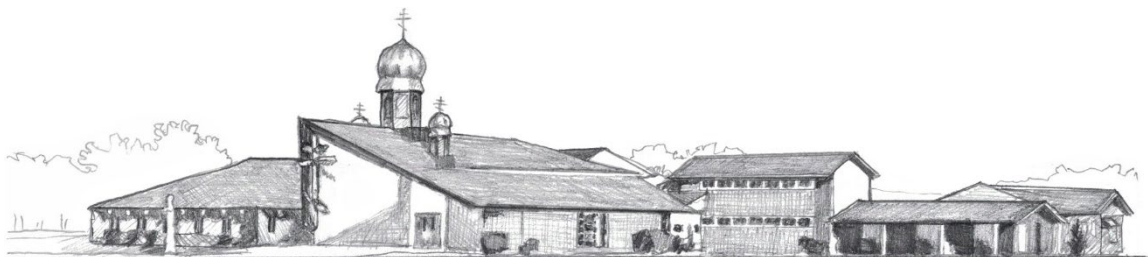


THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM
PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY





SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI *Palm Sunday, Apr. 10th, 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 Palm Sunday – followed by Confessions

Sunday, April 10, 2022



PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY.

The Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompey, and their Companions (250).

Vespers: Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12 • Zephaniah 3:14-19 • Zechariah 9:9-15.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17.

Philippians 4:4-9. John 12:1-18.

8:15am Matins with the blessing of Palms & Pussywillows*

9:30am Procession with the Palms & Pussywillows†

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

Reader: Victor Jiompkowski

+Eugene & +Angeline Dalbo, from Louise Dalbo (4-6)

+Frank & +Mary Kovtun, from the family (4-8)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (4-9)

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes for All (Praying the Psalms with Jesus)

7:00pm Vespers – First Service of Holy Week

Monday, April 11, 2022



GREAT & HOLY MONDAY.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 21:18-43. *Third Hour:* Matthew 1:1-16:12.

Sixth Hour: Ezekiel 1:1-20 • Matthew 16:13-28:20. *Ninth Hour:* Mark 1:1-9:16.

Vespers: Exodus 1:1-20 • Job 1:1-12. *Presanctified Liturgy:* Matthew 24:3-35.

10:00am Bridegroom Matins

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Reader: Erin Holmes

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

* "Palms and pussywillows... [are] held by the faithful during [the] celebration as a symbol of the people who welcomed our Lord into Jerusalem as their King." (*Annual Typicon*).

† "A procession with the priest and faithful carrying the newly blessed palms and willows may take place after Matins and before the Liturgy. The priest, preceded by candles and incense, processes through the Northern Door of the icon screen. The procession then proceeds around the church, with the singing of the Palm Sunday Troparion, Kontakion, [and Stichera]. The Divine Liturgy begins immediately following the procession." (*Annual Typicon*).

Tuesday, April 12, 2022



GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 22:15-23:39. *Third Hour:* Mark 9:17-16:20.

Sixth Hour: Ezekiel 1:21-2:1 • Luke 1:1-8:39. *Ninth Hour:* Luke 8:40-16:18.

Vespers: Exodus 2:5-10 • Job 1:13-22. *Presanctified Liturgy:* Matthew 24:36-26:2.

10:00am Bridegroom Matins

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Reader: Dominique

+Helen Hudak, from Bob & Jane Semak

Wednesday, April 13, 2022



GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY.

Matins Gospel: John 12:17-50. *Third Hour:* Luke 16:19-24:53.

Sixth Hour: Ezekiel 2:3-3:3 • John 1:1-7:36. *Ninth Hour:* John 7:37-13:32.

Vespers: Exodus 2:11-22 • Job 2:1-10. *Presanctified Liturgy:* Matthew 26:6-16.

10:00am Bridegroom Matins

5:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Holy Anointing* & Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Reader: Debra

+John & +Maria Lukas and +John & +Mary Strach, from Maryalice Lukas

Thursday, April 14, 2022



GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY.

Matins Gospel: Luke 22:1-39. *First Hour:* Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15.

Vespers: Exodus 19:10-19 • Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5 • Isaiah 50:4-11.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32.

