



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI  
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January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Cantor: Pani Mary Hendricks



## **Christ is baptized! 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 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*

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

Reader: Dominique

*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.

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

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

## 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** *for Wednesday*

*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 Thursday*

*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.

## Friday, January 14, 2022



Leave-taking of the Theophany.

Our Venerable Fathers martyred by Arabs in Sinai and Raitho (312).

The Passing of the holy Equal-to-the-apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians.

Hebrews 11:8, 11-16. Mark 9:33-41.

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

*6:00pm Confessions*

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

## Saturday, January 15, 2022

⊗ Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes (c. 345) and John the Hut-dweller (5th Century).  
Ephesians 5:1-8. Luke 14:1-11.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

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

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

## Sunday, January 16, 2022

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

⊗ The Veneration of the Chains of the Holy Apostle Peter.

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

Colossians 3:12-16. Luke 18:18-27.

**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*

**7:00pm Great Vespers** *for ☩ our Venerable Father Anthony the Great*

## Monday, January 17, 2022

☩ Our Venerable Father Anthony the Great (356).

Vespers Paramia: Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30.

*for Anthony: Hebrews 13: 17-21. Luke 6:17-23.*

*(for the day: Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31. Mark 9:42-10:1.)*

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

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## Tuesday, January 18, 2022

⊗ Our Holy Fathers Athanasius (373) and Cyril of Alexandria (444).

Hebrews 12:25-26, 13:22-25. Mark 10:2-12.

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

Wednesday, January 19, 2022



⊗ Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (390).

James 1:1-18. Mark 10:11b-16.

**7:00am Matins**

**6:00pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for ☩ our Venerable Fr. Euthymius the Great

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

Thursday, January 20, 2022

☩ Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great (473).

*Vespers Paramia:* Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

*Matins Gospel:* Matthew 11:27-30.

*for Euthymius:* Hebrews 13: 17-21. Luke 6:17-23.

*(for the day: James 1:19-27. Mark 10:17-27).*

**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)



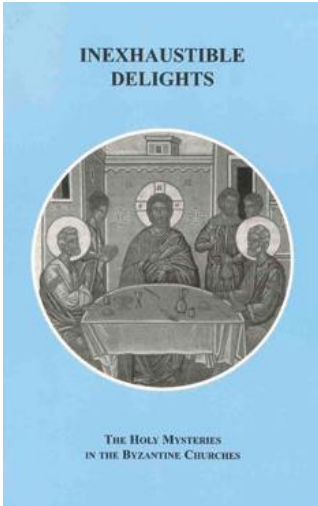
by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



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)



## Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **January 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Our next meeting is at 11am on **January 21<sup>st</sup>** at St. Nicholas in Clinton Township. Email Pani Katie Russell at [katierrssl@gmail.com](mailto:katierrssl@gmail.com) for more information and to join us.

## HOUSE BLESSINGS

House Blessings have begun! 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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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**

- 95 The New Testament gives the Holy Spirit various titles that emphasize his personhood and divinity: “Advocate” ( *Jn* 14:16); “Spirit of truth” ( *Jn* 16:13), “Spirit of adoption” ( *Rom* 8:15), “Spirit of Jesus Christ” ( *Phil* 1:19), “Spirit of the Lord” ( *2 Cor* 3:17), “Spirit of God” ( *Rom* 15:19), and “Spirit of glory” ( *1 Pt* 4:14). These titles indicate that the Holy Spirit is the Lord of life, and for this reason we refer to him as “the Lord, the Giver of life.” The Anaphora of Saint Basil the Great refers to the Holy Spirit as the “life-giving power,” which is the “source of sanctification,” and the “first fruit of the eternal good things.”
- 96 Christ points to the unique mission of the Holy Spirit in the history of salvation: “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf” ( *Jn* 15:26-27). As Christ had prophesied, the Holy Spirit “will teach you everything, and remind you of all” ( *Jn* 14:26), “he will guide you into all the truth; ... he will declare to you the things that are to come” ( *Jn* 16:13). “He will glorify me [i.e., the Son], for he will take what is mine and declare it to you [the disciples]” ( *Jn* 16:14).

## Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the Eparchy including the support of retired priests. Funds raised through the Stewardship Appeal will provide financial support and health insurance coverage for our retired Bishop and the twelve retired priests of our Eparchy. Our retired priests are truly deserving of care and support as they have spent their entire life serving our people.

Visit [parma.org](http://parma.org) for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign

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 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*

We donated \$250 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](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 at Divine Liturgy on January 2<sup>nd</sup> was **30**. 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 January 2<sup>nd</sup> was **\$3,865.05**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,808.71**

Sunday: \$2517; Christmas: \$50; Holy Day: \$50; Online: \$1,135.05; Candles: \$68; Initial Offering: \$45

“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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