



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 16th, 2022

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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, 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

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (1-11)

for the health & blessing of George & Irene Durisin, from Jane Semak (1-12)

for the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron (1-15)

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>

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

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).

Friday, January 21, 2022



Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (c. 620). Holy Martyr Neophyte (4th C.).

Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, & Aquila. Holy Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome.

James 2:1-13. Mark 10:23b-32a.

7:00am First Hour & a Panachida

+Elizabeth Russell, from her son

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, January 22, 2022

The Holy Apostle Timothy. The Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628).

Colossians 1:3-6. Luke 16:10-15.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

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

Sunday, January 23, 2022

THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

The Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra (c. 296). Holy Martyr Agathangel (c. 296).

Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council.

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

1 Timothy 1:15-17. Luke 18:35-43.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

Reader: Dan Lauffer

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (1-22)

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (1-19)

+Elizabeth Russell, from her son (1-21)

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, January 24, 2022

Our Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome. Our Holy Mother Xenia of St. Petersburg.

The Holy Martyrs in Pidlashia, the Blessed Vincent Lewoniuk and his companions.

James 2:14-26. Mark 10:46-52.

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

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

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

✠ Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389).

Vespers Paramia: Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 32, 34, 4, 12, 14 17, 5-9; 1:23

• Proverbs 10:31-11:12 • Wisdom 4: 7-15

Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9.

for Gregory: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. John 10:9-16.

for the day: James 3:1-10. Mark 11:11-23.

Wednesday, January 26, 2022



Venerable Fr. Xenophon & his Wife Mary (520). Holy Fr. Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

James 3:11-4:6. Mark 11:22b-26.

7:00pm Great Vespers *for the Relics of Chrysostom – Reader Service*

Thursday, January 27, 2022

✦ The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father John Chrysostom (438).

Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9.

for the Relics: Hebrews 7:26-8:2. John 10:9-16.

for the day: James 4:7-5:9. Mark 11:27-33.

Friday, January 28, 2022



⊗ Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh (378).

Our Venerable Father Issac the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh.

The Passing of our Venerable mother Olympia Bida (1952).

1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10. Mark 12:1-12.

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday – Reader Service

Saturday, January 29, 2022

⊗ The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop & Martyr Ignatius of Antioch (6th C.).

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23. Luke 17:3-10.

10:00am Typika – Reader Service

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – Reader Service

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)



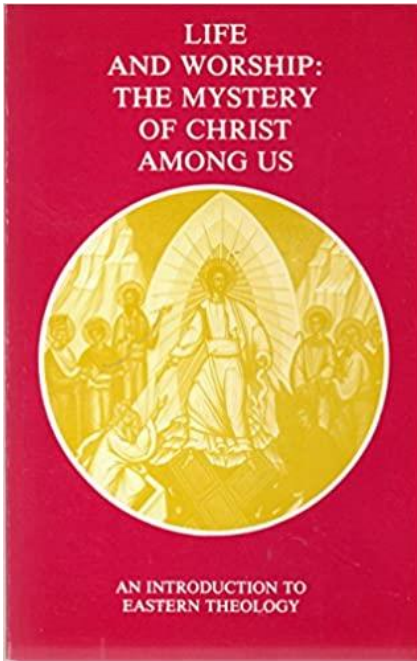
by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



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 17th at 7pm**

The Byzantine Book club is reading *Life and Worship: The Mystery of Christ Among Us, An Introduction to Eastern Theology*. This is a very good introduction to Eastern Christian liturgy. The book is divided into 6 chapters: the spirit of the liturgy, liturgical time, liturgical year, liturgical space, liturgical roles, and finally the divine liturgy itself (and its components). 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 21st** at St. Nicholas in Clinton Township. Email Pani Katie Russell at katierrssl@gmail.com for more information and to join us.

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.

Chains of St. Peter Soup

Recipe from Byzimom.com

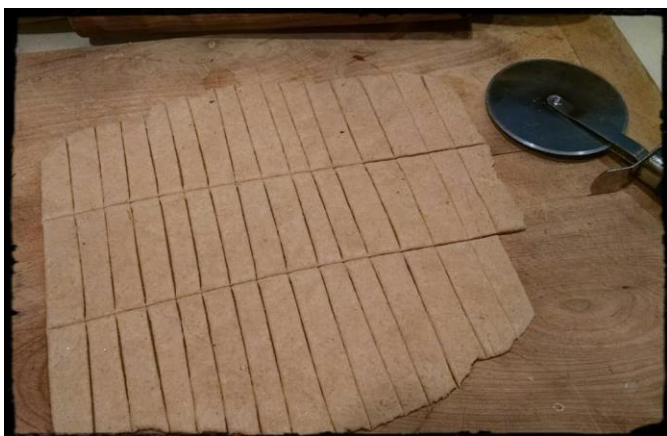
Use a basic noodle dough:

2 1/2 cups flour,

1/2 cup water (or optional egg, beaten) and a dash of salt.

Broth of your choice: chicken, beef, vegetable, tomato, etc.; brought to a boil, with or without added vegetables as desired.

