



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

August 8th, 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 Confession*

Sunday, August 8, 2021



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Confessor Emilian, Bp. of Cyzice (820).

11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

1 Corinthians 9:2b-12. Matthew 18:23-35.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – *Reader Service*

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

Reader: Victor Azcuy

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (8-5)

+Melvyn & Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

VBS Planning meeting after Divine Liturgy

7:00pm Paraklesis *in Ann Arbor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish*

Monday, August 9, 2021

Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. ✚ The Holy Apostle Matthias.

Vespers: Acts 1:15-26 • 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16.

for Matthias: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26. Luke 9:1-6.

(for the day: 2 Corinthians 5:10-15. Mark 1:9-15).

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

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

Tuesday, August 10, 2021



Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr & Archdeacon Laurence of Rome

2 Corinthians 5:15-21. Mark 1:16-22.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Steve Borella

7:00pm Paraklesis

Wednesday, August 11, 2021



Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Euplus (308).
2 Corinthians 6:11-16a. Mark 1:23-28.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday
for Judith Ng

Thursday, August 12, 2021



Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus (305).
Today we remember St. Maximus the Confessor, because of the Leave-taking tomorrow
2 Corinthians 7:1b-10a. Mark 1:29-35.

Friday, August 13, 2021



Leave-taking of the Transfiguration. Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662).
2 Corinthians 7:10-16. Mark 2:18-22.

9:00am Paraklesis

6:00 Confessions

7:00pm Great Vespers for + Theodosius

Saturday, August 14, 2021



last day of the Dormition Fast

⌘ Pre-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Micah.

+ Translation of the Relics of our Ven. Fr. Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves.

Vespers: Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Luke 6:17-23.

for Theodosius: Hebrews 13:7-16. Matthew 11:27-30.

(for the day: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. Matthew 20:29-34).

10:00am Divine Liturgy

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

Vacation Bible School!

4:00pm Vigil with the Burial Service of Praise for the Dormition of Mary

-followed by Confessions

Sunday, August 15, 2021

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

⊕ THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

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

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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 & *for the Dormition:* Philippians 2:5-11.

Matthew 19:16-26 & *for the Dormition:* Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

8:00am Sunday Matins

9:45am Third Hour – *Reader Service*

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

Reader: Debra Grega

for Judith Ng (8-11)

for the children of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron (8-14)

+Steve Borella (8-10)

*with the Blessing of Flowers**

Parish Picnic! from 11:30-3:30

7:00pm Vespers *for the Translation of the Icon not made by hands*

Monday, August 16, 2021

Post-festive Day of the Dormition.

⊗. The Translation of the Icon of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus Christ,

the Icon not made by human hands, from Edessa to Constantinople (944).

The Holy Martyr Diomedes (298).

for the Translation: either Col 1:12-18 or 2 Corinthians 3:4-11. Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24.

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

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

* "Following the Ambon Prayer of the Liturgy, flowers are blessed. The historical origin of this custom seems to have been the blessing of the first fruits of olives by the Patriarch of Constantinople.... In its present form it has many borrowings from the Roman tradition. The Slav texts title it a 'Blessing of Herbs,' and the intention of the prayer seems to be the blessing of herbs that were used for medicinal purposes in the summer heat which was conducive to many infectious diseases. In more recent times, the tradition concerning the death of the Theotokos that flowers were discovered in her tomb after her body was taken into heaven has influenced this office and made it a blessing of flowers....

"The flowers are incensed as the Troparion is sung, then the prayer of plants.... The plants are then blessed with the sprinkling of the Jordan Water." -Typikon

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Myron (250).

2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5. Mark 3:13-19a.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

for the grandchildren of Judith Ng, from Judith Ng

7:00pm Vespers *for Wednesday*

Wednesday, August 18, 2021



Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus (2nd Century).

2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7. Mark 3:20-27.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30 Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy *for Thursday*

for Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Post-festive Day of the Dormition. Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune & his Companions.

2 Corinthians 10:7b-18. Mark 3:28-35.

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 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.



