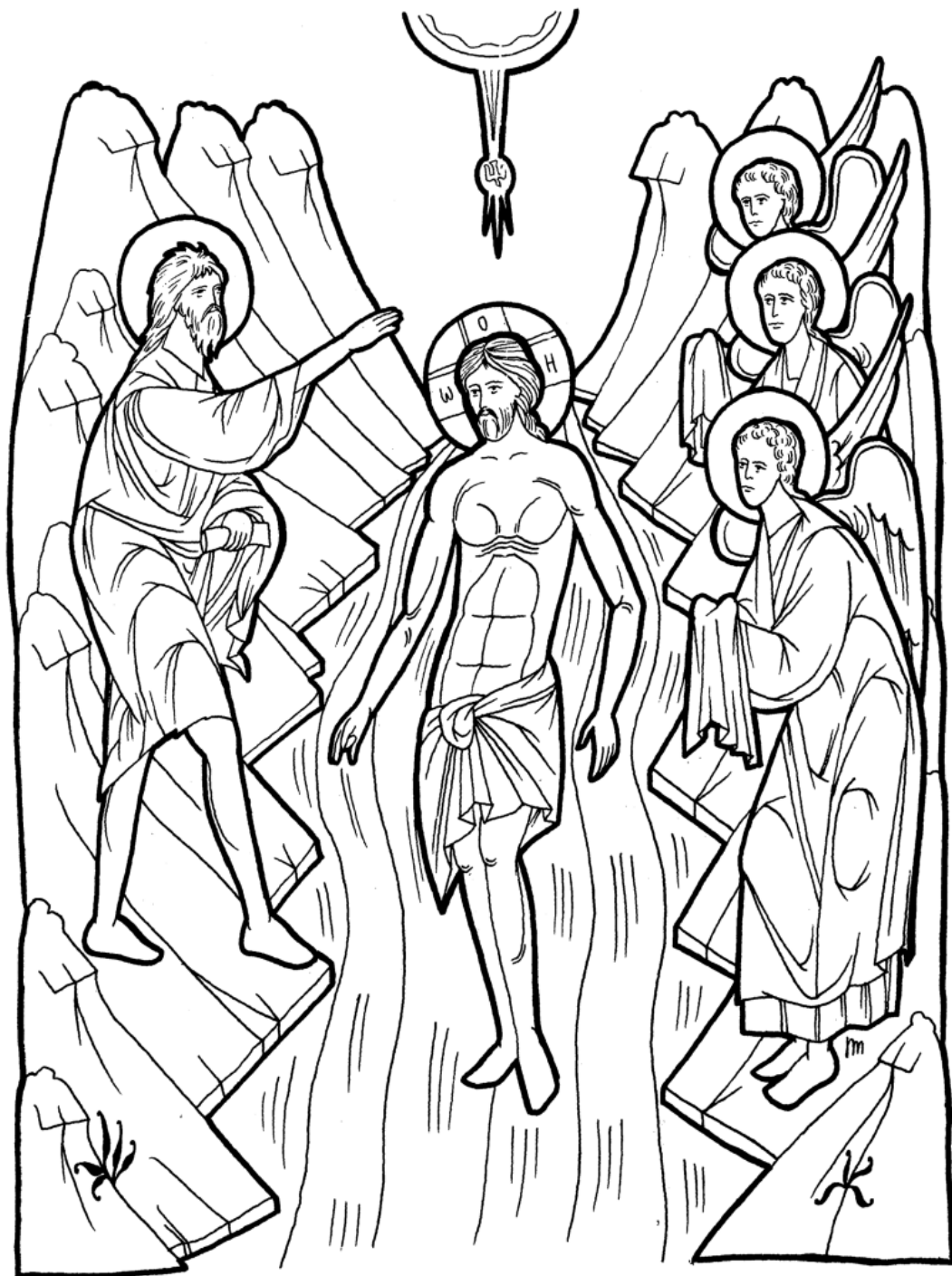
by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



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)



House Blessings

House blessings continue. It is traditional for us all to have our houses blessed with the Jordan Water consecrated on the feast of Theophany. Ideally, House Blessings take place during the postfestive season of Theophany (**from January 6th – 14th**), but other times are also possible. Please let me know if and when I may come bless your house. You may submit your house blessing envelope with dates written on it. Or, you may sign up on the sheets available in the back of the Church. Or, contact me.

