



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 19th, 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, September 19, 2021

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Tone 8

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedont (c. 227).

6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53.

for the Cross: Galatians 2:16-20. Mark 8:34-9:1.

(for the day: 2 Corinthians 6:16b-7:1. Matthew 15:21-28).

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Katya

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (9-15)

+Steve Borella (9-13)

+Robert Butella, from Don & Theresa Butella (9-18)

11:45am First Day of Eastern Christian Formation Classes

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, September 20, 2021

⊗ Postfeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Martyr Eustace & his Companions (118).

The Holy Martyrs and Confessors, the Great Prince Michael and his Counselor Theodore,
Wonder-workers of Chernigov (1244).

Ephesians 4:25-32. Luke 3:19-22.

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

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

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The Holy Apostle Quadratus of Magnesia (c. 130).

Ephesians 5:20-26. Luke 3:23-4:1.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy *for Wednesday*

+Karen Lauffer, from Carson Daniel Lauffer

Wednesday, September 22, 2021



The Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope (103). The Holy Prophet Jonah.

Our Venerable Father Jonah the Priest, Father of Theophane the Hymnographer and

Theodore the Artist (9th Century).

Today we also commemorate the Holy Apostle Quadratus, because of the Leavetaking yesterday.

Ephesians 5:25-33a. Luke 4:1-15.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy *for Thursday*

+Richard & +Josephine Eusani, from Pani Mary Hendricks

Thursday, September 23, 2021

⌘. The Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John.

for John: Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 1:5-25.

(for the day: Ephesians 5:33-6:9. Luke 4:16-22a).

Friday, September 24, 2021



⌘ The Holy Protomartyr among Women, and Equal to the Apostles, Thecla (51).

Ephesians 6:18-24. Luke 4:22-30.

7:00am First & Third Hours

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers *for Saturday*

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyna (479).

1 Corinthians 15:39-45. Luke 4:31-36.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, September 26, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

✙ The Passing of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

Vespers: 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Luke 5:1-11.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Misha

+Richard & +Josephine Eusani, from Pani Mary Hendricks

+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, September 27, 2021

The Holy Martyr Callistratus and his Companions (304).

Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.

Our Holy Father Vincent de Paul.

Philippians 1:1-7. Luke 4:37-44.

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Tuesday, September 28, 2021

+ Venerable Fr. & Confessor Chariton (362). Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs (929). Holy Prophet Baruch.
The Passing of our Blessed Father and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949).

Synaxis of the Holy Frs. of the Pecherskaya Lavra who repose near the Venerable Anthony.

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

Matins Gospel: Matthew 4:25-5:12.

for Chariton: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Luke 6:17-23.

(for the day: Philippians 1:8-14. Luke 5:12-16).

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers *for Wednesday*

Wednesday, September 29, 2021



⌘ Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite (557).

Philippians 1:12-20a. Luke 5:33-39.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy *for Thursday*

+Josephine Eusani, from Louise Dalbo

Thursday, September 30, 2021

⌘ The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia (332).

Philippians 1:20b-27a. Luke 6:12-19.

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy *for ⌘ THE PROTECTION*

+Thomas Russell, from his son

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)



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2021

EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF AMERICA

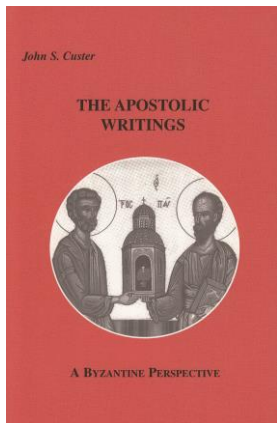
Today, we joyfully celebrate an important event in our parish: the beginning of our year of Eastern Christian Formation. The children and the adults who teach them, gather together to receive a blessing for the start of the new catechetical school year. The theme this year is, “Christ, the Physician of Our Souls and Bodies.” May their good work help us all to realize the love and mercy of God’s healing presence and how Christ continues to heal through each one of us in His Mystical Body, the Church. Together today, we ask God to grant His servants, our students, their parents, and their teachers, many years in health and happiness!

Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **September 20th, 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. *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 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 meet monthly on the 3rd Friday of each Month

We meet next

on Friday, October 15th at 11am

at St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church

4700 Metro Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Email Pani Katie Russell at katierrssl@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.





St. Joseph, the Strong, Silent Type

A Gathering of the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate

at the Solanus Casey Center
1780 Mt Elliott St, Detroit, MI 48207

on November 20th, 2021
from 9:00am until 2:00pm

To conclude this Year of St Joseph as a Protopresbyterate, all the parishes of the region are invited to participate in a day of reflection, repentance, healing, and worship.

Our priests will be available for confessions starting at 9am. At 11am, we will offer the Anointing of the Sick, followed by Divine Liturgy. We will then have lunch and a presentation on St. Joseph by Fr. Joseph Marquis. At the conclusion, there will be a blessing with a relic of St. Joseph's robe. Please join us!

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 19th, Char Bonacor take home the icon.
- Sun, Sept. 26th, the Coffey-Burns will 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

*Therefore, Master, as we too remember his saving passion,
the life-giving Cross, the burial for three days,
the resurrection from the dead, the ascension into heaven,
the sitting at your right hand, O God and Father,
and his glorious and dread second coming;
We offer to you, yours of your own, in behalf of all and for all.
(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

D. Kerygma (Proclamation) and Catechesis

- 53 The holy apostle Paul teaches that our faith in God and his Revelation is born as a response to the Word that is heard (see *Rom* 10:17). Therefore, the Church from the very beginning, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, proclaimed the risen Christ (in Greek, *kerygma*) and taught the faith (in Greek, *katekchesis* ; see *Acts* 2:14-41). Kerygma is the proclamation of the Paschal event of the Death and Resurrection of Christ, manifested in the witness of the life of a Christian community. Kerygma is united with the call to believe in Jesus Christ. Faith leads to conversion, reception of Baptism, and readiness to follow Christ: “In this do I believe and will not be ashamed; before the nations I will profess this faith, and for its profession I will lay down my life.”⁴⁴
- 54 Catechesis is the explanation of Christian teaching, which serves for the preparation of catechumens for Baptism, the churching of faithful and the deepening of their faith (mystagogy). We find examples of apostolic catechesis especially in the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, where the apostle responds to the questions of the faithful, and clarifies the relation between faith and daily life. The goal of catechesis, as the essential work of the Church, is to teach and to form Christians in the faith, leading them into fellowship with Jesus Christ and the Church community. Catechesis has a systematic character. It elucidates a Christian understanding of the personal and social life of the faithful, in light of the teachings of Christ and the Church.

⁴⁴ Ilarion, Metropolitan of Kyiv, *Confession of Faith*.

Thank you for your support of the 2020-2021 Stewardship Appeal.
We raised more than our goal and have received a rebate!

St. Stephen, Allen Park

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| Number of Donors: | 39 |
| Received: | \$8,821.94 |
| 2020-2021 Goal: | \$7,000.00 |
| Rebate Earned: | \$1,821.94 |

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 \$60

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. 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 September 12th was **57**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **43**

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 September 12th was **\$2,758.96**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,721.07**

Sunday: \$667; Holy Day: \$80; Online: \$134.52; Rebate: \$1,821.94; Candles: \$55.50

“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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