



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI  
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May 2<sup>nd</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

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

## 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

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

*+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff*

*+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron*

*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](https://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.

## Friday, May 7, 2021



⊗ The Appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens

at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius (357).

The Holy Martyr Acacius (303).

Acts 15:5-34. John 10:17-28.

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

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt*

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Great Vespers** for ⊕ the Holy Apostle John

## Saturday, May 8, 2021

⊕ Holy Apostle & Evangelist John the Theologian. Venerable Fr. Arsenius the Great (448).

*Vespers:* 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

*Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.

*for John:* 1 John 1:1-7. John 19: 25-27; 21:24-25.

*(for the day: Acts 15:35-41. John 10:27-38).*

*9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service*

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*intention of the children of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron*

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Great Vespers** for Sunday – followed by Confessions

# Sunday, May 9, 2021

*Mother's Day*

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. Tone 5

The Holy Prophet Isaiah. The Holy Martyr Christopher (249).

+ The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicholas to Bari (1087).

*8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* John 20:11-18.

Acts 16:16-34. John 9:1-38.

**8:00am Sunday Matins**

**9:45am Moleben for our Mothers**

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

*intention*

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**7:00pm Great Vespers** – in Ann Arbor

# Monday, May 10, 2021

+ The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot. Repose of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Vasile Aftenie.

*Vespers:* 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

*Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.

*for Simon:* 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Matthew 13:54-58.

*(for the day: Acts 17:1-15. John 11:47-57).*

**6:00pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for ☩ Our Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng

# Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The Foundation of Constantinople (330). The Holy Priest-Martyr Mocius (250).

☩ Our Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs (9th Century).

The Blessed Martyr Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila (1976).

*Vespers Paramia:* Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 1:23; 15:4

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

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

*for Cyril & Methodius:* Hebrews 13:17-21. John 10:9-16.

*(for the day: Acts 17:19-28a. John 12:19-36a).*

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

**6:30pm Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for the Leave-taking of Pascha.\*

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

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\* "After the Ambon Prayer, the Burial Shroud (*plaschanitza*) is taken from the Holy Table and presented to the faithful for veneration. For this veneration, it may be placed either in the tomb, or on the tetrapod, or on a special table. During the veneration, the Paschal Troparion and Kontakion or the Paschal Stichera may be sung, after the Veneration, it is returned to the place it is kept throughout the year." -Typikon

# Wednesday, May 12, 2021



Leave-taking of Pascha.

Holy Frs. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403) & Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (740).

Acts 18:22-28. John 12:36-47.

**6:00pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ⊕ THE ASCENSION**

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

# Thursday, May 13, 2021

⊕ THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD, & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

*Vespers Paramia:* Isaiah 2:2-3 • Isaiah 62:10-63:9 • Zachariah 14:1, 4, 8-11.

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

Acts 1:1-12. Luke 24:36-53.

**8:00am Matins for ⊕ THE ASCENSION**

# Friday, May 14, 2021



Post-festive Day of Ascension. The Holy Martyr Isidore (251).

Acts 19:1-8. John 14:1-11a.

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

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers**

- ⊕ Great Feast
- ⊕ Feast with an All-night Vigil
- ⊕ Feast with the Polyelos at Matins
- ⊕ Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins
- ⊕ Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers

## LEGEND



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)

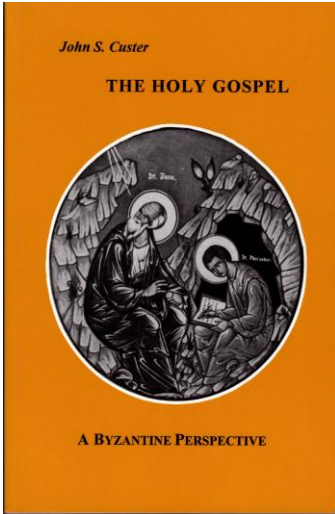
## Paschal Sunday Evening Vespers in Ann Arbor

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 **May 3<sup>rd</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)

### 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, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marcus Halcomb will take home the icon
- Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, will you take home the icon? Sign up!
- Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, will you take home the icon? Sign up!
- Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sarah Marron will take home the icon.

## From the Catechism, *Christ – Our Pascha*:

### INTRODUCTION

1 The source of Christian life is faith in the risen Christ. This faith, formulated by the Church in the Nicene Creed, also known as the Niceno-Constantinopolitan *Symbol of Faith*, is expressed in her liturgical prayer. Through this liturgical prayer we become partakers of Christ's Passover—partakers of *new life* in Christ. In this new life, we grow by means of spiritual work and moral effort. Therefore, a coupling of the Symbol of Faith with the Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great forms the methodological key for the text of the Catechism *Christ – Our Pascha*.

### A. Symbol of Faith

2 Concerning faith in the risen Christ as the very source of Christian life, the apostle Peter preached the following: “Jesus of Nazareth ... God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ... This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses” (*Acts* 2:22-24, 32). The significance of the Resurrection for our salvation is affirmed by the apostle Paul: “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile” (*1 Cor* 15:17). Thus, for almost two thousand years, the Church has unceasingly witnessed and preached the Resurrection of Christ in order that people may believe and be saved: “How are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ... So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ” (*Rom* 10:14, 17).

3 By its very name, *Christ – Our Pascha*, our Catechism already points to the Paschal foundations of faith: Christ has “trampled death by death,” and by his Resurrection “has granted life eternal.” Faith in the Resurrection of Christ leads us to faith in God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; for Christ, the Son of God, “one in the Holy Trinity,” in the Holy Spirit has revealed God the Father to us. The Church solemnly professes this faith of the apostles in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Symbol of Faith:

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfilment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# CHARITABLE GIVING

*from St. Stephen Parish*

*St. Stephen Parish donates \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry  
Since our last contributions,  
for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138*

## **Catholic Home Missions Collection - May 16, 2021**

Our collection for Catholic Home Missions is coming up. The Eparchy of Parma directly benefits from this USCCB Collection for the financial support of our missions and outreaches including our St. Louis Mission, Omaha-Lincoln Outreach, and Iowa Outreach. The envelope for this collection is in your boxes misdated for Jun 20, 2021.

## **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](mailto:rmsijburns@gmail.com) for more information. You can also contact the center directly at (313) 923-8018.

## **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. No one has signed up to clean this week. Thank you to Phyllis, Char, & Ceil for cleaning last week!





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

Attendance on April 25<sup>th</sup> was **43**. 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 April 25<sup>th</sup> was **\$1,398.02**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,634.18**

Sunday: \$955; Pascha: \$50; Children: \$1; Online: \$294.52; Candles: \$17.50; Books: \$25; Fuel: \$55

“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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