Composite Gospel: Matt 26:1-20; John 13:3-17; Matt 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matt 26:40-27:2.

10:00am Matins for Holy Thursday

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Holy Thursday

Reader: Debra

+Faith Himick, from Louise Dalbo

10:00pm Strasti – Service of the Twelve Gospels for Holy Friday

* We will celebrate *The Office of Holy Oil for Anointing of the Sick* before Presanctified Divine Liturgy begins. Holy Anointing is for all the ill and infirm and none who are baptized and who freely request it will be denied. "The general Anointing of the Sick may be done for all baptized Christians present at the Liturgy." (*Annual Typicon*). This is one of the holy mysteries, a sacrament, and should not be confused with mirovanije. Note that the Anointing is not a replacement for Confession. Confession will be offered before the Office of Holy Oil begins. Sincere contrition and a recent confession are necessary preparation for receiving the Holy Anointing of the Sick.

Friday, April 15, 2022



GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY.

Matins: The Twelve Passion Gospels: (1) John 13:31b-18:1 • (2) John 18:1-28 • (3) Matthew 26:57-75 • (4) John 18:28-19:16 • (5) Matthew 27:3-32 • (6) Mark 15:16-32a • (7) Matthew 27:33-54 • (8) Luke 23:32-49 • (9) John 19:25-37 • (10) Mark 15:43-47 • (11) John 19:38-42 • (12) Matthew 27:62-66.

First Hour: Zachariah 11:10-13 • Galatians 6:14-18 • Matthew 27:1-56.

Third Hour: Isaiah 50:4-11 • Romans 5:6-11 • Mark 15:16-41.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 52:13-54:1 • Hebrews 2:11-18 • Luke 23:32-49.

Ninth Hour: Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15 • Hebrews 10:19-31 • John 18:28-19:37.

Vespers: Exodus 33:11-23 • Job 42:12-17 • Isaiah 52:13-54:1 •

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2

Composite Gospel: Matt 27:1-38; Luke 23:39-43; Matt 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matt 27:55-61.

10:00am Royal Hours for Holy Friday

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Burial Vespers for Holy Friday

Reader: Cecilia

– after which, we Guard the Tomb all night long

Saturday, April 16, 2022



GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY.

Matins: Ezekiel 37:1-14 • 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, Galatians 3:13-14 • Matthew 27:62-66.

Vespers: (1) Genesis 1:1-13 • (2) Isaiah 60:1-16 • (3) Exodus 12:1-11 •

(4) Jonah 1:1-4:11 • (5) Joshua 5:10-15 • (6) Exodus 13:20-15:19 • (7) Zephaniah 3:8-15 • (8) 1 [3] Kings 17:8-24 • (9) Isaiah 61:10b-62:5 • (10) Genesis 22:1-18 •

(11) Isaiah 61:1-10a • (12) 2 [4] Kings 4:8-37 • (13) Isaiah 63:11-64:5 •

(14) Jeremiah 31:31-34 • (15) Daniel 3:1-88 (LXX)

Romans 6:3-11. Matthew 28:1-20.

10:00am Jerusalem Matins for Holy Saturday

4:00pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Holy Saturday – Paschal Vigil

+Helen Hudak (40th day), from Bob & Jane Semak (4-12)

Readers: Mary Russell & Guillermo

11:30pm Midnight Office of Pascha - Nahrobnoje

* A strict fast is prescribed for this day.

† Holy Saturday is a day of fast, with a mitigation for wine, until midnight.

Sunday, April 17, 2022

⊕ PASCHA! THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Acts 1:1-8. John 1:1-17.

9:00am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets in the hall

Reader: Katya

7:00pm Agape Vespers

Monday, April 18, 2022

BRIGHT MONDAY. Venerable Fr. John, Disciple of the Holy Gregory the Decapolite (820).

Agape Vespers Gospel: John 20:19-25. Acts 1:12-17, 21-26. John 1:18-28.

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

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

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

BRIGHT TUESDAY. Our Venerable Father John of the Ancient Cave (8th Century).

Acts 2:14-21. Luke 24:12-35.

