



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 10th, 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

Sunday, October 10, 2021

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia (302).

9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31.

Galatians 1:11-19. Luke 7:11-16.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Misha

Eastern Christian Formation Classes are cancelled today due to coronavirus

Monday, October 11, 2021

The Holy Apostle Philip, one of the Seven Deacons.

Our Venerable Father Theophane, the Artist and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea (847).

Our Holy Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome.

Philippians 4:10-23. Luke 7:36-50.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club – cancelled

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus (292).

Our Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maiuma, the Hymnographer (8th Century).

Our Holy Father Martin, Bishop of Tours.

Colossians 1:1-2a, 7-11. Luke 8:1-3.

Wednesday, October 13, 2021



The Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus and Agathonica (250).

Colossians 1:18-23. Luke 8:22-25.

7:00pm Vespers – *Reader Service*

Thursday, October 14, 2021

The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, and Celsus (60).

Our Venerable Mother Paraskeva of Tmovo (1201).

The Passing of the Blessed Martyr, the Priest Roman Lysko (1949).

Colossians 1:24-29. Luke 9:7-11.

Friday, October 15, 2021



Our Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger (9th Century).

The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of the Great Church of Antioch (312).

Colossians 2:1-7. Luke 9:12b-18a.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers *for Saturday*

Saturday, October 16, 2021

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.

2 Corinthians 3:12-18. Luke 6:1-10.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

for a private intention

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

Sunday, October 17, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

The Holy Prophet Hosea. The Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete (767).

Vespers Paramia: Genesis 14:14-20 • Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut. 10:14-21.

10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14.

Galatians 2:16-20 & *for the Council Fathers:* Hebrews 13:7-16.





Luke 8:5-15 & *for the Council Fathers:* John 17:1-13

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

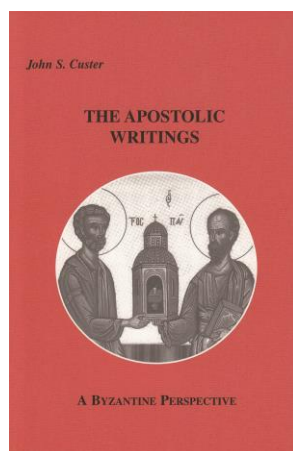
LEGEND

⊕	Great Feast		by tradition, a strict fast day (no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil)
⊕	Feast with an All-night Vigil		by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)
⊕	Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins		by tradition, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, or eggs)
⊕	Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins		by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)
⊕	Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers		

Byzantine Book Club

This week's meeting is cancelled.
Next meeting: **October 18th at 7pm**

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.



**OCTOBER'S MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS.
WE'LL TRY AGAIN FOR NOVEMBER.**

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

52ND ANNUAL HOLUBKY DINNER

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church, 200 N. Van Buren St., Bay City invites all to come **Sunday, October 31st** for their take-out only dinner. They will be serving from 11:30am until 4:00pm. Dinner includes: holubky (stuffed cabbage rolls), Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Bread, & Dessert. Take-out dinner: \$13 or 2 for \$25. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle and a Bake Sale. For more information, email: stgeorgebyz@gmail.com or call 989-892-0763.

Join us at Saint Stephen for our
2nd Annual



October 31st 6-8pm

(In the Parish Office Lot)

- ~ Free event for the whole family
- ~ Wear a costume, decorate your trunk, and bring treats to pass out
- ~ set up at 5pm
- ~ Visit with old friends and new
- ~ Free Chili, Cider, & Soul Cakes
- ~ Donations welcome!

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.

At 9am, we will show the film, *Joseph of Nazareth*. At the same time, 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.

There is a cost of \$12 per participant to cover lunch. **Contact Fr. John by Sunday, November 14th to register.** Please join us!

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

Part One

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

D. Kerygma (Proclamation) and Catechesis

3. Growth in Faith: Catechumenate, Illumination, Sacramental Initiation

- 63 In the first centuries, the catechesis of non-baptized adults in the Church took place in three stages: Catechumenate, Illumination, and Initiation. The Catechumenate (from the Greek *katekhomenos*, meaning *one being instructed*) began with the presentation of a new candidate to the Christian community. With the agreement of the community, the candidate became a catechumen. The name of this person was announced to the community; and now, the Holy Scriptures would be announced to the catechumen. Such catechumens sometimes remained in the narthex of the church, which served as an outward symbol of the catechumens' inner spiritual state: they were leaving the world behind, but had not yet fully entered into the Church, the temple of the faithful. Having listened to the Word of God and the homily at the Divine Liturgy, the catechumens were obliged to leave the church after the prayer of the church community for them—the Litany for the Catechumens.
- 64 The Catechumenate initiated the stage during which catechumens familiarized themselves with the faith and prepared for Baptism. Before the actual Baptism, the status of catechumens was changed to “those being enlightened” [i.e., the stage of Illumination]. During pre-baptismal catechesis, they were taught the Symbol of Faith and the Lord's Prayer, the “Our Father.” The pre-baptismal catechesis culminated in a *catechetical instruction* delivered by the bishop himself.
- 65 Baptism immerses a person into the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. It is the beginning of initiation into the mysteries (in Greek, *mystagogia*). Having become a participant in the Death and Resurrection of Christ, the newly baptized person is sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Chrismation, and in the Eucharist receives the food of eternal life.
- 66 In our tradition, Christian sacramental initiation is expressed also in spatial terms. Baptism begins in the narthex or baptistery, Chrismation takes place in the nave or temple of the faithful, and Holy Communion at the threshold of the sanctuary. The newly baptized are clothed in bright garments (in Ukrainian, *kryzhmo*), which in the early Church were worn throughout all of Bright Week. These garments signify the joy of life in Christ and the expectation of the fullness of one's encounter with God at the second coming of Christ.

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.



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 the Coffey-Burns for cleaning last week.

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 \$305

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 October 3rd was **43**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **44**

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 October 3rd was **\$1,374.50**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,746.91**

Sunday: \$605; Holy Day: \$45; Online: \$580.50; Candles: \$112; Fuel: \$20; Horizon: \$12

“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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