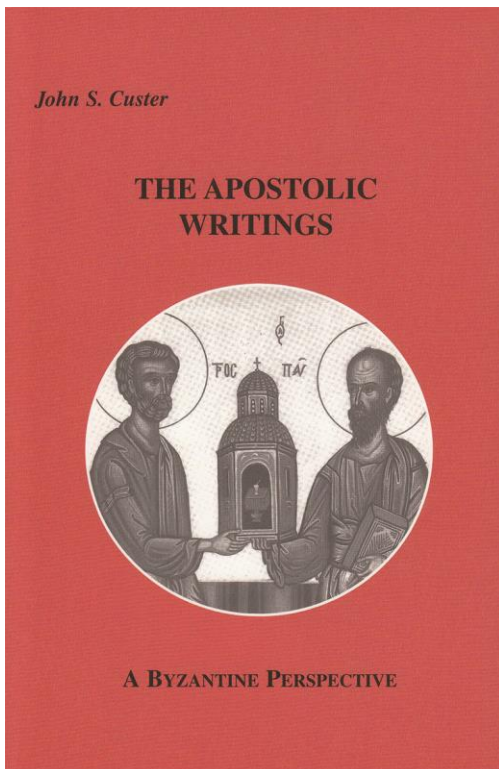
Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **Aug. 9th, 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.



The Dormition Fast

PROCLAIM A HOLY FAST! (Joel 1:14)

"The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence [from meat, fish, dairy products, eggs, alcohol, and foods cooked in oil] **from August 1 to 14**, with the usual mitigations (permitting wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880). The observance of this fast is voluntary"

"The various traditions concerning the death and assumption of Mary are found in two apocryphal works: the 'Assumption of Mary' (*Transitus Mariae*) written at the beginning of the fifth century and the 'Dormition of Mary,' written by John of Thessalonica (d. about 630).

- from the Typicon arranged by Archpriest David M. Petras, S.E.O.D. for use in the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolia of Pittsburgh.

Paraklesis

During the Dormition Fast, it is traditional to pray frequently the beautiful Office of Supplication to the Theotokos known as the the Paraklesis (or Paraklis). 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 Paraklesis.

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/>

Saint Stephen's Vacation Bible School

for kids ages 4-12



**Saint Stephen
Byzantine Catholic Church**

Come learn the story of our Lady's Holy Dormition through lessons, puppet show, snacks, crafts, games, and more!

Perfect love casts out fear!



Saturday, August 14th:

Registration

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in Dining Hall

Lessons, games, puppet show, icon making, lunch, and procession

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15th:

Worship at 10 a.m.

and blow out picnic for all ages

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm.



4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, Michigan

Call (313)382-5901 or email ststephen@parma.org to sign up!

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 sign up sheet is on the little table next to the sign about the the picnic.



Save the Date

**1ST ANNUAL BISHOP'S
GOLF CLASSIC**

to benefit the Eparchy of Parma

August 23, 2021

Monday, August 23, 2021
Medina Country Club
Medina, Ohio

8:00 AM - Registration
9:30 AM - Shotgun Start
Express Breakfast and BBQ Luncheon

For Sponsorship & Golfer Information
Contact Judith Matsko
at 216-741-8773 x 1225
or jmatsko@parma.org

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma is excited to announce its First Annual Bishop's Golf Classic presented by its Title Sponsor GCU. You are invited you to join us for a day of golf and fun as we raise funds to strengthen our parishes, missions, and ministries to better serve the faithful throughout the Eparchy.

Enjoy a lovely morning on the green with friends, plus an express breakfast, BBQ luncheon, prizes and more. The golf outing will feature a four-person scramble with prizes awarded to the top three teams and other fun contests. Please gather a foursome or come as a single golfer or perhaps join us only for the luncheon.

A detailed registration form may be found online at <https://parma.org/bishops-golf-classic>. Please contact Judith Matsko at 216.741.8773 x1225 or jmatsko@parma.org with questions. We hope to see you on the green!

