



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 18th, 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 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.

Repose 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

Saturday, July 24, 2021

The Holy Great Martyr Christine (c. 300).

✦ The Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David (1015).

Vespers: Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Luke 21:12-19.

for Boris & Gleb: Romans 8:28-39. John 15:17-16:2.

for the day: Romans 14:6-9. Matthew 15:32-39.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Glenna & +Noah Semak, from Bob & Jane Semak

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

Sunday, July 25, 2021

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

✦ The Dormition of the Holy Anna, Mother of the Theotokos.

Holy Women Olympiada & Euphraxia. Commemoration of the 5th Ecumenical Council.

9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31.

1 Corinthians 3:9-17. Matthew 14:22-34.

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 Elaina Yip, from Judith Ng (7-21)

+Peter & +Mary Bobovski, from Victor Jiompkowski (7-19)

+Glenna & +Noah Semak, from Bob & Jane Semak (7-24)

Monday, July 26, 2021

The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and his Companions (304).

The Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskeva (2nd Century).

Our Venerable Father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves.

1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Matthew 21:18-22.

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

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

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

✦ The Holy Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon (304).

Our Holy Father Clement, the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Ohrid (916).

Vespers: Isaiah 43:9-13 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3.

Matins Gospel: Luke 21:12-19.

1 Corinthians 15:29-38. Matthew 21:23-27.

Wednesday, July 28, 2021



The Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas.

Our Blessed Mother Alphonsa Muttathupadathu of Kerala.

1 Corinthians 16:4-12. Matthew 21:28-32.

7:00pm Vespers – *Reader Service*

Thursday, July 29, 2021

The Holy Martyr Callinicus (250).

2 Corinthians 1:1-7. Matthew 21:43-46.

Friday, July 30, 2021



The Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and their Companions.

2 Corinthians 1:12-20. Matthew 22:23-33.

7:00pm Vespers – *Reader Service*

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

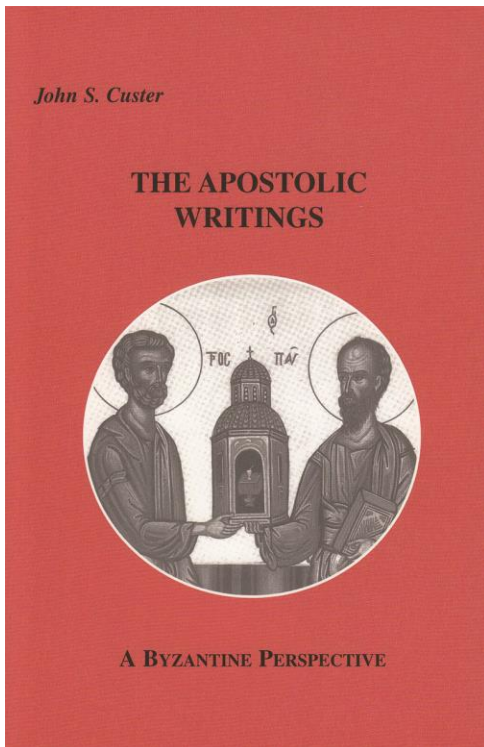
During the upcoming Dormition Fast, it is traditional to frequently celebrate the beautiful Office of Supplication to the Theotokos known as the the Paraklesis or Paraklis. Keep an eye on the bulletin for opportunities to pray this deeply moving service. The first time will be **Sunday, August 1st at 7pm**. 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 26th, 2021 from 7 - 9 pm**.

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 current book 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 and 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 18th, Guillermo J. Barillas 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

2. Faithfulness to Tradition

- 35 The unbroken continuity of Tradition is realized in the liturgical life of the Church, and in the teachings of the Holy Fathers, whose witness to the Truth is based not on human recollections, but on a living and uninterrupted experience of the Holy Spirit. The constancy of this experience within the Christian community is the safeguard of our faithfulness to the apostles' teaching, to the heritage of the Holy Fathers, and to the teaching of the Church, which strengthens our hope in the promise of the coming age. Faithfulness to Tradition is faithfulness to new life in Christ, which has been transmitted by the Holy Spirit to the apostles, and from them to the bishops, the presbyters, the deacons, and all the faithful.
- 36 The first Christian communities preserved and transmitted the apostolic teaching; they preached the word of God and lived by it (see *Phil* 2:6-11), continually abiding in "the apostles' teaching and fellowship, [devoting themselves] to the breaking of the bread and the prayers" (*Acts* 2:42). Especially in the "breaking of the bread," Christians recognized the fulfilment of the Gospel and the presence of Christ among them (see *Lk* 24:31). At the same time, they announced the arrival of the coming age. They did so while living in this world, yet not being "of this world" (see *Jn* 15:19; 17:14). These words can be fully applied to the Church today, which maintains within herself the Apostolic Tradition. Following the example of Peter, the Church unceasingly calls all people to repentance and baptism, by which they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit: "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him" (*Acts* 2:39). The faithful receive a foretaste of these events and of the coming of the kingdom of God in the Most Holy Eucharist, where the encounter and communion of God and humankind is realized. This is the content of Tradition by which the Church lived in apostolic times, by which she lives today, and by which she will live in the age to come.

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 \$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.

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. Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski have signed up to clean this week.



ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on July 11th was **50**. 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 July 11th was **\$1,474.52**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,637.01**

Sunday: \$978; Children: \$1; Online: \$394.52; Candles: \$21; Fuel: \$80

“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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