

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

## 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 Jiompkowski

*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](https://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*

*+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng*

## 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 Goth (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

## Sunday, April 25, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Tone 3

✦ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

*Vespers:* James 1:1-12 • James 1:13-27 • James 2:1-13.

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

Acts 9:32-42 & for St. Mark: 1 Peter 5:6-14. John 5:1-15 & for St. Mark: Mark 6:7-13.

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

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

**10:00am Divine Liturgy** - for the people of the parish    Reader: Carson Daniel Lauffer

+Michael & +Irene Hrubiak, from Rt. Rev. Mitred Archbishop Dennis Hrubiak

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng

+Meloyne & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

**7:00pm Vespers** – in Ann Arbor

## Monday, April 26, 2021

The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (322).

Acts 10:1-16. John 6:56-69.

*7:00pm Byzantine Book Club* - [meet.google.com/woh-kxmx-pme](https://meet.google.com/woh-kxmx-pme)

## Tuesday, April 27, 2021

⊗ The Holy Bishop-Martyr Simeon, Relative of our Lord.

Our Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia (1094).

Acts 10:21-33. John 7:1-13.

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

# Wednesday, April 28, 2021



MID-PENTECOST. The Holy Apostles Jason and Sospater.  
The Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus, and Quintillian (c. 350).  
Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov (c. 1182).

*Vespers Paramia:* Micah 4:2-3, 5; 6:2-5, 8; 5:3 • Isaiah 55:1; 12:3-4; 55:2-3, 6-13 •

Proverbs 9:1-11.

Acts 14:6b-18. John 7:14-30.

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

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff*

*6:00pm Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*intention of George Durisin, from Bob & Jane Semak*

# Thursday, April 29, 2021

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice (3rd Century).  
Our Venerable Father Memnon the Wonder-worker (c. 250).

Acts 10:34-43. John 8:12-20.

## 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)

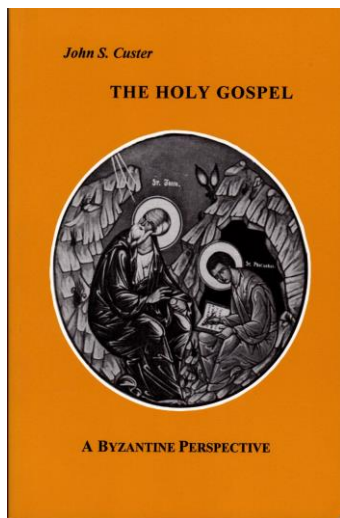
# Paschal Sunday Evening Vespers in Ann Arbor

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 19<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:

[meet.google.com/woh-kxmx-pme](https://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. Thank you to Ryan & Catherine Coffey-Burns for cleaning this week. Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski have signed up to clean this week.





## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Yatcko will take home the icon.
- Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Helen Wood will take home the icon.
- Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 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.



**This weekend marks the end of this year's Eparchial Stewardship Appeal.** Payments can continue to be made through the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2021. Visit [parma.org/2021appeal](http://parma.org/2021appeal) to make your donation. Thank you to everyone who participated with their **time, talent, and treasure**. Your participation has allowed our Eparchy of Parma to continue to provide funds to support evangelization and ministries, charity, retired priests, and parishes and missions. God Bless you!

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



**ATTENDANCE** – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on April 11<sup>th</sup> was **46**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **34**

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 11<sup>th</sup> was **\$1860.67**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,675.16**

Sunday: \$665; Pascha: \$525; Holy Day: \$40; Children: \$2; Online: \$551.67; Fuel: \$50; Candles: \$27

“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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