



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 11th, 2021

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Christ is Risen! 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

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

Sunday, April 11, 2021

THOMAS SUNDAY. The Holy Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum in Asia (c. 92).

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

Acts 5:12-20. John 20:19-31.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (4-5)

+Ernest Semak, from Bob & Jane Semak (4-7)

+Frank & Mary Kovtun, from the family (4-10)

7:00pm Vespers – *in Ann Arbor*

Monday, April 12, 2021

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parium (735).

Acts 3:19-26. John 2:1-11.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club - meet.google.com/woh-kxmx-pme

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

The Holy Priest-Martyr Artemon and his Companions (303).

Acts 4:1-10. John 3:16-21.

9:30am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

*Because of attendance, the final blessing and distribution of the Artos may be transferred from Bright Saturday to Thomas Sunday. -2021 Typikon

Wednesday, April 14, 2021



Our Holy Father and Confessor Martin, Pope of Rome (665).
The Holy New Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius (1342).
Acts 4:13-22. John 5:17b-24.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, April 15, 2021

The Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus.
Acts 4:23-31. John 5:24-30.

Friday, April 16, 2021



The Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chiona (c. 304).
Acts 5:1-11. John 5:30b-6:2.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Our Venerable Fr. Simeon of Persia (c. 341). Venerable Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (435).
Acts 5:21-33. John 6:14-27.

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Fr. Cyril Attak, from Louise Dalbo

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

Sunday, April 18, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. Tone 2

Our Venerable Father John, Disciple of the Holy Gregory the Decapolite (820).

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

Acts 6:1-7. Mark 15:43-16:8.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Victor Jiomkowski

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng

+Fr. Cyril Attak, from Louise Dalbo

7:00pm Vespers – *in Ann Arbor*

Monday, April 19, 2021

Our Venerable Father John of the Ancient Cave (8th Century).

Acts 6:8-7:5a, 47-60. John 4:46b-54.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club - meet.google.com/woh-kxmx-pme

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Our Venerable Father Theodore the Hair-shirt Wearer (c. 400).

Acts 8:5-17. John 6:27-33.

9:30am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, April 21, 2021



Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius and his Companions (305). Holy Martyr Theodore of Perga.

Acts 8:18-25. John 6:35-39.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

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

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sykiot (c. 613).

Acts 8:26-39. John 6:40-44.

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ⊕ THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR GEORGE

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Friday, April 23, 2021



⊕ THE HOLY & VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER (303).

Vespers Paramia: Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Luke 12:2-12.

for St. George: Acts 12:1-11. John 15:17-16:2.

(and for the day: Acts 8:40-9:19a. John 6:48-54).

6:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, April 24, 2021

The Holy Martyr Sabbas the General (272).

Acts 9:19-31. John 15:17-16:2.

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

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)

Paschal Sunday Evening Vespers in Ann Arbor

We are continuing to celebrate our Sunday evening Vespers during the Paschal season in Ann Arbor rather than Allen Park. Please join us there **each Sunday at 7pm**. St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ann Arbor has again kindly invited us to celebrate Vespers in their church:

2250 E Stadium Blvd.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

<https://www.stfrancisa2.com/>

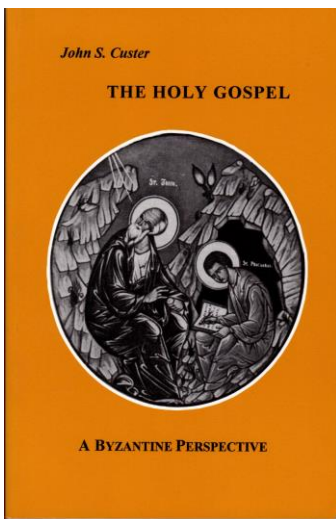
Byzantine Book Club

Our Book Club will next meet on **April 12th 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:

meet.google.com/woh-kxmx-pme



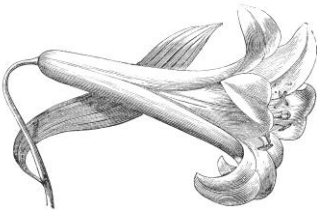
Church Cleaning

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. Ryan & Catherine Coffey-Burns have signed up to clean this week.



Being Eastern Catholic

"It's not easy being Eastern Catholic, and some have a difficult time with it. We are often misunderstood by our fellow Catholics (Latins), and we are sometimes reviled by our fellow Eastern Christians (Orthodox). When you think about it, though, being misunderstood by some and reviled by others puts us in pretty good company. What we represent is extremely important, more so than most of us realize: Our existence is a witness that one can be Catholic without being Latin, and that one can be Eastern without being separated from Rome. Those facts make people on both sides of the divide uncomfortable, and we sometimes pay the price for that discomfort. For me, though, it's worth it." - *Father Deacon Anthony Dragani*



*Paschal Flowers
have been offered in memory of*

Mr. & Mrs. M. Borella
the Butella Family
Dawn
Mr. & Mrs. Ferenc Griba
the Gutkowski Family
Helen Humenik

