



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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Cantor: Pani Mary Hendricks

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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 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**

*intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (10-26)*

*intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (10-27)*

*+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (10-30)*

*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**

Venerable Fr. Joannicus the Great. Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. Priest Hermas.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-8. Luke 11:47-12:1.

**Friday, November 5, 2021**



The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme (253).

The Passing of the Blessed Martyr Gregory Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl (1950).

1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28. Luke 12:2-12.

**7:00am First & Third Hour**

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers** *for Saturday*

**Saturday, November 6, 2021**

⌘ Our Holy Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (351).

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

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

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

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

## Sunday, November 7, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

The Holy Thirty-three Martyrs at Melitene (298).

Our Venerable Fr. Lazarus, the Wonder-worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee (11th Century).

*2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8.*

Ephesians 2:14-22. Luke 8:41-56.

**8:00am Matins**

**9:45am Akathist**

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

Reader: Dan Lauffer

*intention of Judith Ng (11-2)*

*for the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron (11-6)*

*+Steve Borella (11-3)*

*11:45am – Eastern Christian Formation Classes*

**7:00pm Vespers Divine Liturgy** *in Ann Arbor*

Readers: Debra & Cecilia

*for ☩ THE SYNAXIS OF MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS*

*intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych*

## Monday, November 8, 2021

☩ THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL ANGELIC POWERS.

*Vespers: Joshua 5:13-15 • Judges 6:7, 11-24 • Isaiah 14:6-20.*

*Matins Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36b-43.*

*for ☩ Michael: Hebrews 2:2-10. Luke 10:16-22.*

*for the day: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10. Luke 12:13-15, 22b-31.*

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

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

## Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Our Venerable Mother Matrona (492). The Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos (881).

2 Thessalonians 1:10b-2:2. Luke 12:42-48.

**7:00am First & Third Hour**

**7:00pm Vespers** *for Wednesday*

Wednesday, November 10, 2021



The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rhodion, and their Companions.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. Luke 12:48b-59

6:00pm Confessions

**6:30pm Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday**

*for all living & +departed family of Judith Ng*

Thursday, November 11, 2021

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent (304). The Holy Martyr Stephanis (304).

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite (826).

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5. Luke 13:1-9.

**7:00pm Great Vespers for ☩ The Holy Martyr Josaphat**

Friday, November 12, 2021

Our Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Venerable Father Nilus.

☩ The Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk (1623).

*Matins Gospel:* John 10:1-9.

*for Josaphat:* Hebrews 7:26-8:2. John 10:9-16.

*for the day:* 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18. Luke 13:31-35.

6:00pm Confessions

**7:00pm Great Vespers for ☩ Holy Father John Chrysostom**

#### 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)

Join us at Saint Stephen for our  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual



October 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

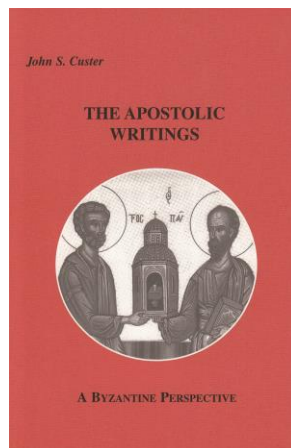
## **52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HOLUBKY DINNER**

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church, 200 N. Van Buren St., Bay City invites all to come **Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto:stgeorgebyz@gmail.com) or call 989-892-0763.

# Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **November 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



*from the Catechism*

## CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

### Part One

### THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

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

##### A. We Believe in God the Father

*I believe in one God, the Father...  
(Symbol of Faith)*

*O Master, the One-Who-Is, Lord God, Father Almighty...  
(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

- 74 Basing itself on Divine Revelation and its interpretation by the Holy Fathers, in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Symbol of Faith<sup>55</sup> the Church of Christ professes her faith in God the Father as follows: “I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.” The fatherhood of God is understood to mean that the Father eternally begets the Son; and that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father.<sup>56</sup> God has created everything and governs all things. The Father is the Creator and Pantocrator for all his creation. The universe came into existence because God the Father willed it. We believe in the one God, because there is only one God the Father.

<sup>55</sup> Constantinople I, *Niceno-Constantinopolitan Symbol of Faith*.

<sup>56</sup> See Gregory of Nyssa, *Against Eunomius*, I, 32: PG 45, 389.

# God With Us

## ✠ ONLINE ✠

— presents —

# GENESIS

## An Eastern Christian Perspective



LIVE WEBINAR

Wednesdays

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

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.

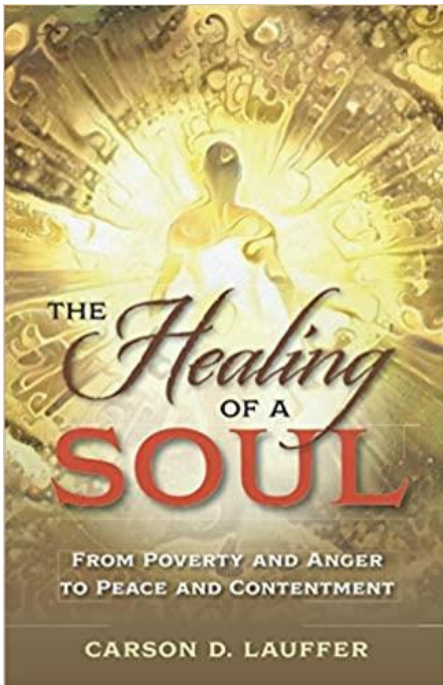


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GOD WITH US ONLINE is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) and the Eastern Catholic Associates (ECA) and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's 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](http://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.



## 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 14<sup>th</sup>**, Carson Daniel Lauffer will lead a 5 session course for adults using his book, *The Healing of a Soul*. The topic is a study of Theosis or Divinization. We will also study Biblical sources and the great writers Eastern Christianity including especially St. Athanasius and Origen. Mr. Lauffer's book will be available beginning Sunday October 24 from Mr. Lauffer or from the book rack. Offerings are always welcome. Please register as soon as possible to enable us to have enough books available. All adults are invited to attend.

*Class Dates:* November 14<sup>th</sup>

November 21<sup>st</sup>

*no class November 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Weekend*

December 5<sup>th</sup>

December 12<sup>th</sup>

December 19<sup>th</sup>



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each Month at different parishes of the region.**

**We meet next**

**on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

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

Email Pani Katie Russell at [katierrssl@gmail.com](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> to register.** 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.



## 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> was **34**. 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 24<sup>th</sup> was **\$1526.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,747.84**

Sunday: \$1201; Holy Day: \$25; Online: \$209.35; Candles: \$25; Fuel: \$30; Horizons: \$36

“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**

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH