



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 20th, 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 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

Saturday, June 26, 2021



Our Venerable Father David of Thessalonica (540).

Passing of the Bl. Priest-Martyr Nicholas Konrad & the Bl. Martyr the Cantor Vladimir Pryjma (1941).

The Passing of the Blessed Priest-Martyr Andrew Ishchak (1941).

Romans 8:14-21. Matthew 9:9-13.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

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

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

Sunday, June 27, 2021



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

Our Venerable Father Sampson the Hospitaller (530). The Holy Myrrh-bearer Joanna.

5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:12-35.

Romans 10:1-10. Matthew 8:28-9:1.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Dan Lauffer

intention of Monica Gazdecki, from Judith Ng (6-23)

intention of Michael Gazdecki, from Judith Ng (6-25)

intention of the children of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (6-26)

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, June 28, 2021



The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenary Physicans Cyprus and John (412).

The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Priest-Martyr Theodore (Romzha), Bp. of Mukačevo (2003).

The Passing of the Bl. Venerable Martyrs Severian Baranyk and Joachim Senkivskyj (1941).

Romans 16:17-24. Matthew 13:10-23.

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy *for* ☩ **THE APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL**
for the people of the parish

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

End of the Apostles' Fast

☩ **THE HOLY PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL.**

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: 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9. Matthew 16:13-19.

(for the day: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9. Matthew 13:24-30).

8:00am Festal Matins *for* ☩ **THE APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL**

7:00pm Great Vespers *for* ✠ **The Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles**

Wednesday, June 30, 2021



⊕ The Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles.

for the Synaxis: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Mark 3:13-19.

(for the day: 1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8. Matthew 13:31-36a).

6:00pm Confession

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

for Chris Taylor, from Christopher Anderson

Thursday, July 1, 2021

⊗ The Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian (284).

1 Corinthians 3:18-23. Matthew 13:36b-43.

Friday, July 2, 2021



⊕ The Deposition of the Venerable Robes of the Theotokos at Blachernae (c. 465).

Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17 • Ezechiel 43:27-44:4 • Proverbs 9:1-11.

Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56.

for the Deposition: Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

(for the day: 1 Corinthians 4:5-8. Matthew 13:44-54a).

9:30am First & Third Hour

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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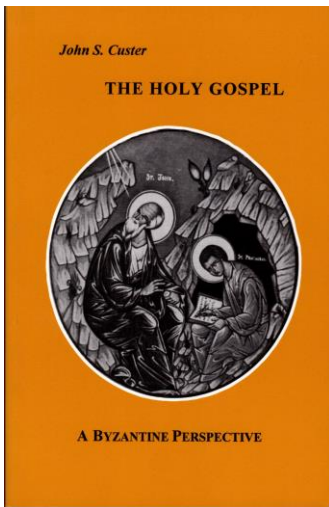


by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)

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 21st 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.



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.*

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 4th at 7pm.**

2250 E Stadium Blvd.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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

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**

REGISTER AT WWW.PARMA.ORG BY JULY 5

Perfect Love Casts out Fear

Vacation Bible School at St. Stephen

On **August 14th**, we will hold a vacation bible school (VBS) for our children and the children of our community.

Today (June 20th), there will be a VBS planning meeting immediately following liturgy in the small hall. If you have indicated an interest in helping or would like to be part of the team please come by and meet with Dan Lauffer and the rest of the team.

The general theme for our VBS is "Perfect Love casts out fear." Since this is the eve of the Dormition of the Theotokos, we shall look at Mary's love for God and his people that cast out the fear of bearing a child and of remaining faithful to the end of her earthly life. We will focus on this icon of the Dormition, which shows the disciples around her as she is taken up as a babe in swaddling cloths to heaven. I.e., She is now fully birthed in the new humanity of Christ. She is fully born again.

Parish Picnic

On **August 15th**, the day following the VBS we will have a Parish Picnic, assuming we can get enough volunteers. If you are willing to help with the picnic, please contact Jane Adams, who is leading that project.

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 20th, who will take home the icon?

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

A. God's Revelation

2. God in History

25 Even having lost true knowledge of God because of the fall, a human being does not stop seeking the One who is the origin of all things. Speaking about this search to the inhabitants of Athens, the holy apostle Paul said:

Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands (Acts 17:22-24).

26 Among those who "search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him" (Acts 17:27), God reveals himself to Abraham, calling him to become the father of all believers, he grants him the promise of offspring and land. God confirms this promise by giving Abraham a son, Isaac, and to him—Jacob. And so, appearing to Moses in the burning bush in order to call him to lead his people out of Egypt, the house of slavery, the God-Who-Is reveals himself as "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" (Ex 3:15), "the God of our ancestors" (Dt 26:7). By leading the Israelites across the Red Sea, by giving them his commandments on Mount Sinai, and by leading them into the Promised Land, God shows that he not only enters into the history of his people; he also calls them to the fullness of life in him: "And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people" (Lv 26:12). To David, who wished to build a house for God, a temple, God promises that he himself will build him a "house." He will bring forth from his loins an offspring, the Christ, and his kingdom shall have no end (see 2 Sm 7:11-16). The Church sees this promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ: "And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32-33).

27 In the New Testament, the fullness of Revelation is attained in the Only-Begotten Son, who from all eternity is within the bosom of the Father and reveals the Father (see Jn 1:18). Jesus himself emphasizes: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9). Jesus thus confirms that he and the Father are one (see Jn 10:30). As the "image of the invisible God" (Col 1:15), Christ brings the fullness of Revelation. Christ, truly God and truly human, also reveals in himself the image of a perfect human being.

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 rmsjburns@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. Catherine & Ryan Coffey-Burns have signed up to clean this week.



ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on June 13th was **54**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **40**

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 13th was **\$1,343.48**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,641.60**

Sunday: \$895; Holy Day: \$20; Children: \$1; Online: \$323.48; Candles: \$42; Fuel: \$62

“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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