



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

September 5th, 2021

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Director of Evangelization: Carson Daniel Lauffer



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, 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).

8:00am Festal Matins for ☩ *THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS*

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for *Thursday*

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Post-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

⊗ The Synaxis of the Holy and Just Grandparents of God Joachim and Anna.

The Holy Martyr Severian (320).

Ephesians 1:1-9. Mark 7:24-30.

Friday, September 10, 2021



Postfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Holy Martyrs Menodora, Mitrodora & Nymphodora

Ephesians 1:7-17. Mark 8:1-10.

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for *Saturday*

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Saturday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Postfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos.
Our Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria (490).

Today we also remember St. Autonomos, because of the leave-taking tomorrow.

for the Cross: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9. Matthew 10:37-11:1.

(for the day: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28. Matthew 24:34-44).

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, September 12, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Autonomus (c. 300).

5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:12-35.

for the Cross: Galatians 6:11-18. John 3:13-17.

(for the day: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10. Matthew 25:14-30).

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (9-8)

+Teresa Bobovski, from Mary Novak (9-7)

+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (9-11)

Meeting of Parents after Divine Liturgy in the small hall

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, September 13, 2021

⌘. Pre-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord in Jerusalem (335).

The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cornelius.

Vespers: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 • Proverbs 3:19-34 • Proverbs 9:1-11.

for the Cross: Hebrews 3:1-4. Matthew 16:13-18.

(for the day: Ephesians 1:22-2:3. Mark 10:46-52).

6:00 All-Night Vigil with the Veneration of the Cross &

approx. 8:00pm Divine Liturgy for ⌘ THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.

+Steve Borella

Tuesday, September 14, 2021



⊕ THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

The Passing of our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Vespers: Exodus 15:22-16:1 • Proverbs 3:11-18 • Isaiah 60:11-16.

Matins Gospel: John 12:28-36.

for the Cross: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. John 19:6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35.

(for the day: Ephesians 2:19-3:7. Mark 11:11-23).

7:30pm Married Priests in the Catholic Church: Online Book Launch (Zoom)

to register, email: sheptytsky@utoronto.ca

Wednesday, September 15, 2021



⊗ Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Great Martyr Nicetas (372).

Our Venerable Father Symeon, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

Ephesians 3:8-21. Mark 11:22b-26.

9:30am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, September 16, 2021

⊗ Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Great Martyr Euphemia (303).

Ephesians 4:14-19. Mark 11:27-33.

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)



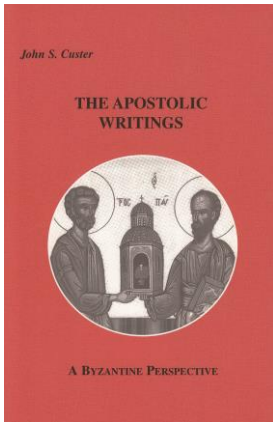
by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



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: **September 6th, 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 katierssl@gmail.com
for more information and to join us!

Married Priests in the Catholic Church



September 14, 2021



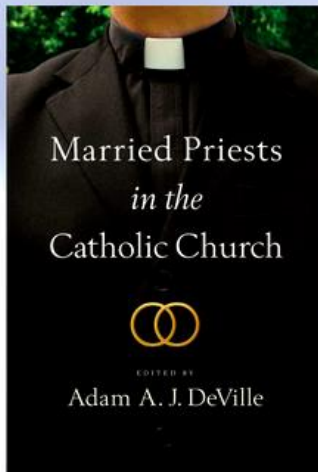
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Online (Zoom)



To register for this book launch, please send an email to sheptytsky@utoronto.ca.



Although celibacy is often seen as a distinctive feature of the Catholic priesthood, both Catholic and Orthodox Churches in fact have rich and diverse traditions of married priests. The essays contained in *Married Priests in the Catholic Church* offer the most comprehensive treatment of these traditions to date. These essays, written by a wide-ranging group that includes historians, pastors, theologians, canon lawyers, and the wives and children of married Roman Catholic, Eastern Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox priests, offer diverse perspectives from many countries and traditions on the subject, including personal, historical, theological, and canonical accounts.



Presenter:
Dr. Adam DeVille, *Editor*



METROPOLITAN ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY INSTITUTE OF
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University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto



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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2021

EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF AMERICA

Catechetical Sunday is an annual event in our parish that marks the beginning of Eastern Christian Formation for the new catechetical school year. In two weeks, on **September 19th**, we will have a special blessing and prayers for our children, and their teachers, during the Divine Liturgy. We ask that all catechists and students be present for this ceremony. These prayers emphasize the importance of learning and teaching the faith of our Church, a responsibility we all have as Christians.

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.



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, 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.



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 yet to clean this week.

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

- 49 Following the tradition of the Holy Fathers of the Church, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky refers to the Holy Scriptures as an infinite and unfathomable ocean of truth and goodness:

Holy Scripture is the word of God Most High, one in the Trinity, spoken to us useless sinners, whom the Most High calls to the dignity of being his children and who receives us as his children. It is therefore an inexhaustible treasury of all heavenly blessings, a source of the light of heavenly, infallible truth, and of living water, flowing unto eternal life and the eternal salvation of the whole human race. And so, let us come to understand what medicine for the soul, what angelic nourishment, what strength for life, and what a most wonderful gift from heaven is every word of Holy Scripture.³⁷

- 50 The content of Holy Scripture is discerned most fully in the light of Holy Tradition, by virtue of which the Holy Scriptures always remain relevant and living. To understand Holy Scripture is to discern within it the deepest content and meaning of Revelation as the history of salvation. This is possible only in the Church, where it was born. The best guide to understanding Holy Scripture is the prayer of the Church, by means of which, by the action of the Holy Spirit, Holy Scripture is revealed to us as the Word of God. Christ appears in the Word, just as he appears in the Eucharistic Bread and Wine. For this reason, the Fathers of the Church teach us about two tables—the table of the Word and the table of the Bread—from which the faithful partake during the Divine Liturgy.³⁸

³⁷ Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, *Визнання Вселенської віри* [Profession of the Universal Faith] (March-April 1942).

³⁸ See Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* [The Word of God], 21.

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 \$205

for disaster relief in Haiti, we have collected \$20

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 29th was **47**. 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 29th was **\$989.02**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,676.30**

Sundays: \$595; Holy Day: \$80; Online: \$134.52; Children: \$1; Candles: \$38.50; Fuel: \$140

“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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