



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

October 17th, 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, 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

Reader: Dan Lauffer

Eastern Christian Formation Classes are cancelled today

7:00pm Great Vespers for ✠ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

Monday, October 18, 2021

✠ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

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

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for Luke: Colossians 4:5-9, 14-15, 18. Luke 10:16-22.

(for the day: Colossians 2:13-20. Luke 9:18-22).

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

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

The Holy Prophet Joel. The Holy Martyr Varus (307). Our Venerable Fr. John of Rila (946).

Colossians 2:20-3:3. Luke 9:23-27.

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers for Wednesday

Wednesday, October 20, 2021



⌘ The Holy Great Martyr Artemius (392).
Colossians 3:17-4:1. Luke 9:44-50.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

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

Thursday, October 21, 2021

⌘ Our Venerable Father Hilary the Great (372).
Colossians 4:2-9. Luke 9:49-56.

Friday, October 22, 2021



The Holy Bishop Abercius of Hieropolis, Equal to the Apostles, Wonder-worker (2nd Century).
The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. Our Holy Fr. John Paul II, Pope of Rome.
Colossians 4:10-18. Luke 10:1-15.

7:00am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Josephine Eusani, from Richard & Elaine Baranko

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, October 23, 2021

⌘. The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God.
2 Corinthians 5:1-10a. Luke 7:1-10.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, October 24, 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5

The Holy Martyr Arethas and his Companions (523).

11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

Galatians 6:11-18. Luke 16:19-31.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Dominique

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (10-20)

+Josephine Eusani, from Richard & Elaine Baranko (10-22)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (10-23)

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, October 25, 2021

Holy Martyrs & Notaries Marcian and Martyrius (355). Holy & Just Tabitha the Merciful.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5. Luke 10:22-24.

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

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

✙ The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius (305).

The Commemoration of the Great and Fearful Earthquake at Constantinople (740).

Vespers: Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22.

for Demetrius: 2 Timothy 2:1-10. John 15:17-16:2.

(for the day: 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10. Luke 11:1-10).

9:30am First & Third Hour &

10:00am Divine Liturgy *for ✙ The Holy & Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius
intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt*

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

The Holy Martyr Nestor (306). Holy Martyr Capitolina & her Servant Erotheïdes (c. 304).
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8. Luke 11:9-13.

6:00pm *Confessions*

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Holy Martyrs Terence & Neonila. Holy Fr. Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer (807).
⌘. The Holy Martyr Paraskeva of Iconium (4th Century).
1 Thessalonians 2:9-14a. Luke 11:14-23.

7:30pm *BYZANTINE ONLINE THEOLOGY ON TAP*

Friday, October 29, 2021





The Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia (c. 250). Venerable Fr. Abraham the Hermit (360).
Passing of our Venerable Fr. Abraham of Rostov, Archimandrite & Wonder-worker (11th C.).
1 Thessalonians 2:14-19. Luke 11:23-26.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

LEGEND

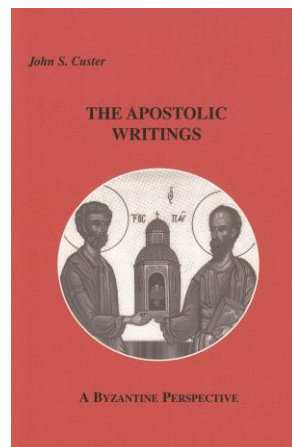
⊕	Great Feast		by tradition, a strict fast day (no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil)
⊕	Feast with an All-night Vigil		by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)
⊕	Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins		by tradition, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, or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

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.



BYZANTINE ONLINE THEOLOGY ON TAP

Young Adults, you're invited to the new year 2021/2022 of Byzantine Catholic Online Theology on Tap. Five sessions with interesting guest speakers will be hosted by our wonderful Mother Gabriella from Christ the Bridegroom Monastery.

Our next guest speaker will be a Byzantine Catholic Jesuit with a background in English Literature, Fr. Cyril PINCHAK, SJ, who will be speaking on the relationship between prayer and literature and how it can enhance our prayer life. We will see each other **Thursday, October 28th** at 7:30PM EST.

More information to follow.

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, & bring treats to pass out
- ~ set up at 5pm
- ~ Visit with old friends and new
- ~ Free Chili, Cider, & Soul Cakes
- ~ Donations welcome!

Online Benefit Event for the Nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery

If you are not able to attend the Bridegroom's Banquet benefit dinner (in Parma, Ohio) in person, you can still join us online on **Sunday, November 14**, the day after the banquet, for a live-streamed greeting from us and the online premier of our new video, "Be poor with Me: reflections on poverty." More information about the time of this online event will be available at www.christthebridegroom.org closer to the date of the banquet. You can also donate toward the matching funds even if you cannot attend either the in-person or online events. More information is available on the "Bridegroom's Banquet" tab on our website. The registration deadline for the in-person event is **Oct. 29**. Thank you so much for your support of our monastic life! We are praying for you.

