



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 23rd, 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 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.

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1. Matthew 15:21-28

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).

Vespers Paramia: Common 6

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*

Sunday, January 30, 2022

THE SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS. THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

✙ 3 HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.

The Holy Bishop-Martyr Hippolytus (235).

Vespers Paramia: Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deuteronomy 10:14-21 • Wis. 3:1-9.

3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20.

1 Timothy 4:9-15 & *for the Hierarchs:* Hebrews 13:7-16.

Luke 19:1-10 & *for the Hierarchs:* Matthew 5:14-19.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Third Hour – Reader Service

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

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, January 31, 2022

⊗ The Holy Wonder-workers and Unmercenary Healers Cyrus and John (311).

Our Holy Father the Priest Don Bosco.

1 Peter 2:21b-3:9. Mark 12:13-17.

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

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

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

⊗ Pre-festive Day of the Meeting. The Holy Martyr Tryphon (250).

1 Peter 3:10-22. Mark 12:18-27.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy *for* ☩ **THE MEETING**

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Wednesday, February 2, 2022



⊕ THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON & ANNA

Vespers Paramia: (1) Ex. 12:51, 13:1-3, 10-16, 22:29; Num. 8:16; Lev. 12:1-4, 12:6, 8; Num. 8:16-17
• (2) Isaiah 6:1-12 • (3) Isaiah 19:1-5, 12. 16, 19-21.

Matins Gospel: Luke 2:25-32.

for the Meeting: Hebrews 7:7-17. Luke 2:22b-40.

(for the day: 1 Peter 4:1-11. Mark 12:28-37).

7:00am Festal Matins for ⊕ THE MEETING

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

+Eveyn Fecko, from George Fecko

Thursday, February 3, 2022

⊗ The Synaxis of the Holy Prophet Simeon and the Prophetess Anna.

for Simeon & Anna: Hebrews 9:11-14. Luke 2:25-38.

(for the day: 1 Peter 4:12-5:5. Mark 12:38-44).

Friday, February 4, 2022



Post-festive Day of the Meeting. Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium (c. 450).

2 Peter 1:1-10a. Mark 13:1-8.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6-7pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Post-festive Day of the Meeting. The Holy Martyr Agatha (250).

2 Timothy 2:11-19. Luke 18:2-8a.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, February 6, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Tone 4

Post-festive Day of the Meeting. Venerable Fr. Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna (2nd Century).

The Holy Martyr Silvanus, Bishop of Emesa, and his Companions (313).

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople.

4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.

2 Timothy 3:10-15. Luke 18:10-14.

8:00am Matins

9:45am Akathist

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

Reader: Katya

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (2-1)

+Eveyn Fecko, from George Fecko (2-1)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (2-5)

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday – in Ann Arbor*

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)



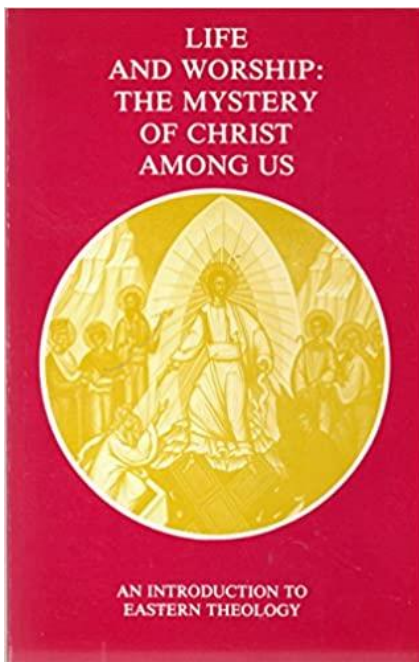
by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



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 24th 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 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.

Email Pani Katie Russell at katierssll@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.

HOLY BISHOP MARTYR THEODORE ROMZHA

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LECTURES

Spring, specifically **May 22**, brings to the world as a gift from St. Stephen's Church a new revelation and a new flowering of religious freedom. The Church brings us the "Holy Bishop Martyr Theodore Romzha Religious Freedom Lectures." Bishop Theodore's courage stands in a long line of Christians who have freely given their lives for the love of Christ and the world that starts with the first martyr of the Christian Church, St. Stephen.

