



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 2nd, 2022

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Christ is born! 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, January 2, 2022

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY. Tone 7

Pre-festive Day of the Theophany. Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335).

Our Venerable & God-bearing Father Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov.

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

2 Timothy 4:5-8. Mark 1:1-8.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Akathist

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

+Robert Dubensky

+Zack Conley, *from Victor Jiomkowski (12-29)*

+John Bonacor, *from Char Bonacor (1-1)*

No Eastern Christian Formation Classes Today – Christmas Break

7:00pm Vespers – *in Ann Arbor*

Monday, January 3, 2022

Pre-festive Day of the Theophany. The Holy Prophet Malachi.

The Holy Martyr Gordius (304). Venerable Mother Genevieve of Paris.

Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19. Luke 20:27-44.

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

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

Tuesday, January 4, 2022


Pre-festive Day of the Theophany. The Synaxis of the Holy Seventy Apostles.

Our Venerable Father Theoctist, Hegumen at Cuomo in Sicily (800).

Hebrews 4:1-13. Luke 21:12-19.

7:00am First & Third Hour

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

 *Day of Strict Fast*

Vigil of the Theophany. The Holy Martyrs Theopempt and Theona (c. 350).
Our Venerable Mother Syncletica (4th Century). The Holy Prophet Micah.

1st Hour: Isaiah 35:1-10 • Acts 13:25-33a • Matthew 3:1-11

3rd Hour: Isaiah 1:16-20 • Acts 19:1-8 • Mark 1:1-8

6th Hour: Isaiah 12:3-6 • Romans 6:3-11 • Mark 1:9-15

9th Hour: Isaiah 49:8-15 • Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 • Matthew 3:13-17

10:00am Royal Hours for Theophany Eve

6:00pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

with the Great Blessing of Water

8:00pm *Supper*

Reader: Debra

9:00pm Great Compline & Matins (*All-Night Vigil for Theophany*)

Thursday, January 6, 2022

⊕ THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Vespers Paramia: (1) Genesis 1:1-13 • (2) Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29a •
(3) Exodus 15:22-16:1a • (4) Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17 • (5) IV [II] Kings 2:6-14 •
(6) IV [II] Kings 5:9-14 • (7) Isaiah 1:16-20 • (8) Genesis 32:1-10a •
(9) Exodus 2:5-10 • (10) Judges 6:36-40 • (11) III [I] Kings 18:30-39 •
(12) IV [II] Kings 2:19-22 • (13) Isaiah 49:8-15

1 Corinthians 9:19-27. Luke 3:1-18.

Matins Gospel: Mark 1:9-11

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. Matthew 3:13-17.

10:00am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for Theophany

Friday, January 7, 2022



⊗. The Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

for the Synaxis: Acts 19:1-8. John 1:29-34.

(*for the day:* Hebrews 7:18-25. Luke 21:37-22:8).

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Saturday after Theophany. Our Venerable Father George the Chozebite (614).

Our Venerable Mother Dominica (474). Our Holy Father and Confessor Emilian (767).

for the Saturday after Theophany: Ephesians 6:10-17. Matthew 4:1-11.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Joe Humenik, from Phyllis Humenik

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

Sunday, January 9, 2022

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. Tone 8.

The Holy Martyr Polyeuct (230).

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

for the Sunday after Theophany: Ephesians 4:7-13. Matthew 4:12-17.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Dominique

+Joe Humenik, from Phyllis Humenik (1-8)

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes Resume

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, January 10, 2022

Post-festive Day of the Theophany. Our Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa (c. 395).

The Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Melitene (602).

Our Venerable Father Marcion, Priest and Econome of the Great Church (c. 471).

Our Venerable Father Theophan the Recluse (1894).

Hebrews 8:7-13. Mark 8:11-21.

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Post-festive Day of the Theophany.

✦ Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the common life (529).

for Theodosius: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Matthew 11:27-30.

(for the day: Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23. Mark 8:22-26).

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Wednesday, January 12, 2022



Post-festive Day of the Theophany. The Holy Martyr Tatiana (c. 227).

Hebrews 10:1-18. Mark 8:30-34.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

for the health & blessing of George & Irene Durisin, from Jane Semak

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Post-festive Day of the Theophany. The Holy Martyrs Hermylaous and Stratonicus (c. 309).

Our Venerable Father Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers.

