



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 4th, 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

Under usual circumstances, we celebrate:

- Great Vespers, Matins, & Divine Liturgy for every Sunday & ☩ Great Feast*
- Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy for every ☩ Feast with an All-Night Vigil*
- Divine Liturgy four times a week
- Divine Praises for every liturgical day[†]

**When a Feast falls on Saturday or Sunday, the Divine Liturgy for the feast is celebrated at 10:00am. Because St. Stephen has the custom of celebrating the Divine Liturgy for Feast days in the evening so as to allow more people to attend, the Divine Liturgy for Feasts on weekdays are usually “anticipated.” This means, for example, when a feast falls on a Tuesday outside of the Great Fast, the Divine Liturgy for the feast is celebrated at 7:00pm on Monday evening, because liturgical days (outside of the Great Fast) begin in the evening. When a Feast falls on Monday, however, anticipating it on Sunday evening is rather unpopular and so Divine Liturgy for the feast may be either on Monday morning or Monday evening.*

†The Divine Praises are Vespers, Compline, Midnight Office, Matins, First Hour, Third Hour, Sixth Hour, Ninth Hour, & Typika. With the exception of Typika, which is only offered on days when the anaphora is not offered, any or all of these services may be celebrated every day. We usually celebrate some selection of these services for each liturgical day, as indicated in this bulletin and on our online [calendar](#). Liturgical days typically begin with Vespers in the evening and end with Ninth Hour in the afternoon. (However, this is more complicated during the Great Fast).

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: Carson Daniel Lauffer
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>

or in person: 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

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 for Wednesday

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

Saturday, July 10, 2021

The Holy Forty-five Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia (319).

✦ Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves (1073).

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.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30.

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

(for the day: Romans 12:1-3. Matthew 10:37-11:1).

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Judith Ng

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

Sunday, July 11, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6

⊗ The Holy Martyr, the Illustrious Euphemia (451). Passing of Olga, Princess of Kiev, baptized Helen (969).
7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10.

Romans 15:1-7. Matthew 9:27-35.

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 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 12, 2021

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion. Our Venerable Fr. Michael of Malein (3rd Century).
1 Corinthians 9:13-18. Matthew 16:1-6.

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

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

⊗ The Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel.

Venerable Fr. Stephen of the St. Sabbas Monastery (794). Holy Fr. Julian, Bishop of Kenoman,
1 Corinthians 10:5-12. Matthew 16:6-12.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+John & +Mary Strach & +John & +Maria Lukas, from Maryalice Lukas

7:00pm Vespers for Wednesday

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)

Vespers in Ann Arbor

On the first Sunday evening of each month (tonight), 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 **tonight – Sunday, July 4th at 7pm.**

2250 E Stadium Blvd.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting **July 5, 2021 from 7 - 9 pm.**

Exciting News!!! We are starting a New Book and we are meeting @ the Hendricks Homestead (8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198) or online through Google Meet @ <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>. We want to make it convenient for all Parishioners of St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church to attend.

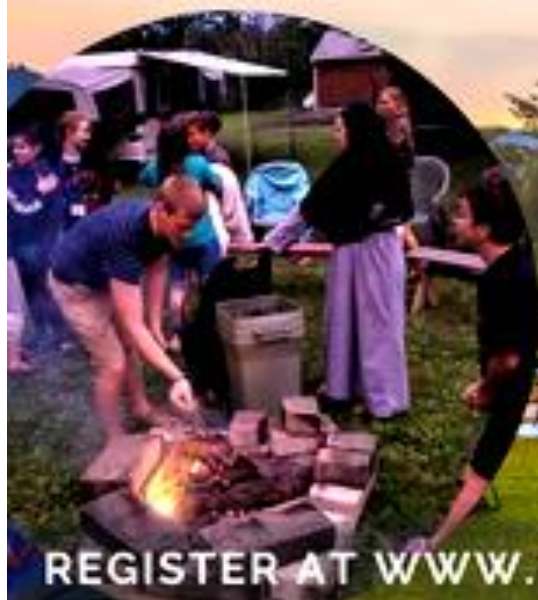
Our next book we will begin studying/reading on July 5, 2021 is written by the Very Rev. John Custer, SSL, STD from the Eparchy of Passaic, College of Consultors and New Jersey Syncellate.

