



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI *Beheading of John, Aug. 29th, 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 & the Beheading - followed by Confessions

Sunday, August 29, 2021



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5

⊕ THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FOREUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.†

Vespers: Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1 •

Malachi 3:1; Mark 1:2; Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7, 12,18,17; 4:4-6 • Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-5:7.
3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20.

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 & for the Beheading: Acts 13:25-33.

Matthew 22:1-14 & for the Beheading: Mark 6:14-29.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Cecilia Hendricks

intention of Rebecca, from Judith Ng (8-25)

+Steve Borella (8-24)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (8-28)

Cantors' Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the small hall

(for Cantors, Assistant Cantors, and Student Cantors)

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, August 30, 2021

Post-festive Day of the Beheading of the Holy Baptist John.

Holy Frs. Alexander (340), John (595), & Paul the Younger (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople.

Galatians 2:11-16. Mark 5:24b-34.

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

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

*“There is no law obliging one to fast, but by tradition, a strict fast is observed. When this feast falls on a Sunday, Typicons are not in agreement as to whether the fast should be observed or not. Some mitigate the fast, by prescribing only that meat or fish not be eaten. Local traditions also include such practices as not eating food from a plate or anything in the form of a head, such as cabbage, lettuce, apples, etc.” -Petras, Typicon 2021

† “Red vestments are worn today.” -Ibid.

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

✦ The Deposition of the Venerable Sash of the Theotokos in Calcoprateia (942).

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: Galatians 2:21-3:7. Mark 6:1-7).

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ✦ The Indiction

+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathleen Mykeloff

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

✦ The Indiction (Beginning of the Church Year). Venerable Fr. Simeon the Stylite & his Mother (459).

The Synaxis of the Theotokos of Miasena. The Holy Martyr Aeithalas (380).

The Forty Holy Women martyred with their Instructor Ammon the Deacon (313).

Holy Martyr Callista & her Brothers, Evodius & Hermogenes (309). Joshua the Just, Son of Nun.

Vespers: Isaiah 61:1-9 • Leviticus 26:3-12, 14-17, 19-24 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30.

for the Indiction: 1 Timothy 2:1-7. Luke 4:16-22.

(for the day: Galatians 3:15-22. Mark 6:7-13)

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Holy Martyr Mammas (274). Venerable Fr. John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople (595).

Galatians 3:23-4:5. Mark 6:30-45.

Friday, September 3, 2021



The Holy Martyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia (303).

Our Venerable Fr. Theoctist, Companion of our Venerable Fr. Euthymius the Great (431).

The Holy Deaconess Phoebe of Cenchreae.

Galatians 4:8-21. Mark 6:45-53.

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, September 4, 2021

The Holy Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch (283). The Holy Prophet Moses, who saw God.

1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5. Matthew 24:1-13.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, September 5, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6

⊗ Holy Prophet Zachary & his Wife, Holy & Venerable Elizabeth, Parents of the Forerunner.

Our Holy Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.

2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Matthew 22:35-46.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Akathist

10:00am Divine Liturgy - *for the people of the parish* Reader: Carson Daniel Lauffer

descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron (9-4)

+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathleen Mykeloff (8-31)

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (9-1)

Meeting of Catechists after Divine Liturgy in the small hall

7:00pm Vespers in Ann Arbor *for Monday*

Monday, September 6, 2021

⊗ The Miracle of the Holy Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chionia.
The Holy Martyr Eudoxius and his Companions (c. 311). Our Venerable Father Archippus.
Galatians 4:28-5:10. Mark 6:54-7:8a.

7:00pm *Byzantine Book Club* - online: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>
or in person: 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

⊗ Pre-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The Holy Martyr Sozon (304).
Galatians 5:11-21. Mark 7:5-16.

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:00 Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ⊕ THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
+Teresa Bobovski, from Mary Novak

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

⊕ THE NATIVITY 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.

for the Nativity: Philippians 2:5-11. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

(for the day: Galatians 6:2-10. Mark 7:14-24a).

7:00am Festal Matins for ⊕ THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

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)



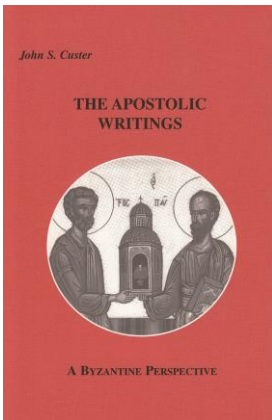
by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



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)



Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **Aug. 30th, 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.



Meet and Greet

Wednesday Sept. 8th, 2021 From 1pm to 3pm
At Crowley Park Westwood St. Dearborn, MI

The Byzikids Homeschool Co-op seeks to provide support and encouragement in an in-person setting to Eastern Christian families as they live out their faith. By utilizing the readily available resources of Byzikids magazine, our Byzikids Co-op will meet monthly to support each other, pray for and with each other, and share crafts and activities that enrich our homeschool education. It is our desire for Eastern Christian families to find local fellowship and support for our way of life.