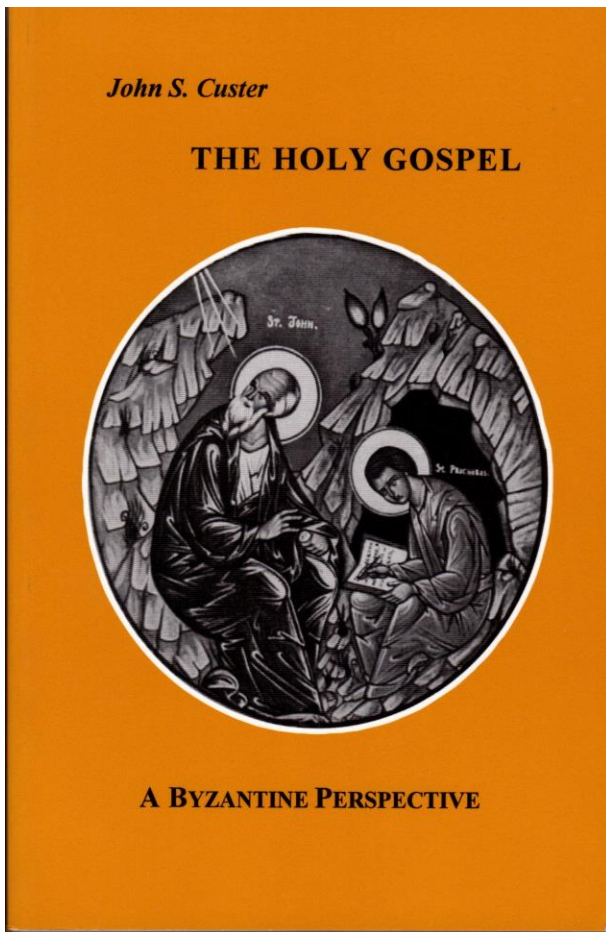
Byzantine Book Club

Our Book Club will next meet on **January 11th at 7pm** and continue discussing *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective*, by Fr. Jack Custer, (rector of the Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in Passaic). The book 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. Copies are available in the narthex.

Fr. Deacon Lawrence & Pani Mary host the Byzantine Book Club from their home. You can join through Google Hangouts at the following link:

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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.

MEAT FARE & GIFT DISCERNMENT

Something very special is coming for members of St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church on Meat Fare Sunday. As you know, we Eastern Catholics begin our preparation for Pascha in some very special ways. This year is really special.

Meat Fare Sunday (**February 7, 2021**) is traditionally the last day we eat meat until Pascha. This year, we will have a potluck on Meat Fare Sunday. (Fr. John says, “luck is a heresy” – where he’s from they call this a “pitch-in”). Sign up with what you plan to bring on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church. (Hopefully we get plenty of meat dishes – but also a good variety). We’ll begin our meal around noon.

But then we’ll get to the real “meat” of the event: at around 1pm, we will do a Spiritual Gift Discernment exercise. Dan Lauffer, our Director of Evangelization, will present about spiritual gifts and then we will do a personal gift discernment which will help you discern what the Holy Spirit has gifted you with and will help the Church to understand better what gifts our members have for the upbuilding of the Church.

In preparation, read Romans 12; I Corinthians 12; and Ephesians 4.

Begin now to plan for your favorite foods to offer to our other members and bring them to Church on February 7 for Meat Fare. For further information contact the Church office 313-382-5901 or Director of Evangelization, Carson Daniel Lauffer 248-309-1552 or carsonlauffer0903@comcast.net.

The Eighth Annual Women's Retreat: Our Lord's Mercy

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, Ohio

Friday, February 19th through Sunday, February 21, 2021
(the first weekend of the Great Fast)

The retreat master is one of Fr. John's spiritual fathers:

Rev. John (Ivan) Freishyn-Chirovsky

Physical distancing and mask-wearing will be observed according to the guidelines of the State of Ohio. The fee is \$200 for a single or \$225 for a single with private bath. More information is available in the pamphlet in the vestibule of the church.

Christmas Flowers Offered

in memory of:

Anthony & Irene Bonacor

John Bonacor

Mr. & Mrs. M. Borella

Stephen Borella

Chuck & Mary Burja

Butella Family

Harry Capron

Michael & Kathryn Druga

Joseph Humenik

Angela Ng

Joseph Sutyak

Andrew Yatcko

Helen Yatcko

& in honor of:

David Capron

Donna Capron



Special Donation from the Greek Catholic Union

Due to the challenges presented by the current pandemic, many parishes are suffering financial hardships. To assist each of the parishes of the Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States, the GCU's Board of Directors established a COVID-19 Grant Program. In the true spirit of St. Nicholas, they presented our parish with a grant of \$1,000. Thank you to the GCU!

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. Char, Ceil, Phyllis & Veronica have signed up to clean this week.



The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the Eparchy including evangelization and ministries, charity, retired priests, and parishes and missions.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$7,000. As of January 5th, 25 contributors (about 29% of our households) have donated \$3973.75, which puts us at almost 57% toward our goal.

Please respond with your pledge and payments today! You may use the forms mailed to you in October or visit us online at parma.org/2021appeal to make your one-time or monthly donation. Thank you for your generosity in 2020!

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

St. Stephen Parish donates \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry

Since our last contributions,

for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$119

for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on January 3rd was **41**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **35**

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 January 3rd was **\$2,195.50**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1492.09**

Sun.: \$600; Children: \$1; Candles: \$49.50; Fuel: \$40; Holy Day: \$90; Christmas: \$250; Initial Offering: \$80; Online: \$85; GCU Grant: \$1,000;

“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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