



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI *All Saints* – May 30th, 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 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 *for a Day of Alleluia – 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 *for Saturday*

Saturday, June 5, 2021



Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre (362). Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest.

Romans 3:19-26. Matthew 7:1-8.

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Joseph Paul Camilleri, from Michael Camilleri

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

Sunday, June 6, 2021

 Fr. James Fraser will celebrate

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker (446).

Venerable Fr. & Confessor Hilary the Younger, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery (845).

2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8.

Romans 2:10-16. Matthew 4:18-23.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Akathist (*abbreviated*)

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


intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (6-4)

+Lisa Reardon, from Louise Dalbo (6-2)

+Joseph Paul Camilleri, from Michael Camilleri (6-5)

7:00pm Vespers *for a Day of Alleluia – with prostrations – in Ann Arbor*

Monday, June 7, 2021

 Day of Alleluia

Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra (303). Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria, & Maria.

Romans 7:1-13. Matthew 9:36-10:8.

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

Tuesday, June 8, 2021



⌘ The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit (319).

Blessed Maria Theresa Mankdiyan Chiramel.

Romans 7:14-8:2. Matthew 10:9-15.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Martha Sayer, from Betty Baize

7:00pm Akathist

Wednesday, June 9, 2021




⌘ Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria (444).

Romans 8:2-13. Matthew 10:16-22.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers *for a Day of Alleluia – with prostrations*

Thursday, June 10, 2021

 *Day of Alleluia*

The Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusia (362).

Romans 8:22-27. Matthew 10:23-31.

Friday, June 11, 2021



✚ The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.

Vespers: 1 Peter 1:3-9 • 1 Peter 1:13-19 • 1 Peter 2:11-14.

Matins Gospel: John 21: 15-25.

for the Apostles: Acts 11:19-30. Luke 10:16-22.

for the day: Romans 9:6-19. Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

6:00pm Confession

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, June 12, 2021



⌘ Our Venerable Fr. Onuphry the Great (400). Our Venerable Fr. Peter of Mt. Athos (734).

Romans 3:28-4:3. Matthew 7:24-8:4.

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

10:00am Divine Liturgy

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

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

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)

The Apostles Fast

The Apostles Fast begins with Vespers on the evening of All Saints Sunday (**May 30th**). This is a penitential season in our Church that ends with the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (**June 29th**) . Get it started off right with our service Vespers including prostrations and the Prayer of St. Ephrem.

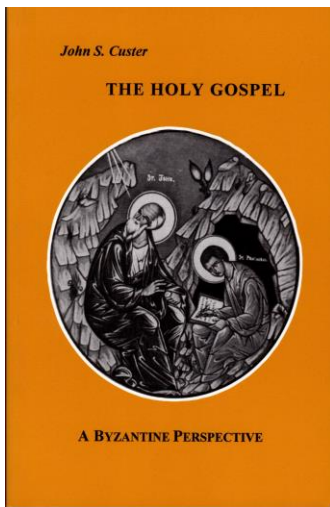
“The Typikon prescribes strict abstinence [no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil] on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with a mitigated abstinence [permitting wine and oil] on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, § 2). This 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.





Byzantine Book Club

Our Book Club will next meet on **May 31st 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 Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary

During the Apostles Fast (at least for starters), we will sing the Akathist **every Tuesday evening at 7pm**. In the Byzantine tradition, Wednesdays are dedicated to the Theotokos and, liturgically, days begin with sunset, so Tuesday evening seems like a good time to offer our prayers to her as a parish.

“One of the greatest marvels of Greek religious poetry, with a richness of imagery that is the despair of any translator, the Akathistos Hymn has twenty-four main stanzas, alternatively long and short: each long stanza bears the title 'ikos,' ending with the refrain “Rejoice, O Bride and maiden ever pure!”, while each short stanza is termed 'kontakion' and ends with the refrain “Alleluia!” The title 'Akathistos' means literally 'not sitting,' the Hymn being so-called because all remain standing while it is sung. The greater part of the Hymn is made up of praises addressed to the Holy Virgin, each beginning with the salutation of the Archangel Gabriel--'hail' or 'rejoice.' (Luke 1:28) The Hymn passes in review the main events connected with Christ's Incarnation, starting with the Annunciation (first ikos) and ending with the Flight into Egypt (sixth ikos) and the Presentation in the Temple (seventh kontakion).”

- Adapted from “*The Inner Unity of the Triodion*,”
from *The Lenten Triodion* of Kallistos Ware and Mother Mary.

Vespers in Ann Arbor

On the first Sunday evening of each month, we will celebrate Vespers in Ann Arbor rather than Allen Park, both to reach out to some of our more distantly located parishioners and to introduce new people to our beautiful Byzantine tradition. St. Francis of Assisi Parish has kindly invited us to celebrate Vespers in their parish on these days. Join us there **June 6th at 7pm.**

2250 E Stadium Blvd.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

<https://www.stfrancisa2.com/>



The Office of Holy Repentance

During this penitential season of the Apostles Fast, we will celebrate the full form of the office of holy repentance on **Thursday, June 17th at 7pm.** This includes private confession to a priest. There should be an additional priest available for confessions as well on this evening. This is a good opportunity for any prepared children to make their first confession, for those who have been a long time away from this holy mystery to return, and for all of us to simply go to confession as we all need to do frequently.



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
BURTON, OH**



CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

A. God's Revelation

- 19 God's Revelation is realized simultaneously by deeds and words, which are intrinsically bound up with each other and shed light upon each other.¹³ It involves a specific "divine pedagogy:"¹⁴ God communicates himself to humanity gradually, preparing it in stages for the reception of the Revelation of his own self, culminating in the fullness of this Revelation in the person and activity of the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds" (*Heb* 1:1-2). Only in his incarnate Word, which was from the beginning (see *Jn* 1:1), that is, in Jesus Christ, does God reveal himself in all fullness; for in him, together with human nature, "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (*Col* 2:9).
- 20 In the Old Testament, God manifested himself to Moses on Mount Sinai as *The-One-Who-Is*, "*I am who am*" (*Ex* 3:14), revealing to Moses not something about himself, but his very Self. The name *The-One-Who-Is* points to the personal nature of God, who possesses being in his very Self and who is the Source of all existence and life. In the New Testament, God, who is first to go out to meet humankind (see *Jn* 3:16; 1 *Jn* 4:19), reveals himself as Father through his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit (see *Mt* 11:27).

¹³ See Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* [The Word of God], 2.

¹⁴ See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 53.

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 30th, Kathy Mykeloff will take home the icon
- Sunday June 6th, Mary Ann Osmond will you take home the icon.

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 \$130

for the Catholic Home Missionws, we have collected \$55

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 Ceil, Char, & Phyllis for cleaning this past week! Catherine & Ryan Coffey-Burns have signed up to clean this week.



ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on May 22nd was **47**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **38**

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 22nd was **\$1,417.52**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,644.19**

Sunday: \$773; Holy Day: \$115; Children: \$2; Online: \$474.52; Candles: \$23; Fuel: \$30

“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).



Saint Stephen

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