



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

October 24th, 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 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 CATHOLIC ONLINE THEOLOGY ON TAP WITH FR. CYRIL PINCHAK, SJ
"FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS - Prayer, Prayer Life, Literature"

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

Saturday, October 30, 2021

The Holy Martyr Zenobius and his Sister Zenobia (285).
2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Luke 8:16-21.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Hallowe'en

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6

✙ The Holy Priest-Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukačevo (1947).

The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius & their Companions. Holy Martyr Epimachus (250).

Vespers: 2 Kings 2:9-14 • Isaiah 26:7-13 • Sirach 2:1-6.

1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20.

Ephesians 2:4-10. Luke 8:26-39.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Cecilia

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11:45am – Eastern Christian Formation Classes

4:00pm Vespers for Monday

5:00pm – set up for the Trunk or Treat

6:00pm Second Annual Trunk or Treat

Monday, November 1, 2021

⊗ The Holy Unmercenary Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.

1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8. Luke 11:29-33.

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

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Election Day

The Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor, and Anempodistus (335).

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13. Luke 11:34-41.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Judith Ng

7:00pm Vespers for Wednesday

Wednesday, November 3, 2021



Holy Martyrs Acepsimas, the Bishop; Joseph, the Priest; & Aeithalas, the Deacon (4th C.).
Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his precious body is entombed.
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12. Luke 11:42-46.

6:00pm *Confessions*

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

+Steve Borella

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great (846).
The Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermas.
1 Thessalonians 5:1-8. Luke 11:47-12:1.

Friday, November 5, 2021



The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme (253).
1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28. Luke 12:2-12.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

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)



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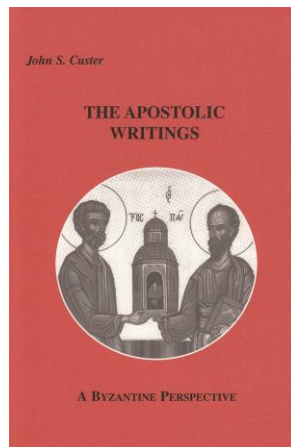


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Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **October 25th at 7pm**

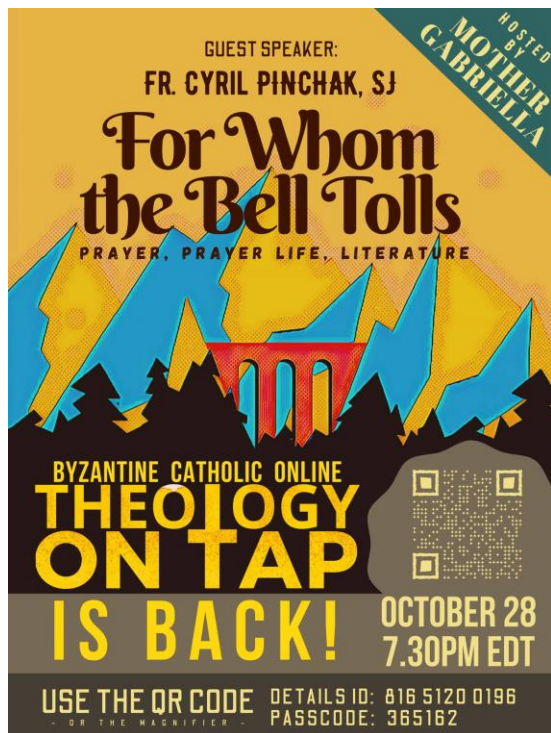
We are meeting @ the Hendricks Homestead (8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198) or online through Google Meet @ <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>. We want to make it convenient for all Parishioners of St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church to attend. Our current book is written by the Very 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 CATHOLIC ONLINE THEOLOGY ON TAP WITH FR. CYRIL PINCHAK, SJ **FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS** Prayer, Prayer Life, Literature

We are glad to share with you Zoom invitation for the upcoming Online Theology on Tap. Bring your beverage of choice, join us for a screenshot, talk and work in the groups. We are happy to have you.

Fr. Cyril PINCHAK, SJ is Byzantine Catholic Jesuit with a degree in English Literature (besides a bunch of others in theology) and he 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.**



ZOOM INVITATION

Topic: Byzantine Catholic Online Theology on Tap - Fr. Cyril PINCHAK, SJ

Time: Oct 28, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81651200196>

Meeting ID: 816 5120 0196

Passcode: 365162

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!

Sign up in the narthex to help or donate needed items!

God With Us

✠ ONLINE ✠

— presents —

GENESIS

An Eastern Christian Perspective



LIVE WEBINAR

Wednesdays

November 3rd, 10th & 17th

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

Presented by Andrew Hayes, Ph.D.