10:00am Resurrection Matins





6:30pm Agape Vespers

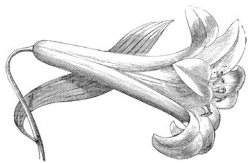
7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko

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)



Paschal Flowers have been offered in memory of

Robert Barnes
Victoria Barnes
Guillermo Barillas
Caroline Barillas
John Bonacor
Anthony & Irene Bonacor
Charles & Mary Burja
Burja Family

John Fech
Susanna Fech
Maria & Ferenc Griba
Helen Hudak
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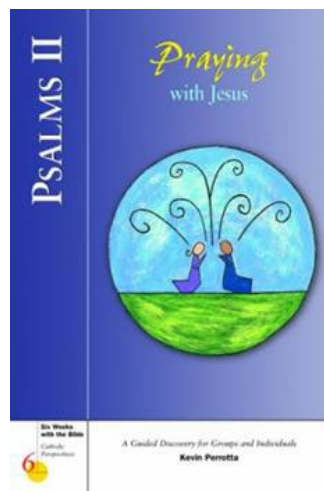
*& in honor of
Robert & Susan Druga
for their 40th anniversary*



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

Praying the Psalms with Jesus – Adult ECF

After Divine Liturgy today **Sunday, April 10th**, we are going to begin exploring a few of the psalms that Jesus prayed, in order to understand and pray the psalms ourselves and to enter into Jesus' prayer. We will use a study guide that provides brief background and explanation about the psalms and how Jesus used them, along with questions that will help us explore the biblical texts and reflect on what these prayers mean for us. The format of our sessions will be mainly a moderated discussion led by Kevin Perrotta, who is also the author of the study guide. The study guide is *Psalms II: Praying with Jesus*. Chicago: Loyola Press, 2002.





Make Pysanki!

Come and learn the ancient Slavic art of wax-resist egg decoration. These are a wonderful and traditional way to beautify your Easter baskets for Pascha! The egg represents the tomb of Christ, from which new life comes.

We will make edible pysanki on Holy Saturday after Jerusalem Matins on Holy Saturday (**April 16th**). Bring your hard boiled eggs!

The materials for making pysanki are also available in the hall today after the Divine Liturgy.

Thomas Sunday Easter Egg Hunt!

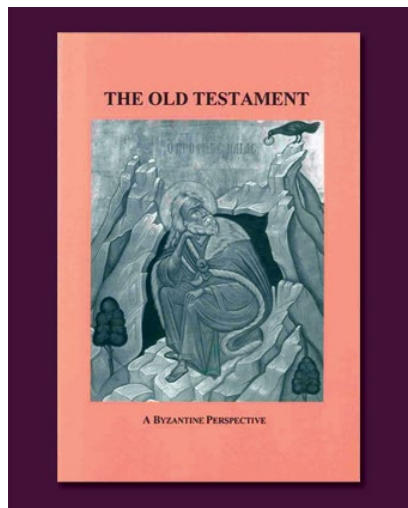
Please join us on Thomas Sunday (April 24th) for an Easter egg hunt at noon. Please BYOB (that is, bring your own basket). The hunt will be outside in the church yard with a head start for kids under 5.