Any broth can be used to make this soup, with whatever additions your family likes! We are vegan, so in our home this soup is meatless and can be made during the fast. To make it, I saute a few cups (we like a LOT of veggies!) of chopped onion, celery, and carrot in a large stock pot. Once these are softened and slightly browned (the more brown the veggies, the more flavor they add to the soup!), Then I add about 6-8 cups of water or prepared stock, some salt and pepper to taste, two Tablespoons of vegetable soup base powder, and/or a teaspoon or so of poultry seasonings and bring this to a low boil for about 10 minutes or so.



Meanwhile, combine the flour, salt and water (and egg, if using) to form a dough, then knead and roll out onto a floured board. Use a pasta maker, or a pizza cutter, to cut the dough into thin strips and then make chains!

These are placed onto a floured baking sheet and when the broth is boiling, turn it down to a simmer and add them to the soup watching and

waiting patiently until they float, just before serving.

Note: If you use chicken broth you can talk about the rooster that was used by God to teach Peter about loyalty.

Come, Follow Me



Justin Rose

Invitation to Come, Follow Me

Jesus called his closest followers and apostles to "Come, follow me." We, too, are called to be disciples of Jesus, but this call is often drowned out by the "noise" of our lives. This is an opportunity to reconsider our call to discipleship. We will begin by finding a time/place to meet regularly, to examine our lives, to make choices for the Gospel, and to hold one another accountable for our choices. In time, we will form smaller groups (if our numbers make that appropriate) for discussion, prayer, and support. Finally, we will be given the challenge to share what we are learning with our friends, family, and fellow parishioners.

This 160 page book by Father Justin Rose contains a 20-week program of parish renewal and scripture study for discipleship. Illustrated with weekly exercises and homework.

If you would like to investigate this opportunity, contact Fr. Deacon Lawrence at (734) 255-4099 or frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com

The Didache – The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles

5. See that no one causes you to err from this way of the Teaching, since apart from God it teaches you. For if you are able to bear the entire yoke of the Lord, you will be perfect; but if you are not able to do this, do what you are able. And concerning food, bear what you are able; but against that which is sacrificed to idols be exceedingly careful; for it is the service of dead gods.

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

2. The Holy Spirit who Proceeds from the Father

- 97 In teaching about the Person of the Holy Spirit, the Fathers of the Church emphasize first and foremost what differentiates the Person of the Holy Spirit from the Persons of the Father and the Son, that is, that the Holy Spirit proceeds (...in Greek, *exporeutai*) from the Father. In conciliar unified fashion, they professed this belief through the Symbol of Faith: “I believe ... in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.” On the procession of the Holy Spirit, Saint Cyril of Alexandria teaches: “The Holy Spirit is the one [who] ... pours forth from God the Father, through the Son, and shows to us his existence, in the image of breath of the mouth.”⁷⁴
- 98 The Holy Fathers made a distinction between the interior life of the Most Holy Trinity and the revelation of the Trinity in creation. In the Most Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit *proceeds* (... in Greek, *exporeutai*) from the Father—the one and only Source of the Most Holy Trinity. When the Holy Fathers spoke about the action of the Persons of the Trinity in creation, they professed that the Father sends the Holy Spirit “through the Son.”⁷⁵ Saint Cyril of Alexandria, professing this very same faith, explained this *sending* of the Holy Spirit “through the Son” as the fact that the Holy Spirit “comes from (... in Greek, *proenai*) the Father and the Son.”⁷⁶ This interpretation was emphasized by the Fathers of the Council of Florence: “Some [were] saying the Holy Spirit comes from the Father and the Son, others saying the Holy Spirit comes from the Father through the Son. All were aiming at the same meaning in different words.”⁷⁷ This opinion was also expressed in the Articles of the Union of Brest: “The Holy Spirit ... proceeds from one Source, as if from a well-spring, from the Father, through the Son.”⁷⁸

⁷⁴ Cyril of Alexandria, *Dialogues on the Holy and Consubstantial Trinity*, 2: PG 75, 722- 723.

⁷⁵ See Gregory of Nyssa, *On the Life of Saint Gregory the Wonderworker*: PG 46, 912.

⁷⁶ See Cyril of Alexandria, *Thesaurus on the Holy and Consubstantial Trinity*: PG 75, 9-656.

⁷⁷ Council of Florence, Bull *Laetentur caeli* [Let the Heavens Rejoice] (July 6, 1439).

⁷⁸ *Articles of the Union of Brest*, 1.

Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the Eparchy including the development of parishes. Funds raised through the Stewardship Appeal will provide support to parishes with building needs, assisting new missions with basic costs, providing emergency funding to parishes, and other forms of support.

If you have not already made your pledge or donation, please visit parma.org and consider a donation to the Eparchy to help financially with the needs and expenses we face. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$6,600.
So far, 16 contributors have donated \$2675.87,
putting us at over 40% of our goal



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. Phyllis, Char, & Ceil have signed up to clean the church this 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 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 9th was **47**. 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 9th was **\$1,457.60**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,794.79**

Sunday: \$604.50; Holy Day: \$140; Online: \$492.60; Candles: \$120.50; Initial Offering: \$60; Fuel: \$40

“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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