Hebrews 10:35-11:7. Mark 9:10-16.

LEGEND

- ⊕ Great Feast
- ✦ Feast with an All-night Vigil
- ✦ Feast with the Polyelos 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)



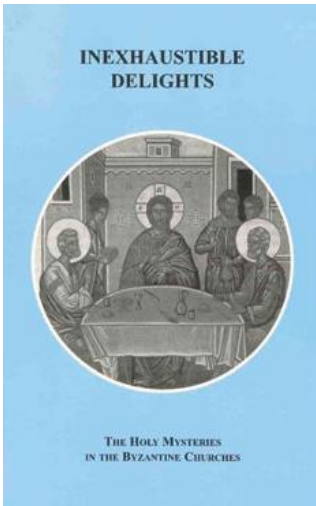
by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



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)



Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **January 3rd at 7pm**

The Byzantine Book club is reading *Inexhaustible Delights: The Holy Mysteries in the Byzantine Churches*. We are meeting @ the Hendricks Homestead (8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198) or online through Google Meet @ <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>.



The ByziKids Homeschool Co-op meets monthly at different parishes of the region. Email Pani Katie Russell at katiersll@gmail.com for more information and to join us.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

House Blessings will begin on Theophany (**January 6th**) and ideally will be finished before its leavetaking on **January 15th**. Think about what day would be best to invite the priest for this annual blessing. There are envelopes for this purpose in your boxes for 2022. Or, you can sign up for House Blessing on the sign-up sheet in the narthex

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS & DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION

The terms of our parish councils & also of our director of evangelization end on **January 31st**. Please pray and discern whether you or someone you know should serve our parish in this way and volunteer or nominate accordingly. Fr. John must appoint a director of evangelization and up to five members to each council. All his appointments must then be approved by the bishop. Council members are appointed for a two year term and must have been active parishioners for at least three years.

Christmas Flowers Offered

in memory of:

Abe & Ruth Attee
Robert Barnes
Theresa Bobovski
Anthony & Irene Bonacor
John Bonacor
Don Bonezzi
Mary Ann Bonezzi

Joe Bonezzi
Mr. & Mrs. M. Borilla
Charles & Mary Burja
Lisa Reardon
Barbara & Peter Sutyak
Joseph Sutyak
Andrew Yatcko
Helen Yatcko



from the Catechism

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

Part One

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

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

C. We Believe in the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit Revealed in the Holy Scriptures

- 93 In Holy Scripture, the word *spirit* (in Hebrew, *ruah*) shares a common root with the verb *to breathe*. It means *breath, wind, and air*. Human life is dependent upon breathing, and when breathing ceases, life ends. We are not masters of our own lives—God gives us life by the *lifegiving Spirit*.
- 94 From the first sentences of the Book of Genesis, “the Spirit of God” is the image used to signify the living God (*Gn 1:2*). In the account of the creation of humankind, the Holy Scriptures mention “the breath of life,” which God “breathed into” the man, who then became a “living being” (see *Gn 2:7*). In the Old Testament, many other images are brought forth as examples that in the New Testament become symbols of the Holy Spirit: “rivers of living water” (*Jn 7:38*), “anointing” (*1 Jn 2:20, 27*), “fire of purification” and “tongues as of fire” (*Lk 3:16; Acts 2:3*), “wind” (*Jn 3:8; Acts 2:2*), “seal of anointing on us” (*2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13; Eph 4:30*), the laying on of hands (see *Acts 6:6; Acts 8:17-19*), and “dove” (*Mt 3:16*).

Annual Stewardship Appeal

A blessed Theophany to you! Have you considered your pledge to this year's Stewardship Appeal? The Eparchy of Parma relies on your continued support to provide for our various programs and outreaches. Please make your pledge today! Thank you for your generosity in 2021.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$6,600.



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 Victor & Dominique Azcuy for cleaning last week.

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

St. Stephen Parish donates \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry

We donated \$180 to the Image of God Pregnancy Center

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

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 basket in the narthex. To volunteer in this capacity, contact 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 at Divine Liturgy on December 26th was **55**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **45**

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 December 26th was **\$5,481.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,837.63**

Sunday: \$2457; Christmas: \$2168; Holy Day: \$55; Online: \$569.35; Candles: \$200; Flowers: \$10; Fuel: \$10; Horizons: \$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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