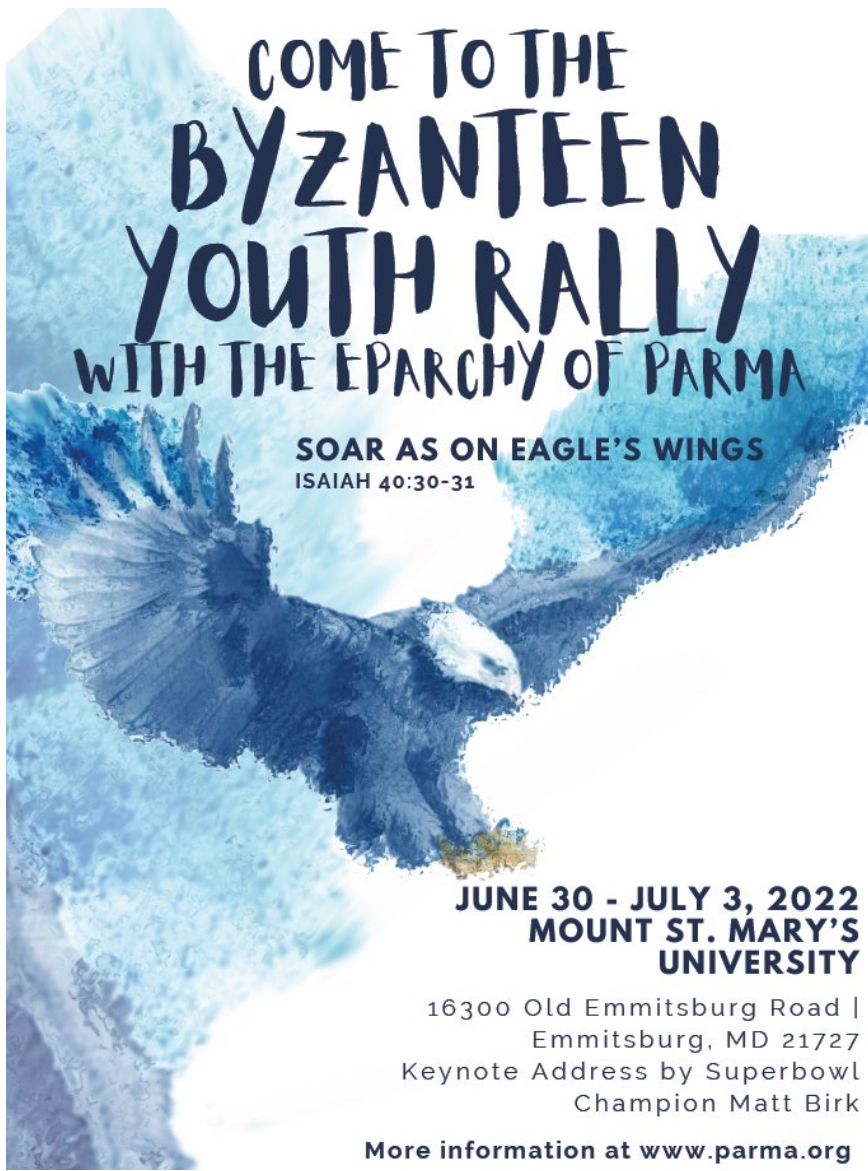
Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **Monday, April 18th at 7pm**

The Byzantine Book club is reading *The Old Testament: A Byzantine perspective*. For more than 1500 years, the Old Testament has been studied, prayed over and proclaimed liturgically by Christians of the Byzantine Tradition. The Old Testament has nourished the artistry of our iconographers, church architects and hymnographers. In its pages our preachers and teachers have found foreshadowings of the the New Covenant, moral and ethical challenges, and models for pious living.

We are meeting @ the Hendricks Homestead (8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198) or online through Google Meet @ <https://meet.google.com/cyn-qwkv-vrh>.





ByzanTEEN Rally 2022 - After two years of the COVID-19 pandemic preventing teens of the Metropolitan Church from meeting at the biannual ByzanTEEN Youth Rally, we are happy to announce that **we will finally meet again this year, June 30 - July 3, 2022 in Emmitsburg, MD.** We are so excited to gather **at Mount St. Mary's University** with the youth of the Metropolitan Church and we hope you will join our Eparchial Youth Committee and travel with us to the Rally! For more information see: <https://parma.org/rally2022>

HOLY BISHOP MARTYR THEODORE ROMZHA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LECTURES

Join us for the first annual “Holy Bishop Martyr Theodore Romzha Religious Freedom Lecture.” 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.

The Religious Freedom Lecture will be on **September 25, 2022** in the Crystal Room at St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church..