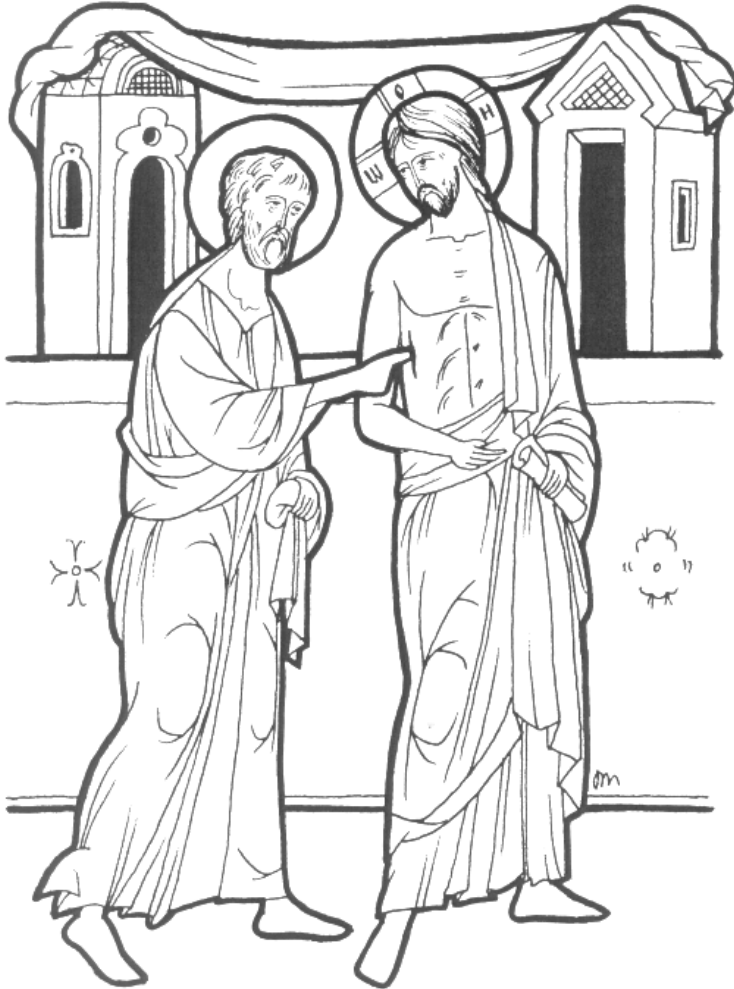
Jim Humenik, Sr.
Peter Humenik
Ruth Humenik
Roberta Kadluz
Mary
Angela Ng

Sid Osmond
Joseph Sutyak
Mr. Frank Vitagliano
Ng Chok Wah & 2 wives
Andrew Yatcko
Helen Yatcko
Mr. & Mrs. Roman Zukow

THOMAS WEEK

“Our Lord took the doubt of his apostle Thomas and turned it into faith, revealing to him the wounds in his side and hands. This week is a feast of our faith in the resurrection, bestowing on us the hope of newness of life and victory over death, and we join our profession with that of Thomas, crying out to the risen Messiah, ‘My Lord and my God.’” -Fr. David Petras, 2021 *Typikon*

∴ THE DOUBTING THOMAS ∴





The Visitation Icon

As a parish, let's pray all year long for life and for an end to abortion.

We have an icon of Mary while she was pregnant with God visiting her cousin Elizabeth while she was pregnant with John the Forerunner. Please sign up to take this icon home with you one week of this year and bring it back the following week to give to another home. While the icon is in your home, may it inspire meditation on the mystery of life and prayer for life and an end to abortion.

- Sunday, April 11th, Ceil Burja will take home the icon.
- Sunday, April 18th, Andrew Yatcko will take home the icon.
- Sunday, April 25th, Helen Wood will take home the icon.
- Sunday, May 2nd, Marcus Halcomb will take home the icon

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

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

We donated \$204 for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

Since our last contributions,

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

Image of God Pregnancy Center

Our parish is presently forming a relationship with Image of God Pregnancy Center (4151 Seminole St., Detroit), a place of hope for disadvantaged women on the city's east side for the past 11 years. Their facility provides vital resources at no cost to current and expecting mothers, from pregnancy testing to professional counseling, in Detroit's most underserved area. By contributing to their mission of charity, we give action to the words we pray over the Icon of the Visitation this year: "We beseech You to soften the hearts of mothers and fathers who would seek to destroy Your little ones. Pour out upon them Your divine Grace that they may be convicted in their hearts and turn from their evil ways to embrace the True Faith."

We can currently assist them by providing the following donations: **diapers** (sizes 4-6), **Pull-Ups** (2T-3T, 4T-5T), **baby wipes**, **baby lotion**, **baby shampoo**, **baby powder** (no talc), **pacifiers/teethers**, and **diaper bags**. Please bring donations to the designated area in the narthex. Due to Covid-19 precautions, they have asked that our volunteer efforts be limited to bringing the parish's donations and organizing materials between 5:00 and 6:30PM on Thursdays, or 10:00 and 11:30AM on Saturdays. If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, reach out to Ryan Coffey-Burns at (847) 477-6624 or rmsijburns@gmail.com for more information. You can also contact the center directly at (313) 923-8018.



We have just one week left for the 2020/21 Annual Stewardship Appeal.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$7,000. As of April 6th, 30 contributors have donated \$6224.84, which puts us almost 89% toward our goal.

If you have not donated yet, please prayerfully consider how you can help the Eparchy financially this year. Visit parma.org/2021appeal to make a donation. Thank you for your generosity

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on April 4th was **56**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **33**

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 April 4th was **\$3,434.52**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,656.03**

Sunday: \$1725; Pascha: \$1085; Holy Day: \$326; Online: \$94.52; Fuel: \$115; Candles: \$58; Books: \$6; Flowers: \$25

“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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