



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI  
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June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 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** *for Monday*

**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 (40<sup>th</sup> day), from Michael Camilleri

6:00pm Confessions

**7:00pm Vespers for Saturday**

Saturday, June 19, 2021



✠ The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord.

*Vespers:* Jude 1-10 • Jude 11-16 • Jude 17-25.

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

*for Jude:* Jude 1-10. John 14:21-24.

(for the day: Romans 6:11-17. Matthew 8:14-23).

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, June 20, 2021

 - Father's Day

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

The Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara (311). Our Holy Father Nicholas Cabasilas.

*4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.*

Romans 6:18-23. Matthew 8:5-13.

**8:00am Sunday Matins**

**9:45am Moleben for Fathers**

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

Reader: Debra Grega

+Steve Borella (6-16)

+Lisa Reardon, from Michael Camilleri (6-18)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (6-19)

**7:00pm Vespers** *for Monday*

Monday, June 21, 2021




The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus (290).

Romans 12:4-5, 15-21. Matthew 12:9-13.

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

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

 - Day of Alleluia


The Holy Martyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (379).

Romans 14:9-18. Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30.

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

**7:00pm Akathist**

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

 - Day of Alleluia

The Holy Martyr Agrippina (275).

Romans 15:7-16. Matthew 12:38-45.

**6:00pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** *for* ⊕ **THE NATIVITY OF JOHN**

*intention of Monica Gazdecki, from Judith Ng*

# Thursday, June 24, 2021



⊕ THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.

*Vespers:* Genesis 17:15-17, 19; 18:11-14; 21:1-8 • Judges 13:2-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21 •

Composite IX.

*Matins Gospel:* Luke 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80.

*for the Nativity:* Romans 13:11-14:4. Luke 1:5-25, 57-68, 76-80.

*(for the day: Romans 15:17-29. Matthew 12:46-13:3a).*

**8:00am Festal Matins** for ⊕ THE NATIVITY OF JOHN

# Friday, June 25, 2021



Post-festive Day of the Nativity of the Holy Baptist John.

The Holy Venerable Martyr Febronia (310).

Romans 16:1-16. Matthew 13:3b-9.

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

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*intention of Michael Gazdecki, from Judith Ng*

*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)



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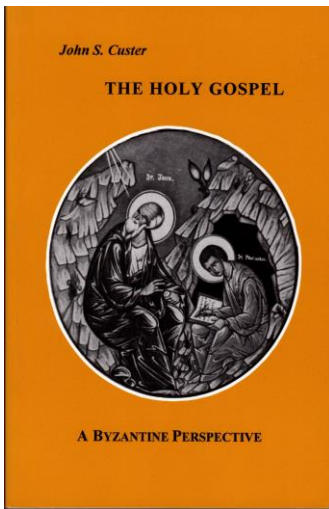


by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)

# 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 14<sup>th</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: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>

## The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary

During the Apostles Fast, 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 **July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** This includes private confession to a priest. There will 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](http://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**



**AGES 13 - 18  
COST PER CAMPER: \$125**

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from the Catechism

# CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

## I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### A. God's Revelation

#### 2. God in History

- 23 God reveals himself to humanity not only as Creator and Almighty Ruler (*Pantocrator*) of the world but also as Father and Saviour of his people. The history of humankind is a sacred history inasmuch as God himself appears and acts within it. God realizes his plan of salvation within history by deeds and words, which have an inner unity. The deeds wrought by God manifest and confirm the teaching expressed through his words, while the words proclaim the deeds and clarify the mystery contained in them. The fullness of truth about God and the salvation of humanity are made clear to us in Christ, who simultaneously is the mediator and the fullness of all Revelation.<sup>18</sup>
- 24 God revealed to Adam and Eve, and through them to all humankind, their vocation to continue the work of creation: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it” (*Gn* 1:28). When our first parents fell away from God because of their sin, God did not abandon humankind but promised to send a Saviour: “... he [the offspring of the woman, Jesus Christ] will strike your [the serpent's] head” (*Gn* 3:15).

<sup>18</sup> See Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* [The Word of God], 2.

### 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 June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. Phyllis, Char, & Ceil have signed up to clean this week.



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

Attendance on June 6<sup>th</sup> was **62**. 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 June 6<sup>th</sup> was **\$1,432.87**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,639.29**

Sunday: \$1065; Children: \$1; Online: \$320.87; Candles: \$21; Icons: \$25

“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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