The Apostolic Writings: A Byzantine Perspective. This is a companion to *The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective* by the same author, this volume seeks to be useful both as preparation for studying the Apostolic Writings or as a sort of commentary to be consulted while reading the biblical texts.

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

Vacation Bible School at St. Stephen

Perfect Love Casts out Fear

On **August 14th**, we will hold a vacation bible school (VBS) for our children and the children of our community. Make sure to register your children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews for this wonderful opportunity to grow in faith.

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. If you are willing to help with the picnic, please contact Jane Adams, who is leading that project. You may sign up to help or donate needed items 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 July 4th, Cecilia Hendricks will take home the icon.
- Sunday, July 11th, Sarah Marron will take home the icon.

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*You spoke to us through the mouths of your servants the Prophets,
announcing to us beforehand the salvation that was to come;
you gave the law as a help; you appointed angels as guardians.
And when the fullness of time had come,
you spoke to us through your Son,
through whom you had also made the ages.
(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

B. Holy Tradition

30 God the Father, who revealed himself through his Son in the Holy Spirit, offers his life to the faithful through the Church. The gracious action of the Holy Spirit, who reveals truth—and life in that truth—to all who live in communion with God, we call Holy Tradition. God, “who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 *Tm* 2:4), that is, to the knowledge of Jesus Christ (see *Jn* 14:6), reveals to humanity “what has been hidden since the foundation of the world” (*Mt* 13:35). His word remains firm and unchangeable: “In his gracious goodness, God has seen to it that what he had revealed for the salvation of all nations would abide perpetually in its full integrity and be handed on to all generations.”²⁰ Therefore, Christ is to be preached to all nations and all peoples, so that God’s Revelation may thus reach the ends of the earth.

31 According to Saint Irenaeus of Lyons, the essence of Holy Tradition is this—that all Christians share one and the same faith, by which they become partakers of God’s life:

All receive one and the same God the Father, and believe in the same dispensation regarding the incarnation of the Son of God, and are cognizant of the same gift of the Spirit, and are conversant with the same commandments, and preserve the same form of ecclesiastical constitution, and expect the same advent of the Lord, and await the same salvation of the complete man, that is, of the soul and body.²¹

According to the testimony of Saint Basil the Great, Holy Tradition is that which “the Lord himself taught us, what the apostles preached, what the Fathers held fast, and what the martyrs confirmed.”²² It includes all that was transmitted to us by Christ himself, as well as the teaching of the apostles and the faith of the Church. Saint Basil notes:

... of the beliefs and practices which are preserved in the Church, some that we possess are derived from written teaching; others we have received, delivered to us through the Mysteries and by Apostolic Tradition; all of these in relation to true religion have the same force ... Were we to attempt to reject such customs as having no written authority, on the ground that the importance they possess is small, we should unintentionally injure the Gospel in its essentials; or, rather, we would make our public definition a mere phrase and nothing more.²³

Saint Basil connects Holy Tradition with liturgical life, noting that in addition to the profession of faith in the Most Holy Trinity, it also embraces the sign of the Cross in the Rite of Reception into the Catechumenate; one’s orientation during prayer, that is, facing East; the renunciation of Satan and his dominion; the triple immersion at Baptism; standing during worship on Sundays; the *epiklesis* [i.e., invocation of the Holy Spirit] in the Eucharist; the blessing of water and oil, and so forth.²⁴

²⁰ Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* [The Word of God], 7.

²¹ Irenaeus of Lyons, *Against Heresies*, V, 20, 1: PG 7, 1177.

²² Basil the Great, *Against Sabellians, and Arius, and Anomeans*, Homily 24, 6: PG 31, 612.

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 \$150
for the Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$105
for Peter's Pence, we have collected \$111

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 Phyllis, Char, Ceil, & Veronica for cleaning last week. No one has signed up to clean this week.

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on June 27th 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 27th was **\$1,508.14**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,615.33**

Sunday: \$1063; Holy Day: \$90; Children: \$1; Online: \$328.64; Candles: \$25.50

“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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