



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 6th, 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, 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>

*“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 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

Sunday, June 13, 2021



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

The Holy Martyr Aquilina (293). Our Holy Father Triphyllus, Bishop of Leucosia (370).

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

Romans 5:1-10. Matthew 6:22-33.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Cecilia Hendricks

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (6-11)

intention of the children of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron (6-12)

+Martha Sayer, from Betty Baize (6-8)

7:00pm Vespers

Monday, June 14, 2021



The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847).

Romans 9:18-33. Matthew 11:2-15.

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

Tuesday, June 15, 2021



– Day of Alleluia


The Holy Prophet Amos. The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon (420).

Romans 10:11-11:2a. Matthew 11:16-20.

9:30am First & Third Hour – with prostrations

7:00pm Akathist

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

 – Day of Alleluia

Our Holy Father and Wonder-worker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis (c. 425).

Romans 11:2b-12. Matthew 11:20-26.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Steve Borella

Thursday, June 17, 2021



The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael (c. 633).

Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of the Rufenianos Monastery.

Romans 11:13-24. Matthew 11:27-30.

7:00pm Office of Holy Repentance

Friday, June 18, 2021



The Holy Martyr Leontius (c. 73).

Romans 11:25-36. Matthew 12:1-8.

9:30am First & Third Hour






10:00am Divine Liturgy





+Lisa Reardon (40th day), from Michael Camilleri

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

LEGEND

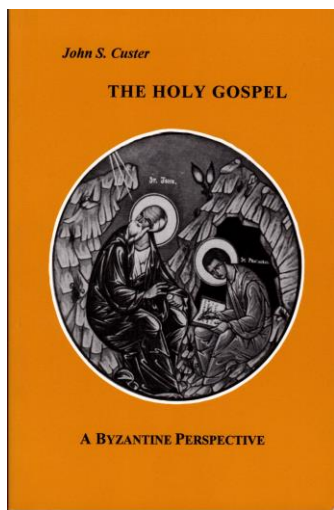
-  Great Feast
-  Feast with an All-night Vigil
-  Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins
-  Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins
-  Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers

-  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 is a penitential season in our Church that ends with the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (**June 29th**).

“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.



Byzantine Book Club

Our Book Club will next meet on **Jun 7th 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 are singing 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.

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

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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 to 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



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offering the healing refuge of Our Lady of Mariapoch.*

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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

A. God's Revelation

1. God's Word in Creation

21 Only God exists from all eternity, and it is he who has brought all creation from non-being into being. Only he possesses the fullness of life; whereas the world, having been created, owes its existence to him. God creates everything by his Word: "All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being" (*Jn* 1:3; see *Gn* 1). Nature, created by God, and nature's laws proceed from the Word: "For the voice ... and command were as a natural and permanent law for [the earth]; it gave fertility and the power to produce fruit for all ages to come."¹⁵ The Word of God provides the norm, or law, as well as meaning to all creation: the phrase "God said" means that a wise and creative word has been imparted to every substance or nature.¹⁶ In the contemplation of nature, its established laws and harmony, we come to know the wisdom of the Creator and the beauty of his plan. All creation praises God, his majesty, his glory and wisdom: "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork" (*Pss* 18[19]:2); "Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (*Pss* 8:2).

22 By means of the world, as God's creation, we come to know the Creator: "Ever since the creation of the world, his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made" (*Rom* 1:20). The Holy Fathers of the Church have often compared the world to a book through which we discover its Author.¹⁷ By coming to know God through his creation, we simultaneously acquire experience of being in the presence of God, and we become capable of glorifying him "in all places of his dominion" (*Pss* 102[103]:22).

¹⁵ Basil the Great, *Hexaemeron*, Homily 5, 1: PG 29, 96A.

¹⁶ See Gregory of Nyssa, *Hexaemeron*: PG 44, 88-89.

¹⁷ See Basil the Great, *Hexaemeron*, Homily 4: PG 29, 77; John Chrysostom, *Homily on Statues*, 9: PG 49, 105-122.

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.



- Sun June 6th, Mary Ann Osmond will take home the icon.
- Sunday June 13th, David Mazurkiewicz will 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 Catherine & Ryan Coffey-Burns for cleaning this past week!



ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on May 30th was **50**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **39**

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 30th was **\$1,823.52**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,651.91**

Sunday: \$1479; Holy Day: \$10; Children: \$1; Online: \$309.52; Candles: \$24

“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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