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

Part One

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

C. The Holy Scriptures

- 38 In his providence, God envisaged the transmission of his Revelation also in written form. This would give the opportunity to preserve his Revelation unchangeable, and to transmit it from generation to generation throughout human history. People inspired by God transcribed God's word forming the Bible (from the Greek *Biblia*, meaning *books*), which we call *Holy Scripture*. "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful" (2 *Tm* 3:16). Holy Scripture is the Word of God addressed to every human being. Therefore, it is relevant in every time and every place. The Holy Scriptures are a collection of books, written *under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit* by holy people, which the Church of Christ has received and preserves as the Word of God. These books comprise the canon of Holy Scripture, which the Church has identified in the light of Apostolic Tradition. This canon includes 47 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New Testament.
- 39 The Old Testament contains the Revelation which God gave to humankind from the beginning of the world to the coming of the Saviour. The Old Testament includes: the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy); the Historical Books (Joshua, Judges, Ruth, two books of Samuel, two books of Kings, two books of Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, and two books of Maccabees); the Poetic Books (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach); and the Prophetic Books (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations of Jeremiah, Baruch, Letter of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zachariah, and Malachi). The Psalms of David are used in all the divine services of the Church, while selected texts of other books are used as readings at Vespers and at the Hours.
- 40 The Holy Scriptures of the New Testament contain the Revelation which God has given to humanity through his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and his apostles. It consists of 27 books: the Four Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which announce the earthly life and teaching of Christ; the Acts of the Apostles, which describes the growth of Christ's Church, especially the service and preaching of the chief apostles Peter and Paul; fourteen epistles of the holy apostle Paul (one to the Romans, two to the Corinthians, one each to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians, two to the Thessalonians, two to Timothy, and one each to Titus, Philemon, and the Hebrews); seven catholic [universal] epistles, written by other apostles to various Christian communities (one by James, two by Peter, three by John, and one by Jude); and the Revelation of John the Theologian.



THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Prot. No. 42/2021 L

DECREE

In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

Whereas the eparchial bishops meeting on 9 June 2021 in the Council of Hierarchs of the Metropolitan Byzantine Catholic Church of Pittsburgh *sui iuris*, in consultation with His Excellency, Archbishop William C. Skurla, agreed to set the official stipend for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at twenty dollars (\$20.00 US) in each of their (arch)eparchies; and

Whereas the above-referenced dollar amount applies to the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, and the Divine Liturgy of Saint Gregory the Dialogist and Pope of Rome, commonly called the Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts; and

Whereas the eparchial bishops in communion with His Excellency, Archbishop William C. Skurla, agreed to set in each of their (arch)eparchies the offering for the five (5) All Souls Saturdays at fifty dollars (\$50.00 US) per liturgical commemoration;

It is thus decreed that in the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma for the Ruthenians the above decisions are effective immediately with the exception of those stipends accepted prior to promulgation of this decree.

This decree thus derogates from the eparchial statutes. The approved stipend is the suggested fixed offering when the faithful request a set amount or when the amount is published. Priests are free to accept a smaller or greater amount or no offering at all. If the amount is greater than the set stipend, the priest is to forward the difference to the Eparchial Chancery for deposit into the fund for the promotion of vocations and seminary education.

It is to be noted that every pastor and administrator of a parish is personally obliged to offer the Divine Liturgy for the people entrusted to him on every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation; this Divine Liturgy is for living parishioners. While it is certainly praiseworthy to offer the Divine Liturgy for deceased parishioners, this does not fall within the meaning of the obligatory intention. If the priest is unable to offer it on the day itself, he must ensure that it is offered on the same day by another priest, or offered on another day by himself (canon 294 *CCEO*). A priest who is pastor or administrator of more than one parish is obliged to offer only one Divine Liturgy for all those entrusted to his care.

The pastor may not receive any monetary offering or other financial compensation for offering the Divine Liturgy for the people. If another priest offers the Divine Liturgy for the people on behalf of the pastor or administrator, the pastor or administrator should personally give the other priest a monetary offering. The parish must not give a priest an offering for the Divine Liturgy for the people.

This decree is to be promulgated in the eparchial publication *Horizons* and on the eparchial website. Posting on the eparchial website is to be considered official promulgation of this decree.

Given at the Chancery of the Eparchy of Parma, on this 25th day of June, 2021.

The Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma



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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. Phyllis, Char, Ceil, & Veronica have signed up to clean this week.



ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on July 25th was **55**. Attendance on Aug. 1st was **63**. Avg. Sun. attendance ≈ **41**

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.*

July 25th collection was **\$1,297.06**. Aug. 1st collection was **\$1,766.52**. Avg. Collection: **\$1,647.86**
Sundays: \$742 & \$1534; Holy Day: \$35; Online: \$494.06 & \$149.52; Children: \$1; Candles: \$60 & \$48

“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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