ATTENTION ALL WEDDING JUBILARIANS OF THE GREAT LAKES PROTOPRESBYTERATE

After having consulted with Bishop Milan Lach, DD, SJ this past week during the Priests Convention, and as there are only 2 couples who have responded to the invitation to the Jubilarian Dinner, we have decided to **postpone the Dinner until a later date in 2022, possibly June or July**. As soon as we can confirm a date, a New Invitation will be sent out. Thank you for your understanding in this matter and we pray that maybe Couples will feel more comfortable coming together next year due to Covid 19 concerns this year. Therefore, **the November 14th, 2021 Jubilarian Sunday is cancelled for this year**. Those who sent the information and cash will receive their money back. We look forward to those who would have celebrated their Anniversaries this year will join us as our guests at the 2022 celebration. Thank you and May Almighty God Bless all of you and grant you many more years of Wedded Happiness and Health!



- The Very Reverend James Jude Batcha, Coordinator.



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, November 19th at 11am

at St. Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church in Sterling Heights

Email Pani Katie Russell at katierrssl@gmail.com

for more information and to join us!



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!



Interview with Carson Daniel Lauffer

Our parishioner and director of evangelization, Carson Daniel Lauffer, has recently been interviewed about his book, *The Healing of a Soul: From Poverty and Anger to Peace and Contentment*. Father Tom Loya interviewed him for his program "Light of the East," which broadcasts @ 8:30 pm Saturday, October 16th on AM 990 and @ 11:30 am Sunday, October 17th on Sirius XM 130.

PRACTICAL EVANGELIZATION

by Carson Daniel Lauffer

From earliest memory, I was aware that a presence I could only later identify as God the Holy Spirit drew me to Himself. I wrote about it in my recently published book *The Healing of a Soul: from Poverty and Anger to Peace and Contentment* published by Soul Health, 2021. I was interviewed by Father Thomas J Loya on "Light of the East" Ave Maria Radio and "Lifting the Veil" on RadioMaria.us in two separate interviews.

As Director of Evangelization I wish to share with you a few articles that should help you in your mission of evangelization.

The first and most important insight is that Evangelism begins and ends with prayer and prayer is begun and completed by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul explains this is one simple verse recorded in Romans 8:

26 "The Spirits helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind 26 Likewise the Spirit of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

The Holy Spirit inspires our prayers, takes them to the Throne of God, and then moves us to actions after we utter them.

Let the Holy Spirit move you each morning to pray that either He leads someone to you to help them in some way or that you are led to someone to help. Keep that prayer in mind and when you encounter someone who needs you then act upon the prompting. Assume that every encounter you make is an encounter prescribed by God.

Then thank God for the inspiration and the help that you have cooperated in giving.

Your first step in practical evanglization which is the calling upon all of us is to pray and to act upon the Holy Spirit's leading.

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

Part One

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

I. REVELATION OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

D. Kerygma (Proclamation) and Catechesis

4. Environment in which Faith is Transmitted: Family, Nation, and Church

- 67 The primary context in which faith is transmitted is the family. Parents form their children in the faith by the example of their lives and the words of their prayer. In teaching the Gospel and witnessing to it, parents become the first catechists for their children. As they raise children in a Christian manner, parents create in their family a special atmosphere, one of common prayer before icons and the observance of Sundays and feast days.
- 68 From a young age, children enter into the spiritual life. This life is built on prayer, hearing the Word of God, and receiving Holy Communion. As they grow into maturity, with the assistance of their parents, children grow in the grace of the Mystery of Baptism. They learn to faith received from their parents is a token of assurance of eternal life. The godly life of godparents and extended family members also plays an important role in a child's maturing in the faith. Christian family customs establish in children a Christian perspective on human birth and death, the formation of families and familial relationships, and they develop a sense of belonging within a church community and one's people.
- 69 Every nation is a community, with its own historical memory, earthly homeland, and struggle for well-being and perfection. It was to the nations that Christ sent his apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (*Mt 28:19-20*). The Christianization of the nations depends upon the gradual formation of a Christian worldview and structuring of life. The Christian culture of a given nation is a means for transmitting the faith from one generation to the next. It nurtures within a nation a love for God, for one's earthly homeland, sacrificial service for the sake of its well-being, and an honest attitude towards work; it strengthens bonds within families, among relatives, and in society. The mutual permeation of the Gospel and the culture of a people is expressed in the self-governance of a Church.
- 70 The Church, one and at the same time diverse, is a prefigurement of the family of nations, who are all equal and yet different. To all nations the Church proclaims the way of salvation: "And undoubtedly the preaching of the Church is true and steadfast, in which one and the same way of salvation is shown throughout the world."⁴⁸ In her ministry for the salvation of all nations, the Church draws her strength from the contemplation of the Most Holy Trinity, the divine community of the Persons of the one God. She extends the invitation:

Come, O you peoples, let us worship the Godhead of three Persons ... Holy God, who created all things through the Son, with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit. Holy and Mighty, through whom we have known the Father, and through whom the Holy Spirit came into the world. Holy and Immortal, Comforting Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and rests in the Son. O Holy Trinity, glory be to you!⁴⁹

⁴⁸ Irenaeus of Lyons, *Against Heresies*, V, 20, 1: PG 7, 1177.

⁴⁹ *Floral Triodion*, Pentecost, Vespers, Final Sticheron at Psalm 140.

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 Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski 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 10th was **12**. 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 October 10th was **\$719.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,745.89**

Sunday: \$575; Online: \$139.35; Candles: \$5

“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).



Saint Stephen

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