



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Cantor: Pani Mary Hendricks

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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 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**

*intention of 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**

Saturday, July 3, 2021

The Holy Martyr Hyacinth (108).

Romans 9:1-5. Matthew 9:18-26.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*+Meloyñ & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron*

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

## Sunday, July 4, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5

Our Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete (740).

Our Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of our Venerable Father Simeon (551).

Our Venerable Father Procopius of Sazava.

*6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53.*

Romans 12:6-14. Matthew 9:1-8.

**8:00am Sunday Matins**

**9:45am Akathist**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy** - *for the people of the parish* Reader: Catherine Coffey-Burns

*intention of Chris Taylor, from Christopher Anderson (6-30)*

*+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (7-3)*

**7:00pm Great Vespers** *for †Athanasius in Ann Arbor*

## Monday, July 5, 2021

† Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Athos (1003).

*Vespers: Proverbs 10:7,6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 1:23; 15:4 •*

*Proverbs 10:31-32; 11:1, 2, 4, 3, 5-12 • Wisdom 3: 1-9.*

*for Athanasius: Galatians 5:22-6:2. Luke 6:17-23.*

*(for the day: 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11. Matthew 13:54-58).*

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

## Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Our Venerable Father Sisoës the Great (c. 429).

1 Corinthians 6:20b-7:12. Matthew 14:1-13.

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

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Wednesday, July 7, 2021



Our Venerable Frs. Thomas of Maleum & Acacius, mentioned in “The Ladder” (10th Century).  
1 Corinthians 7:12b-24. Matthew 14:35-15:11.

6:00pm *Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday**

*intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt*

## Thursday, July 8, 2021

⊗ The Holy Great Martyr Procopius (303).

1 Corinthians 7:24-35. Matthew 15:12-21.

## Friday, July 9, 2021



The Holy Martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina.

1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7. Matthew 15:29-31.

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

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt*

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.

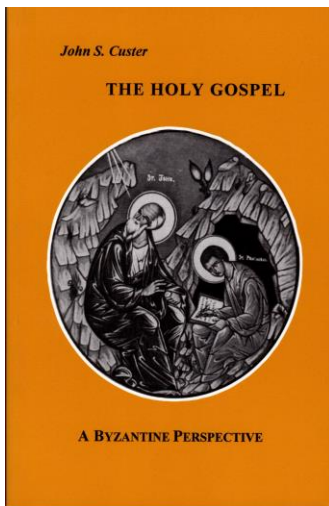
## Vespers in Ann Arbor

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 **Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**.

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## Byzantine Book Club

Our Book Club will next meet on **July 5<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>

# **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](http://WWW.PARMA.ORG) BY JULY 5**

# Vacation Bible School at St. Stephen

## Perfect Love Casts out Fear

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

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 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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. You may sign up to help on the sign up sheet in the narthex.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>, who will take home the icon?
- Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>, Cecilia Hendricks will take home the icon.



# **CHRIST – OUR PASCHA**

## **I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

### **A. God’s Revelation**

#### **2. God in History**

- 28 The Church believes that there is only one unique Revelation of God to humankind, the fullness of which was brought to us and given by Jesus Christ, so that no other Revelation exists.<sup>19</sup> God’s Revelation continues to be transmitted by the Church, the Body of Christ, that we may continue to grow in faith and knowledge of God.
- 29 In her worship life, the Church unites the calendar year with the liturgical year—historical time with the sacred time of salvation. In liturgical celebration, the historical events of the earthly life of the Saviour become for us saving mysteries. In this way, God continues to act in history, until its final consummation in the second coming of Jesus Christ. While in the Old Testament, God revealed himself to chosen individuals the patriarchs, prophets, and kings—in the New Testament, all the members of Christ’s Church receive his Revelation.

19 See Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* [The Word of God], 4.

# 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 Missions, we have collected \$105

## 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](mailto: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 last week. Phyllis, Char, Ceil, & Veronica have signed up to clean this week.



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

Attendance on June 20<sup>th</sup> was **53**. 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 20<sup>th</sup> was **\$1,366.46**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,630.61**

Sunday: \$1106; Holy Day: \$15; Children: \$1; Online: \$83.46; Candles: \$61; Processional Banner: \$100

“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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