



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 25th, 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 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: Ryan Coffey-Burns

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

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng

+Melvyn & +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

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.

Friday, April 30, 2021



Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost.

✦ The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Holy Apostle & Evangelist John the Theologian.

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

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for James: Acts 12:1-11. Luke 5:1-11.

(for the day: Acts 10:44-11:10. John 8:21-30).

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Prophet Jeremiah.
The Passing of Blessed Clement Sheptyckyj (1951).

Acts 12:1-11. John 8:31-42a.

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn & Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

4:00pm Great Vespers *for Sunday*

Sunday, May 2, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Tone 4
⊗ Our Holy Father Athanasius the Great (373).

7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10. Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. John 4:5-42.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

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following Divine Liturgy: Akathist to the Theotokos

7:00pm Great Vespers – *in Ann Arbor*

Monday, May 3, 2021

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Timothy and his Wife Maura (286).
✦ The Passing of our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Monastery of the Caves (1074).

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

Matins Gospel: Luke 6:17-23.

for Theodosius: Hebrews 13:7-16. Luke 6:17-23.

(for the day: Acts 12:12-17. John 8:42-51).

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

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Pelagia (287).

Acts 12:25-13:12. John 8:51-59.

9:30am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, May 5, 2021



Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene.

Our Venerable Father Nicephor, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery (14th Century).

Acts 13:13-24. John 6:5-14.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, May 6, 2021

The Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering.

Acts 14:20b-27. John 9:39-10:9.

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)

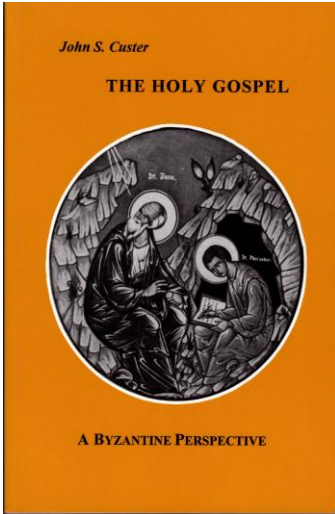
Paschal Sunday Evening Vespers in Ann Arbor

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 26th 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

The Visitation Icon

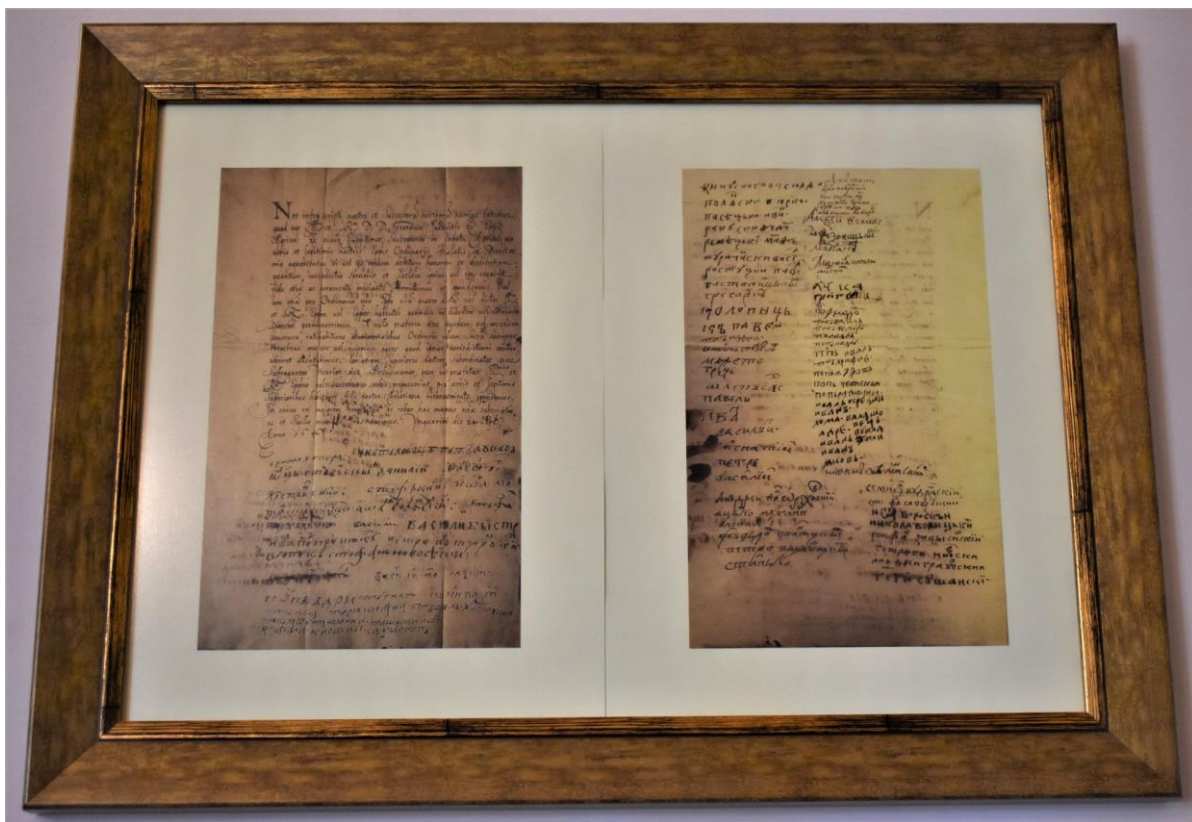
As a parish, let's pray all year long for life and for an end to abortion. We have an icon of Mary while she was pregnant with God visiting her cousin Elizabeth while she was pregnant with John the Forerunner. Please sign up to take this icon home with you one week of this year and bring it back the 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 25th, Helen Wood will take home the icon.
- Sunday, May 2nd, Marcus Halcomb will take home the icon
- Sunday, May 9th, will you take home the icon? Sign up!
- Sunday, May 16th, will you take home the icon? Sign up!
- Sunday, May 23rd, Sarah Marron will take home the icon.

Original document of the Union of Uzhhorod 375th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNION OF UZHHOROD

On April 24, 1646, at the Castle of Ungvár in Uzhhorod, Ukraine, a decree of union was signed bringing several Churches of the Orthodox Church into communion with the Roman Catholic Church. This reunification was initiated by 63 Orthodox priests. From this union, the Eparchy of Mukachevo was formed and it is from this Eparchy that our Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States is descended. The original document of union was only recently rediscovered in 2016 by Rev. Dr. Juraj Gradoš, after being lost for many years.



Original document of the Union of Uzhhorod

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. Phyllis, Char, & Ceil have signed up to clean this week. Thank you to Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski for cleaning last week!



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.

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on April 18th was **39**. 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 18th was **\$1,143.87**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,640.48**
Sunday: \$775; Holy Day: \$20; Children: \$1; Online: \$264.87; Initial Offering: \$10; Candles: \$73

“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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