Join us as we immerse ourselves in the study of Genesis, which St. Ephrem the Syrian called “the treasure house of the Ark, the crown of the Law.” With Saints Ephrem, John Chrysostom, Basil the Great & Gregory of Nyssa as our guides, we will dive deeply into the Sacred Word which created the world in the beginning.



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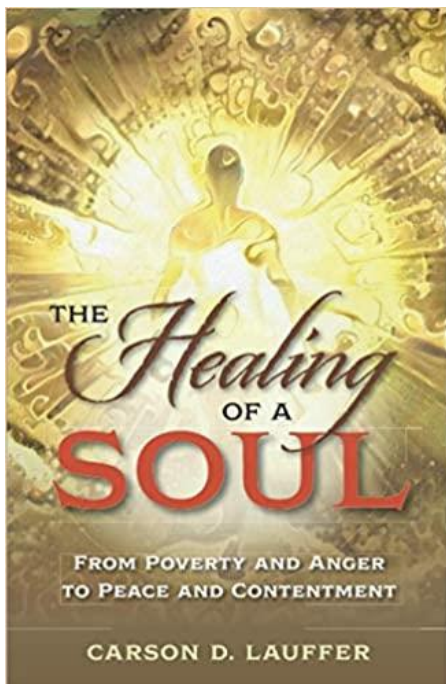
GOD WITH US ONLINE is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) and the Eastern Catholic Associates (ECA) and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new evangelization. *All programs are offered free of charge.*

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

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.**



THE HEALING OF A SOUL

Eastern Christian Formation for Adults
after Sunday Divine Liturgy during the Philip's Fast.

Starting at 11:45am on **Sunday, November 14th**, Carson Daniel Lauffer will lead a 5 session course for adults centered around his book, *The Healing of a Soul*, which, through autobiography, psychology, philosophy, and theology discusses how God has plan for everyone and how we might learn and follow that plan.

Class Dates:

November 14th

November 21st

no class November 28th – Thanksgiving Weekend

December 5th

December 12th

December 19th



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 at different parishes of the region.

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!

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

Part One

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

II. WE BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY, ONE IN ESSENCE AND UNDIVIDED

- 71 The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—infinately surpasses all possibilities of human understanding. “His divinity [i.e., Godhead] is completely unfathomable, and his essence, which is above all, is not what the mind conceives it to be.”⁵⁰ According to the words of the apostle Paul, the depths of this mystery can be plumbed only by the Holy Spirit: “So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God” (1 *Cor* 2:11). However, that same Spirit, the Spirit of truth, descending upon people, reveals the inner life of God. The Holy Spirit teaches people to express the truth, inasmuch as this is possible, through the language of faith: “Now we have received ... the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed upon us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual” (1 *Cor* 2:12-13). And then, having thus taught, the Holy Spirit keeps vigil, that the faith, “the assurance of things hoped for,” might grow into the contemplation of “things not seen” (see *Heb* 11:1); that humankind may see the invisible as if it were visible, and see what is obscure face to face. “[Christians of the East] perceive that one draws close to this presence above all by letting oneself be taught an adoring silence, for at the culmination of the knowledge and experience of God is his absolute transcendence.”⁵¹
- 72 The presence of the transcendent God is expressed through the symbolism of the liturgy and of the church building: by the curtain behind the Royal Doors of the iconostasis, by the Holy Gifts covered by veils, by the raised *aer* (in Slavonic, *vozdukh*) during the Creed, and by the cloud of incense. “There is the transcendent unity of God and the fruitfulness of God, and as we prepare to sing this truth we use the names ‘Trinity’ and ‘Unity’ for that which is fact beyond every name.”⁵² Even though we refer to God using these titles, we are fully aware that we do not thereby exhaust the mysteries of God.
- No sooner do I conceive of the One than I am illumined by the splendour of the Three; no sooner do I distinguish them [as Persons] than I am carried back to the One. When I think of any One of the Three [Persons] I think of him as the whole, and my eyes are filled, and the greater part of what I am thinking of escapes me.⁵³
- 73 In our liturgical and personal prayers, through the constant invocation and glorification of the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we simultaneously express our faith and communion with the Most Holy Trinity, which grants us “the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.”⁵⁴

⁵⁰ Gregory of Nyssa, *Oration on the Divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit*: PG 46, 553.

⁵¹ John Paul II, Apostolic Letter *Orientalis Lumen* [Light of the East], 16.

⁵² Psuedo-Dionysius the Areopogite, *The Divine Names*, 13, 3: PG 3, 981.

⁵³ Gregory the Theologian, *Oration 40: The Oration on Holy Baptism*, 41: PG 36, 417.

⁵⁴ *Liturgicon*, The Divine Liturgy of our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Blessing prior to the Anaphora.

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.

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 17th was **23**. 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 17th was **\$657.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,735.51**

Sunday: \$257; Holy Day: \$10; Online: \$379.35; Candles: \$11

“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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