

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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>

* "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

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

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

Saturday, May 29, 2021

Leave-taking of Pentecost. The Holy Venerable Martyr and Virgin Theodosia (730).

Romans 1:7b-12. Matthew 5:42-48.

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Irene Durisin, from Bob & Jane Semak

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

Sunday, May 30, 2021

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. Tone 8

Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery (383).

Vespers Paramia: Isaiah 43:9-14a • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3.

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

Hebrews 11:33-12:2a. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30.

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 Irene Durisin, from Bob & Jane Semak (5-29)

+Frank Vitagliano, from Judith Ng (5-24)

+John & +Elizabeth Sabo, from Kathleen Mykeloff (5-27)

+Melvyn (1 year) & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (5-28)

7:00pm Vespers for the 1st day of the Apostle's Fast – with prostrations

Monday, May 31, 2021

 *Day of Alleluia* – Memorial Day*

The Holy Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas (c. 160).

Romans 2:28-3:18. Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11.

9:30am Parastas - for our fallen soldiers – in Hamtramck :

Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church
11700 McDougall St, Hamtramck, MI 48212

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

*“Days of Alleluia” are days on which we sing “Alleluia” instead of “the Lord is God” at Matins. When these days fall on Mon - Fri, they are penitential days. We wear dark vestments, make prostrations, and pray the prayer of St. Ephrem at the liturgical services. We do not pray the anaphora (the eucharist prayer). Make an effort to attend services on these days during the fasts because, as Fr. Michael Bezruchka says, “We are encouraged to pray more, not less, on these days”

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

 *Day of Alleluia*

The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and his Companions (167).

Romans 4:4-12. Matthew 7:15-21.

9:30am First & Third Hour – *with prostrations*

7:00pm Akathist

Wednesday, June 2, 2021



Our Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor (771).

Romans 4:13-25. Matthew 7:21-23.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Lisa Reardon, from Louise Dalbo

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers – *with prostrations*

Thursday, June 3, 2021

 *Day of Alleluia*

The Holy Martyr Lucillian and his Companions (273).

Romans 5:10-16. Matthew 8:23-27.

Friday, June 4, 2021



Holy Fr. Metrophane, Patriarch of Constantinople (325). Holy Myrrh-bearers Martha & Mary.

Romans 5:17-6:2. Matthew 9:14-17.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

LEGEND

-  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



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)



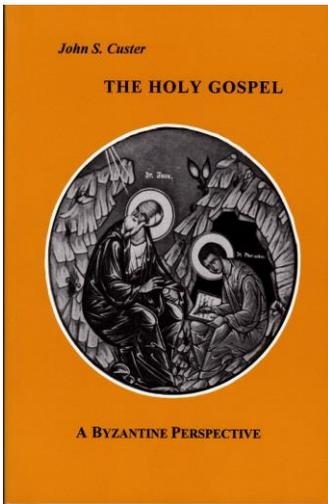
by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)

Kneeling Vespers in Ann Arbor

We will celebrate Kneeling Vespers for Pentecost in Ann Arbor. Please join us there Pentecost Sunday evening at 7pm. St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ann Arbor has 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 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>

The Peter & Paul (Apostles) Fast

“The Apostles Fast begins [the evening of All Saints Sunday, **May 30th**] after Vespers and lasts **until June 28**. The Typikon prescribes strict abstinence [no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil] on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with a mitigated abstinence [permitting wine and oil] on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, § 2). This fast may be observed voluntarily.” – Fr. David M. Petras, S.E.O.D. 2021 *Typikon*, page 50.

Memorial Day Parastas

On this Memorial Day, May 31st, 2021, we have been invited to
Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church
11700 McDougall St, Hamtramck, MI 48212

Join us there at 9:30am to pray a Parastas for our fallen soldiers.



FIFTH ANNUAL MIRACLE OF MARIAPOCH GALA

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021

6-9:30 P.M. NEW ORLEANS PARTY CENTER
ST. JOSEPH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
8111 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, BRECKSVILLE, OHIO

Small plate buffet; wine and beer included

Raffle baskets and silent auction

\$40 per person; \$220 table of six

For tickets call (216) 469-1425, (330) 808-0465 or order online at
www.shrineofmariapoch.com

Proceeds benefit capital improvements at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio

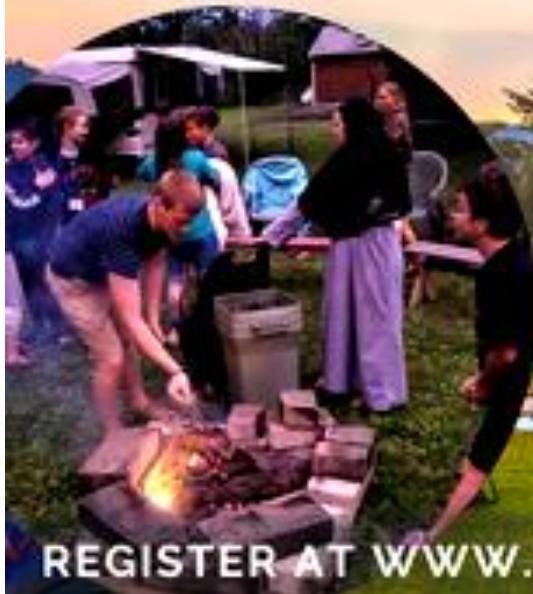


*We are a center of prayer for peace in the world and in each life,
offering the healing refuge of Our Lady of Mariapoch.*

BYZANTEEN YOUTH CAMP OF THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

JULY 22 - 25, 2021

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARIAPOCH
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from the Catechism

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*For it is you who have granted us the knowledge of your truth,
And who can tell of all your acts of power,
make all your praises heard,
or recount all your wonders at every moment?
(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

A. God's Revelation

18 The faith of the Church is founded on God's Revelation. By this Revelation the invisible God, from the fullness of his love, speaks to human beings to make himself known to them and to call them to communion with him: "In his goodness and wisdom God chose to reveal himself and to make known to us the hidden purpose of his will (see *Eph* 1:9) by which humankind might have access in the Holy Spirit to the Father and come to share in the divine nature through Christ, the Word made flesh (see *Eph* 2:18; 2 *Pt* 1:4)." * God, who "dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see" (1 *Tm* 6:16; see *Jn* 1:8; 1 *Jn* 4:12), "came clothed in flesh ... so that both the living and the dead might know of his visitation and of the coming of the Lord." † By revealing himself, God, who in his essence is unknowable, "wishes to make [people] capable of responding to him, and of knowing him, and of loving him far beyond their own natural capacity." ‡

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

* Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* [The Word of God], 2.

† Ilarion, Metropolitan of Kyiv, *Sermon on Law and Grace*, 2.

‡ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 52.

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
for the Catholic Home Missionws, we have collected \$5

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



ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on May 16th was **42**. 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 16th was **\$916.52**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,661.14**

Sunday: \$667; Holy Day: \$95; Online: \$69.52; Candles: \$30; 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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