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). Diamond Sponsors receive four free registrations; Gold and Silver receive two free registrations. 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”. You may also donate online at <https://saintstephenbyzantine.church/donations/>

*Click the green button that says “Give to St. Stephen”
select “Religious Freedom Lectures” from the drop-down menu.*

For answers to questions contact

Carson Daniel Lauffer at 248-309-1552 or carsonlauffer0903@comcast.net or

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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

A. The Creator and His Creation

3. Humankind—the Crown of Creation

a. *Humankind—in the Image and Likeness of God*

2) *The Created Nature of Humankind*

128 As the Book of Genesis tell us, God created the human being out of the “dust of the earth”—matter—breathing into us the “breath of life,” by virtue of which the human being becomes a “living being” (*Gn* 2:7). Holy Scripture portrays the Creator with the image of a potter, who *moulds* humankind according to his Image from the clay. This Image (see *Gn* 1:27) is the incarnate Son of God: “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation” (*Col* 1:15). Humankind is created in the image of the Son:

Now God ... modelled [the human being] after his own Son; for by the hands of the Father, that is, by the Son and the Holy Spirit, the whole human being, and not [merely] a part of it, was made in the likeness of God. ... for the perfect human being consists in the commingling and the union of the *soul* receiving the *Spirit of the Father*, and the admixture of that *fleshly nature* that was moulded after the image of God.¹¹⁰

129 The image of God defines the dignity of the human being—already in the bodily state—as being *good*. The goodness of the body especially consists in the fact that in our relationships, through the body, we are able to express ourselves as persons. We receive this ability as a gift from God. The human body is able to receive into itself the Spirit of God; and so, the apostle Paul refers to the human body as the “temple of the Holy Spirit” (*1 Cor* 6:19). Here lies the *mystery* of the body and the fullness of its destiny. This is why Christianity regards the human body as a temple, consecrated for the service of God and neighbour.

130 Having created us in his own image, God calls us to holiness: “May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless” (*1 Thes* 5:23). Saint Gregory of Nyssa thus states that Saint Paul uses “the word ‘body’ for the nutritive part; denoting the sensitive [part] by the word ‘soul,’ and the intellectual by the word ‘spirit.’”¹¹¹

131 For the sanctification of humankind, God gave one commandment. We read: “of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat” (*Gn* 2:17). The fulfilment of this one commandment in Paradise would have permitted humankind to eat of the “tree of life;” it would have allowed them “to receive immortality as reward from [God];”¹¹² and it would have transfigured them “into one Spirit with the Lord,”¹¹³ into “a spiritual being, who has surrendered the body to the authority of the Spirit.”¹¹⁴

¹¹⁰ Irenaeus of Lyons, *Against Heresies*, V, 6, 1: PG 7, 1136, emphasis added.

¹¹¹ Gregory of Nyssa, *On the Making of Man*, 8: PG 44, 144.

¹¹² Theophilus of Antioch, *To Autolycus*, II, 24, 27: PG 6, 1089, 1093.

¹¹³ Origen, *Homilies on the Gospel of Luke*, 35: PG 13, 1888.

¹¹⁴ Origen, *Homilies on the Gospel of Luke*, 11: PG 13, 1826.

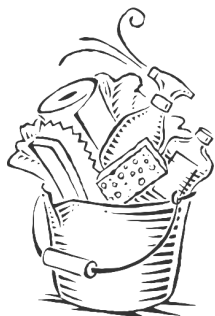
Annual Stewardship Appeal

We are now in our final month for the 2021-2022 Stewardship Appeal. This year's Annual Stewardship Appeal will support four important needs in the Eparchy: Development of Parishes; Vocations and Seminarian Education; Works of the Apostolate; and Retired Priests.

Your generosity is appreciated and thanks to everyone for their contributions. We hope to finish this year's campaign strong! If you have not pledged yet, please do so today! Visit us online at parma.org to make your monthly or one-time donation.

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

So far, 30 parishioners have donated a total of \$5575.87,
putting us at over 84% 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 Victor & Dominique Azcuy for cleaning last week. Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski are signed up to clean this week

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 Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$125

for the Religious Freedom Lecture (Iraqi Christian Relief): we have collected \$890

for Ukrainians in need, we collected \$2,095

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 April 4th was **42**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **49**

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 April 4th was **\$1,650.60**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,808.87**

Sunday: \$961; Holy Day: \$5; Online: \$514.35; Candles: \$85.25; Fuel: \$55; Flowers: \$30

“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

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