



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 16th, 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

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

Sunday, May 16, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE 1ST NICEAN COUNCIL. Tone 6

Post-festive Day of Ascension.

Venerable Fr. Theodore the Consecrated, Disciple of our Venerable Fr. Pachomius (368).

The Holy Martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia.

Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Vladimir Bajrak at the Drohobych Prison (1946).

Vespers Paramia: Genesis 14:14-20 • Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut. 10:14-21.

10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14.

Acts 20:16-18a, 28-36. John 17:1-13.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

for the healing of Bernie (Bernard) Sweka, from Debra Grega (5-15)

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng (5-10)

+Michael & +Irene Hrubciak, from Rt. Rev. Mitred Archbishop Dennis Hrubciak (5-11)

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (5-12)

7:00pm Vespers – *in Ann Arbor*

Monday, May 17, 2021

Tax Day – & Don Butella's Birthday!

Post-festive Day of Ascension. The Holy Apostle Andronicus and his Companions.

The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Ivan Ziatyk (1952).

Acts 21:8-14. John 14:27b-15:7.

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Post-festive Day of Ascension. The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (303).

The Holy Martyrs Peter, Denis, and their Companions (250). The Holy Seven Virgins.

Acts 21:26-32. John 16:2b-13a.

9:30am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

Wednesday, May 19, 2021



Post-festive Day of Ascension. Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussia & his Companions.
Acts 23:1-11. John 16:15-23.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

for the healing of Cathy Bogusky

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Post-festive Day of Ascension. The Holy Martyr Thaleleus (284).
Acts 25:13-19. John 16:23b-33a.

Friday, May 21, 2021



Leave-taking of Ascension.

+ The Holy Emperor Constantine (337) and his Mother Helen (327), Equals to the Apostles.
for Constantine & Helen: Acts 26:1-5, 12-20. John 9:39-10:9.

(for the day: Acts 27:1-44. John 17:18-26.)

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Saturday of Souls. Holy Martyr Basiliscus. Holy & Righteous Melchizedek, King of Salem.
Commemoration of the 2nd Ecumenical Council of Constantinople. Holy Mother Rita of Cascia.

Acts 28:1-31 & for the departed: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

John 21:15-25 & for the departed: John 5:24-30.

9:45am Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy – followed by a Panachida for All Souls

children of Meloyne & Sarah Marron, from Sarrah Marron

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

Sunday, May 23, 2021

⊕ PENTECOST SUNDAY. Tone 7

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synnada (818).

Venerable Euphrosyne, Hegumena of the Monastery of our Holy Savior in Polotsk (1173).

Vespers Paramia: Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29 • Joel 2:23-32 • Ezekiel 36:24-28.

Matins Gospel: John 20:19-23.

Acts 2:1-11. John 7:37-52; 8:12.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Debra Grega

for the healing of Cathy Bogusky (5-19)

children of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarrah Marron (5-22)

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng (5-21)

Parish Councils Meeting after Divine Liturgy

7:00pm Kneeling Vespers – in Ann Arbor

Monday, May 24, 2021

no fasting during Pentecost Week

PENTECOST MONDAY. ☩ Our Venerable Fr. Simeon of the Wondrous Mountain (596).

☩. Our Venerable Father Nicetas the Stylite, the Wonder-worker of Perejaslav.

Ephesians 5:8b-19. Matthew 18:10-20.

10:00am Divine Liturgy for Pentecost Monday*

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Pentecost Tuesday. † 3rd Finding of the Head of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist John.

for the 3rd finding: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Matthew 11:2-15.

(for the day: Rom 1:1-7, 13-17. Matthew 4:25-5:12a.)

