



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 11th, 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, 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 Vespers

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 – online: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>
or in person: 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

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

Wednesday, July 14, 2021



⊗ The Holy Apostle Aquila.

1 Corinthians 10:12-22. Matthew 16:20-24.

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ⊕ The Holy Great Prince Vladimir

+Steve Borella

Thursday, July 15, 2021

The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and Julitta his mother (304).

⊕ The Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles, baptized Basil (1015).

Vespers: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 • Isaiah 61:10-62:5 • Isaiah 60:1-16.

Matins Gospel: John 10:9-16.

for Vladimir: Galatians 1:11-19. John 10:1-9.

(for the day: 1 Corinthians 10:28-11:7. Matthew 16:24-28)

Friday, July 16, 2021



The Holy Martyrs Athenogenes, Bishop of Sebaste, and his Ten Disciples (311).

1 Corinthians 11:8-22. Matthew 17:10-18.

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Great Vespers for †Holy Fr. & Confessor Paul Gojdič

Saturday, July 17, 2021

⊗ Holy Great Martyr Marina. † Holy Fr. & Confessor Paul Gojdič, Bishop of Prešov (1960).

Romans 13:1-10. Matthew 12:30-37.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

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

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

Sunday, July 18, 2021

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS.

The Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris (4th Century). The Holy Martyr Emilian (362).

The Passing of the Venerable Martyr Tarsykia Matskiv (1944).

Vespers: Genesis 14:14-20 • Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deuteronomy 10:14-21.

8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 & *for the Fathers:* Hebrews 13:7-16

Matthew 14:14-22 & *for the Fathers:* John 17:1-13

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

for the children of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron (7-17)

+John & +Mary Strach & +John & +Maria Lukas, from Maryalice Lukas (7-13)

+Steve Borella (7-14)

Blessing of Vehicles following the Divine Liturgy

2nd Planning Meeting for VBS after the Blessing of Vehicles

7:00pm Vespers

Monday, July 19, 2021

Our Venerable Mother Macrina, Sister of our Holy Father Basil the Great (379).

Our Venerable Father Dios (430).

1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6. Matthew 18:1-11.

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ☩ *THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH.*

+Peter & +Mary Bobovski, from Victor Jiompkowski

Blessing of Vehicles following the Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

☩ **THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH.**

Vespers: 1 Kings 17:1-23 • 1 Kings 18:1,17,41,44,42,45-46; 19:1-16 •

1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1,6-14.

Matins Gospel: Luke 4:22-30.

for Elijah: James 5:10-20. Luke 4:22-30.

(for the day: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2, 13-15).

7:00pm Vespers for Wednesday

Wednesday, July 21, 2021



Our Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and his fellow Ascetic John (590).
The Holy Prophet Ezekiel.

1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5. Matthew 20:1-16.

6:00pm *Confessions*

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

intention of Elaina Yip, from Judith Ng

Thursday, July 22, 2021

⊗ The Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdelene, Equal to the Apostles.

The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop-Martyr Phocas (13th Century).

1 Corinthians 14:6-19. Matthew 20:17-28.

Friday, July 23, 2021



The Holy Martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus, and their Companions (4th Century).

The Holy Martyrs Appolinaris and Vitalis, Bishops of Ravenna.

Rest of Our Holy Father Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila.

Our Holy Father Sharbel (Joseph) Makhluif.

1 Corinthians 14:26-40. Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20.

6:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Great Vespers for †Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb

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)

Paraklesis

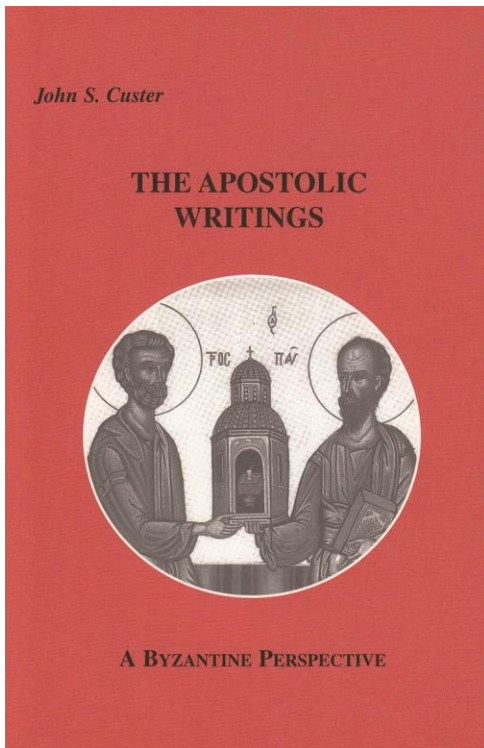
During the upcoming Dormition Fast, it is traditional to frequently celebrate the beautiful Office of Supplication to the Theotokos known as the the Paraklesis or Paraklis. Keep an eye on the bulletin for upcoming opportunities to pray this deeply moving service. Just as you wouldn't let the Great Fast go by without coming to the Presanctified Liturgy, don't let the Dormition Fast go by without coming to the Paraklis.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ann Arbor has kindly invited us to celebrate the Paraklesis in their church on **August 8th at 7pm.**

2250 E Stadium Blvd.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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



Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting **July 12, 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

We will have a 2nd planning meeting on July 18th after the Blessing of Vehicles.

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 11th, Sarah Marron will take home the icon.

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

Part One

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

B. Holy Tradition

1. Apostolic Tradition

- 32 Christ entrusts the word of Revelation to his apostles: “... for the words that you [Father] gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them ... I have given them your word” (*Jn* 17:8, 14). The Church continues the apostolic mission in the transmission of God’s Revelation. She is called to preach and to interpret it. To fulfil this, Christ gave his Church the Holy Spirit, who leads her into all truth (see *Jn* 16:13). The Church transmits God’s Revelation in two ways: *orally*—“by the apostles who, by their oral preaching, by example, and by observances handed on what they had received from the lips of Christ, from living with him, and from what he did, or what they had learned through the prompting of the Holy Spirit;”²⁵ and *in writing*—“by those apostles and apostolic men who under the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit committed the message of salvation to writing.”²⁶
- 33 Christ chooses his apostles and sends them to preach the Word: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (*Mt* 28:19-20). Having received this commission at Christ’s Ascension and then receiving the power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the apostles began to preach Christ and witness to him: “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses” (*Acts* 2:32). Following the example of Christ the Teacher, the apostles transmit his Gospel to their own disciples through the living word of preaching, calling upon all to preserve it: “Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us” (*2 Tm* 1:14).
- 34 The apostles have entrusted us with “all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning” (*Acts* 1:1). The holy apostle Paul testifies to this when he writes to the faithful in Thessalonica: “So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter” (*2 Thes* 2:15). The Church has always called upon Christians to remain faithful to the teachings of the apostles, and thus, she has preserved the immutability of Holy Tradition, and by this token, her faithfulness to Jesus Christ. The essence of Tradition consists in faithfully following Christ within the Church for all generations, until the end of time. Holy Tradition is unchangeable because its content is Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday and today and forever (see *Heb* 13:8).

²⁵ Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* [The Word of God], 7.

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CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

St. Stephen Parish donates \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry

We contributed \$111 to Peter's Pence.

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 \$125

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. No one has signed up to clean this week.

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on July 4th was **60**. 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 July 4th was **\$1,540.64**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,631.96**

Sunday: \$1165; Holy Day: \$85; Online: \$143.64; Candles: \$57; Fuel: \$50; Icon: \$40

“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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