



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 26th, 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 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.

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

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

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

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).

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

Readers: Victor Azcuy &

Debra Grega

Friday, October 1, 2021



⊕ PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

The Holy Apostle Ananias. Our Venerable Father, Romanus the Melodist (496).

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

for the Protection: Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

(for the day: Philippians 1:27-2:4. Luke 6:17-23a.)

6:30am Festal Matins *for ☩ THE PROTECTION*

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers *for Saturday*

Saturday, October 2, 2021

⊗ The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian (258). The Holy Martyr Justina (258).
The Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ (911).

1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3. Luke 5:17-26.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

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

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

Sunday, October 3, 2021

NINETEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

⊗ The Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite.
8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18.

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. Luke 6:31-36.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Akathist

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

Reader: Guillermo

for the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron (10-2)

+Josephine Eusani, from Louise Dalbo (9-29)

+Thomas Russell, from his son (9-30)

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes

7:00pm Great Vespers in Ann Arbor - *for Venerable Fr. Francis of Assisi*

at St. Francis of Assisi Parish: 2250 E Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Monday, October 4, 2021

The Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Venerable Father Francis of Assisi (1226).

Philippians 2:12-16a. Luke 6:24-30.

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

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

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

The Holy Martyr Charitina (304).

Philippians 2:16b-23. Luke 6:37-45.

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Great Vespers for *✠The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas*

Wednesday, October 6, 2021



✦ The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas.

Vespers: 1 John 1:1-7 • James 1:1-12 • Jude 1-7, 17-25.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for Thomas: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. John 20: 19-31.

(for the day: Philippians 2:24-30. Luke 6:46-7:1).

6:00pm *Confessions*

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday
intention of Judith Ng

Thursday, October 7, 2021

⊗ The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus (303).

Philippians 3:1-8. Luke 7:17-30.

Friday, October 8, 2021



Our Venerable Mother Pelagia (457).

Philippians 3:8b-19. Luke 7:31-35.

7:00pm Great Vespers – for ✦ *The Holy Apostle James Alpheus* – *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)



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2021
EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF AMERICA

Last Sunday, we prayed for 9 students and 5 teachers, that God may strengthen them in their good work of growing in faith, love and knowledge of God through catechesis. We ask you to keep them in your prayers, to encourage the students, their parents and their teachers to persevere in their studies, and to support and thank those who have accepted the responsibility of catechesis for our children as a gift of their time, energy and dedication.

In order to pass on the faith of our Church, we must take hold of it ourselves! What are you doing to nourish your spiritual life and your

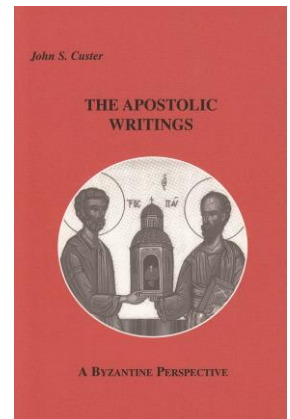
knowledge of the beautiful faith of our Church? There are many resources available, often listed in this bulletin (including the Byzantine Book Club!). You can also visit GodWithUsBooks.org or GodWithUsOnline.org for books, videos, webinars, further resources and study guides to strengthen you in your confidence to share the faith of our Church with others.

Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **September 27th, 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.



Diaconal Ordination

Subdeacon Michael Kunitz will be ordained to the Holy Order of the Diaconate by Metropolitan William Skurla at the Byzantine Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall PA, on **October 3rd at 9:00 AM**.

“Janine and I are eternally grateful for your prayers and support over these past 5+ years. We love you all and miss you dearly.” – Subdeacon Michael



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
location to be determined

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.





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.



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

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA
Part One
THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

D. Kerygma (Proclamation) and Catechesis

1. Tradition of the Holy Fathers of the Church

- 55 The apostolic proclamation of the Gospel was continued by the Fathers of the Church, of whom the first were disciples of the apostles: the holy hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome; Saint Ignatius the God-Bearer; and Saint Polycarp of Smyrna. Their teaching and witness of the faith was received from Christ's apostles, and for this reason it is held in special esteem in the Christian community.
- 56 The Church acknowledges those who preached the Gospel in truthfulness of teaching and in holiness of life, and refers to them as *Holy Fathers*. For this reason they proclaimed the Good News by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth. Thus, for the Church they became Fathers in the faith, becoming like the apostle Paul, who said: "For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel" (1 Cor 4:15-16).
- 57 The Holy Fathers of the Church were witnesses of the Apostolic Tradition. They defended its purity and aligned their own theological teaching with it. The fullness of God's Revelation is found in Christ Jesus. However, in the course of history, the Church has progressively uncovered the depths of this Revelation. In their sermons and explanations, the Fathers of the Church further deepened the understanding of Apostolic Tradition and professed it in a conciliar fashion. Their heritage is an integral part of Holy Tradition. In the course of each liturgical year, the Church commemorates the Holy Fathers, who clearly defined at Ecumenical Councils that which in the Church has been believed always, everywhere, and by all.*
- 58 The unified conciliar thought of the Fathers defined the content of faith. Thanks to this, the faith endured for centuries without error and was professed in the fullness of truth. The definitions of faith provided by the Ecumenical Councils acquired the status of *dogmas*, and they became the unchangeable teachings of the Church. Through these dogmas, the Fathers delineated the true profession of the Mysteries of God, defending the Tradition from erroneous interpretations. The transmission of faith continues to this day through the ministry of bishops, the successors of the apostles. We refer to this ministry as the "Teaching Office" of the Church, when bishops transmit with one mind, always and everywhere, that which they have received from the apostles.
- 59 The conciliar dogmatic definitions of faith were based upon the consensus of the Fathers. Saints such as Athanasius of Alexandria, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, Gregory of Nyssa, Augustine of Hippo, Leo the Great, Cyril of Alexandria, Gregory the Great, Maximus the Confessor, John of Damascus, and others all contributed to this unified conciliar thinking of the Church.

* See Vincent of Lérins, *Commonitory for the Antiquity and Universality of the Catholic Faith*, 6: PL 50, 615.

⁴⁵ See Vatican Council II, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et Spes* [Joy and Hope], 58.

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 \$190

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 offering today, **September 26**.

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 19th 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 19th was **\$1,760.02**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,758.55**

Sunday: \$1137; Holy Day: \$45; Online: \$414.52; Fuel: \$65; Candles: \$98.50

“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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