



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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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, 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*

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

## 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**

## Saturday, January 23, 2021

The Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra (c. 296). The Holy Martyr Agathangel (c. 296).  
Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council.

2 Timothy 2:11-19. Luke 18:2-8a.

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

### **10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*for priestly vocations & for the sons of Laura Gazdecki*

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

## Sunday, January 24, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Tone 1

Our Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome. Our Holy Mother Xenia of St. Petersburg.

The Holy Martyrs in Pidlashia, the Blessed Vincent Lewoniuk and his companions.

*1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20.*

2 Timothy 3:10-15. Luke 18:10-14.

### **8:00am Sunday Matins**

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

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

Reader: Debra Grega

*for priestly vocations,*

*for Laura Gazdecki & for her sons from Judith Ng (1-19 & 23)*

*+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (1-20)*

*+Elizabeth Russell, from Rev. John Russell (1-21)*

*After Divine Liturgy: Parish Advisory Councils Meeting*

**1:00pm Great Vespers**

## Monday, January 25, 2021

✙ Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389).

*Vespers Paramia: Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 32, 34, 4, 12, 14 17, 5-9; 1:23*

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

*Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9.*

*for Gregory: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. John 10:9-16.*

*(for the day: 2 Peter 1:20-2:9. Mark 13:9-13.)*

*7:00pm Byzantine Book Club*

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## Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Venerable Fr. Xenophon & his Wife Mary (520). Holy Fr. Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

2 Peter 2:9-22. Mark 13:14-23.

**9:30am First Third Hour**

**6:00pm Great Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*+Michael & +Irene Hrubciak, from Rt. Rev. Mitred Archpriest Dennis Hrubciak*

## Wednesday, January 27, 2021 *no fasting*

✙ The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father John Chrysostom (438).

*Matins Gospel:* John 10:1-9.

*for the Relics:* Hebrews 7:26-8:2. John 10:9-16.

*(for the day: 2 Peter 3:1-18. Mark 13:24-31).*

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers**

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

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## Thursday, January 28, 2021

⌘ Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh (378).

Our Venerable Father Issac the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh.

The Passing of our Venerable mother Olympia Bida (1952).

1 John 1:8-2:6. Mark 13:31-14:2.

### 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)

# Byzantine Book Club

John S. Custer

## THE HOLY GOSPEL



A BYZANTINE PERSPECTIVE

Our Book Club will next meet on **January 11<sup>th</sup> 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; 1 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](mailto: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 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.*



## 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 Char, Ceil, Phyllis & Veronica for cleaning this week. Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski have signed up to clean this week.



**The Stewardship Appeal is in its third month** and we have just a few more months to reach this year's goal! 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 25 contributors (about 29% of our households) have donated \$3973.75, which puts us at almost 57% toward our goal.

Have you made your contribution yet? Visit us online at [parma.org/2021appeal](http://parma.org/2021appeal) to submit your donation. As we profess our faith through the Nicene Creed, let's also profess it with our actions and our gifts of time, talent, and treasure!

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> was **40**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **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 10<sup>th</sup> was **\$802.50**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1478.29**

Sun.: \$440; Candles: \$67.50; Fuel: \$50; Holy Day: \$105; Initial Offering: \$50; Online: \$85

“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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