All are welcome in our group, with the understanding that the intent of our group is to support homeschool families that belong to a Byzantine Tradition (Catholic or Orthodox) and therefore our activities will be geared toward these goals. To participate, each family will need to purchase a subscription to Byzikids magazine for \$100. If this is a financial burden, arrangements will be made for anyone who needs them.

We will meet monthly at TBA

Email Pani Katie Russell at katiersll@gmail.com
for more information and to join us!

ATTENTION ALL WEDDING JUBILARIANS OF THE GREAT LAKES PROTOPRESBYTERATE

Those married couples who will be celebrating their 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th, 75th, 80th + Wedding Anniversaries this year, are Cordially invited by His Grace Bishop Milan Lach, SJ, to attend a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Dinner to be held at Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Parish in Flushing, MI. on **Sunday, November 14th, 2021**. The Hierarchical Liturgy will be celebrated at 4:00pm followed by a Dinner in Honor of the Wedding Jubilarian Couples. Family members are also welcome to attend the dinner at the cost of \$15.00 per person. The registration form is available in the narthex.



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 Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski for cleaning this week.

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, August 29th, will you take home the icon?
- Sunday, September 5th, will you take home the icon?
- Sunday, September 12th, Ceil Burja will take home the icon.
- Sunday, September 19th, Char Bonacor take home the icon.

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

Part One

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

C. The Holy Scriptures

3. Reading and Explanation of Holy Scripture

- 46 Saint Jerome teaches that “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”³⁴ Therefore, to know Christ one must read Holy Scripture, which, in the words of Saint Paul, “is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work” (2 *Tm* 3:16-17). One must read the Holy Scriptures daily: “Reading Holy Scripture every day, even for a brief moment, should become the custom of every Christian family. This reading should become people’s daily nourishment.”³⁵
- 47 The Word of God is received with faith, and faith comes from what is heard (see *Rom* 10:17). To understand the Holy Scriptures, it is necessary to join reading the Word of God with *hearing* that Word in homilies and catechesis. As related in the Acts of the Apostles, a steward of the Ethiopian queen was reading the prophecies of Isaiah about Christ, but he did not understand them until the apostle Philip explained their meaning to him. Thanks to this explanation, the steward believed in Jesus Christ and was baptized (see *Acts* 8:26-39).
- 48 The Holy Fathers of the Church not only read the Holy Scriptures themselves, they also insistently encouraged all the faithful to read them. St. John Chrysostom writes:

Reading the Holy Scriptures, dearly beloved, is a great good. It arouses the soul to an appreciation of wisdom, directs the mind to heaven, brings one to a thankful attitude, prevents our getting excited over any earthly reality, brings our thinking to rest in the world beyond, brings ourselves to do everything with a view to reward from the Lord, and to deal with the trials of virtue with great readiness.³⁶

³⁴ Jerome, *Commentary on the Prophet Isaiah*, Introduction: PL 24, 17; see Benedict XV, Encyclical *Spiritus Paraclitus* [Spirit Comforter] (September 15, 1920); Pius XII, Encyclical *Divino Afflante Spiritu* [Inspired by the Divine Spirit] (September 30, 1943).

³⁵ Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, *Про почитання Святого Хреста* [On the Veneration of the Holy Cross] (September 9, 1940).

³⁶ John Chrysostom, *Homilies on Genesis*, Homily 35, 1: PG 53, 321.



Thank you for your donation to Catholic Relief Services to help families affected by the earthquake.

Because of gifts like yours, we can respond immediately and efficiently to emergencies. Together, we are committed to the most vulnerable, ensuring crucial information is shared and common-sense practices are known within the communities we work in.

Your support is already on its way—thank you!

We simply could not do this work without you. May God bless you and yours, now and always.

Peace and light,
Sean L. Callahan
President & CEO
Catholic Relief Services

Transaction Summary

Transaction Date: 08/27/2021 1:46 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Donation Amount: \$135.00

Street: 4141 Laurence

City: Allen Park

State: MI

Zip Code: 48101

Email Address: ststephen@parma.org

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

for the retirement of Religious Sisters, we have collected \$145

We donated \$135 to Catholic Relief Services for Earthquake Relief in Haiti.

Disaster Relief for the People of Haiti

Archbishop Gomez, President of the USCCB, has requested that all parishes in the United States take up a collection for the disaster relief of the people of Haiti, who have recently suffered much devastation from natural disasters. We will make this next offering on **September 26**, and donations for this until then will be added to that offering.

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.

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance on August 22nd was **44**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **42**

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.*

Collection for August 22nd was **\$1,654.02**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,673.38**

Sundays: \$1111; Holy Day: \$25; Online: \$464.52; Children: \$1; Candles: \$42.50; Fuel: \$10

“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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