9:30am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers

* "After the Ambon Prayer, a procession may take place around the church three times, with the singing of the Pentecost Troparion and Kontakion. At the third circuit, a Gospel is read at each side of the Church, from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and then John." - Typikon

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 *no fasting*

Pentecost Wednesday. The Holy Apostle Carpus, one of the Seventy.
Our Holy Father Augustine of Canterbury, Enlightener of England.
Romans 1:18-27. Matthew 5:20-26.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Pentecost Thursday. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Therapont (259).
Romans 1:28-2:9. Matthew 5:27-32.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+John & +Elizabeth Sabo, from Kathleen Mykeloff

Friday, May 28, 2021 *no fasting*

Pentecost Friday. Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon (836).
Romans 2:14-29. Matthew 5:33-41.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy





+Melvyn (1 year) & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

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)

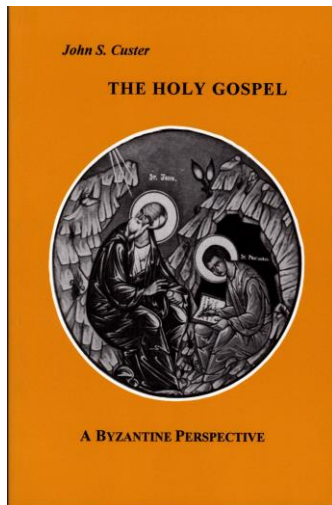
Sunday Evening Vespers in Ann Arbor

We are continuing to celebrate our Sunday evening Vespers through Pentecost in Ann Arbor. Please join us there **each Sunday at 7pm**. St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ann Arbor kindly continues to invite 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 24th 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: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>



**FIFTH ANNUAL
MIRACLE OF MARIAPOCH GALA**
SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021
6-9:30 P.M. NEW ORLEANS PARTY CENTER
ST. JOSEPH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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from the Catechism

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

B. Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

6 The Church proclaims to the human race the presence of the Risen Christ within history, and manifests this presence in her liturgical prayer. This happens when the faithful remember the historical events of the Passion and Resurrection and thus become witnesses and communicants of the new life in Christ: “[Historical] truth and the solemnity [celebration of it] are not at variance.”^{*} In the Communion of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the Church shows herself to be the one Body of Christ (see *Eph* 1:23).

7 In the words of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, “Liturgical prayer becomes the harbinger of the formulations of the fundamental truths of the faith in the later Symbols, or Professions, of faith.”[†] Therefore, communal prayer is also a symbol of the common faith of the Church. One such example of the Church’s faith expressed liturgically is the Eucharistic Prayer, the Anaphora (from the Greek for “lifting-up”).

8 The Anaphora is at the same time at the very heart of our Catechism. It not only unites all three parts of the Catechism into an integral whole, it also imparts to it the character of worship. With Christ’s Passover as its very centre, the Anaphora is the memorial of this saving event, in the context of the story of the creation and the salvation of the world by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our tradition has two Anaphoras: in the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom and the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great. In this Catechism, we make use of the Anaphora of Saint Basil the Great, which describes the entire history of salvation:[‡]

О Eternal Being, Master, Lord, God, Father almighty and adorable it is truly proper and just and befitting the magnificence of your holiness to praise you, to sing to you, to bless you, to worship you, to thank you, to glorify you, the only true God, and to offer you this, our spiritual worship with contrite heart and humble spirit; for you have granted us the knowledge of your truth. Who is able to proclaim your might, to make known all your praises, or to recount all your mighty deeds in every age?

^{*} Augustine of Hippo, *Sermons*, 220, Vigil of Easter: PL 39, 1089.

[†] Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, *Завіщання* [Testament] (December 22, 1981).

[‡] *Liturgicon*, The Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father Basil the Great.

(The Anaphora may be found here: https://mci.archpitt.org/liturgy/Divine_Liturgy_Anaphora_Basil.html)



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 16th, Louise Dalbo will take home the icon.
- Sunday, May 23rd, Sarah Marron will take home the icon.
- Sunday, May 30th, will you take home the icon? Sign up!

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

for the Churches in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$100

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 helps to support 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.

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. Betty and LeAnn have signed up to clean this week.



ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on May 9th was **57**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **37**

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 May 9th was **\$1,705.52**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,659.98**

Sunday: \$1578; Children: \$1; Online: \$94.52; Candles: \$32

“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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