A group of us have formed a lecture series on religious freedom which we hope will help inspire the whole world at least our own part of it with the courage to receive Christ as their Lord and Master.

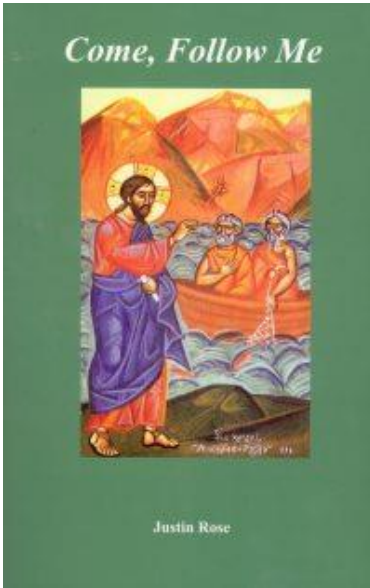
The inaugural lecture in that series will be presented by Dame Juliana Taimoorazy who with much of her family fled Iran in 1989 and has founded the Iraqi Christian Relief Council. Through the council's efforts thousands of suffering Christians in Iraq (Assyria) have been saved and given assistance. Moreover, Juliana has testified before the US Congress and has visited many countries with families who have needed their help. In 2021 she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. You can learn more about her and also see the work of the Relief council here:

<https://iraqichristianrelief.org/>

You can be part of this exciting event through sponsorship, advertising, and offering. Here is how:

1. **Sponsorship:** We need several people and Churches to step forward with gifts of \$100-\$249 (Silver); or \$250-\$499 (Gold); or \$500 and above (Diamond). All donors may be recognized by name in the program, if they would like.
2. **Advertisement:** If you have a business or you are acquainted with people who have a business you or they will be able to place an advertisement in the program. 1/8 page for \$100-\$249; ¼ page for \$250-499; ½ page for \$500 and above. If you know people who wish to include an ad please ask them if we might call them and please contact the Church office or Carson Daniel Lauffer 248-309-1552 or Carsonlauffer0903@comcast.net
3. A **donation** of \$25.00 for each participant will pay for lunch, and the expenses for our guest lecturer.

All donations, sponsorships, and advertisements should be sent to the Church office. Make checks payable to St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church with reference "religious freedom lectures". For answers to questions contact Carson D Lauffer 248-309-1552 or carsonlauffer0903@comcast.net or to Victor Jiamkowski 313-930-0801 or v.jiampkowski1111@att.net



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

from the Catechism

CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

Part One

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

III. WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND IN OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, AND IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE

*Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.
(Symbol of Faith)*

*Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation visible and invisible.
(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

A. The Creator and His Creation

- 99 Our faith in the Creator gives us the opportunity to grasp the sense and essence of the created world. Biblical Revelation unveils for us the presence of God within the reality of the world: we come to know the Creator, and the world—his creation.
- 100 The word *creation* points to the connection between the world and the Person of the Creator; for the world is “the work of his hands.” This is why it is impossible to know creation separately from the Creator. God’s Revelation brings to our attention not so much the laws of nature as the actions of the Creator’s Divine Economy. In the light of faith, the true beauty of creation is revealed to us as a reflection of the beauty and magnificence of its Creator: “Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all” (*Ps* 103[104]:24).

Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the Eparchy including the support of vocations and seminarian education. Funds will support the tuition and related costs for men preparing for the priesthood, financial support for the one-year discernment program for you men discerning the priesthood, and expenses for priests coming from Europe to serve in our parishes.

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. Thank you!



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 Phyllis, Char, & Ceil for cleaning last week! Leann Osentoski & Betty Sutyak 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 16th was **57**. 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 16th was **\$1,617.85**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,810.17**

Sun.: \$1182.50; Christmas: \$10; Holy Day: \$70; Online: \$139.35; Candles: \$106.50; Initial Offering: \$70; 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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