



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pascha! April 17th, 2022

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Christ is Risen! 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 Vespers 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

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

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (4-11)

+John & +Maria Lukas & +John & +Mary Strach, from Maryalice Lukas (4-13)

+Faith Himick, from Louise Dalbo (4-14)

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 Divine Liturgy – *with procession*

+Helen Hudak, from Bob & Jane Semak

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

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

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

10:30am Resurrection Matins

6:30pm Agape Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY. Our Venerable Father Theodore the Hair-shirt Wearer (c. 400).
Acts 2:22-36. John 1:35-51.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Agape Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Arthur Baize, from Paul & Betty Baize

Thursday, April 21, 2022

BRIGHT THURSDAY. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius and his Companions (305).
The Holy Martyr Theodore of Perga.
Acts 2:38-43. John 3:1-15.

Friday, April 22, 2022

BRIGHT FRIDAY. Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sykiot (c. 613).
Acts 3:1-8. John 2:12-22.

10:30am Resurrection Matins

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Agape Vespers

Saturday, April 23, 2022

BRIGHT SATURDAY.

✙ THE HOLY & VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER.

Vespers Paramia: Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Luke 12:2-12.

Acts 3:11-16 & for St. George: Acts 12:1-11

John 3:22-33 & for St. George: John 15:17-16:2.

10:00am Paschal Hour & Divine Liturgy

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, April 24, 2022

THOMAS SUNDAY. The Holy Martyr Sabbas the General (272).

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

Acts 5:12-20. John 20:19-31.

8:15am Matins

9:30am First & Third Hours – *Reader Service*; **Confessions** – *in the Sacristy*

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

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron

+Helen Hudak, from Bob & Jane Semak (4-18)

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko (4-19)

+Arthur Baize, from Paul & Betty Baize (4-20)

At noon, all our children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in the Church Yard!

7:00pm Great Vespers for ✠ *The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark*

Monday, April 25, 2022

✠ *The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.*

Vespers: James 1:1-12 • James 1:13-27 • James 2:1-13.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

Acts 3:19-26 & for St. Mark: 1 Peter 5:6-14.

John 2:1-11 & for St. Mark: Mark 6:7-13.

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

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

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (322).

Acts 4:1-10. John 3:16-21.

10:30am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, April 27, 2022



⊗ The Holy Bishop-Martyr Simeon, Relative of our Lord.
Our Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia (1094).
Acts 4:13-22. John 5:17b-24.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

intention of George Durisin (birthday), from Bob & Jane Semak

Thursday, April 28, 2022

The Holy Apostles Jason & Sosipater. Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus, & Quintillian (c. 350).
Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov (c. 1182).
Acts 4:23-31. John 5:24-30.

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathleen Mykeloff

Friday, April 29, 2022



The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice (3rd Century).
Our Venerable Father Memnon the Wonder-worker (c. 250).
Acts 5:1-11. John 5:30b-6:2.

10:30am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

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)



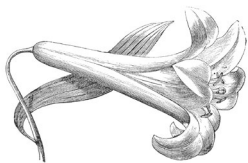
by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



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
Peter & Mary Bobovski
John Bonacor
Anthony & Irene Bonacor
Charles & Mary Burja
Burja Family

John Fech
Susanna Fech
Maria & Ferenc Griba
Helen Hudak
Helen Humenik
Peter Humenik
Manouk Mykeloff
Rosen Family

Joseph Sutyak
Ruth Thomas
Andrew Yatchko
Helen Yatchko
Roman & Akilina Zukow

& in honor of
Louise Dalbo
Robert & Susan Druga
for their 40th anniversary
The people of Ukraine



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.



Thomas Sunday Easter Egg Hunt!

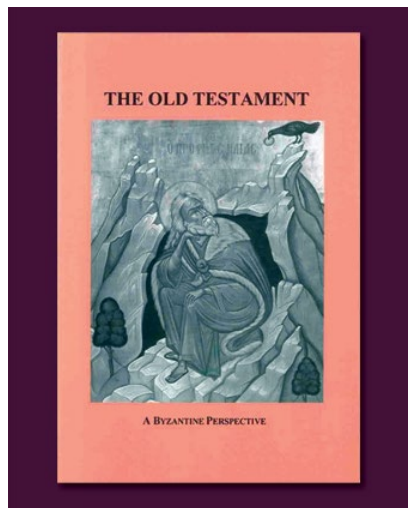
Please join us on Thomas Sunday (April 24th) for an Easter egg hunt at noon. Please BYOB (that is, bring your own basket). The hunt will be outside in the church yard with a head start for kids under 5.

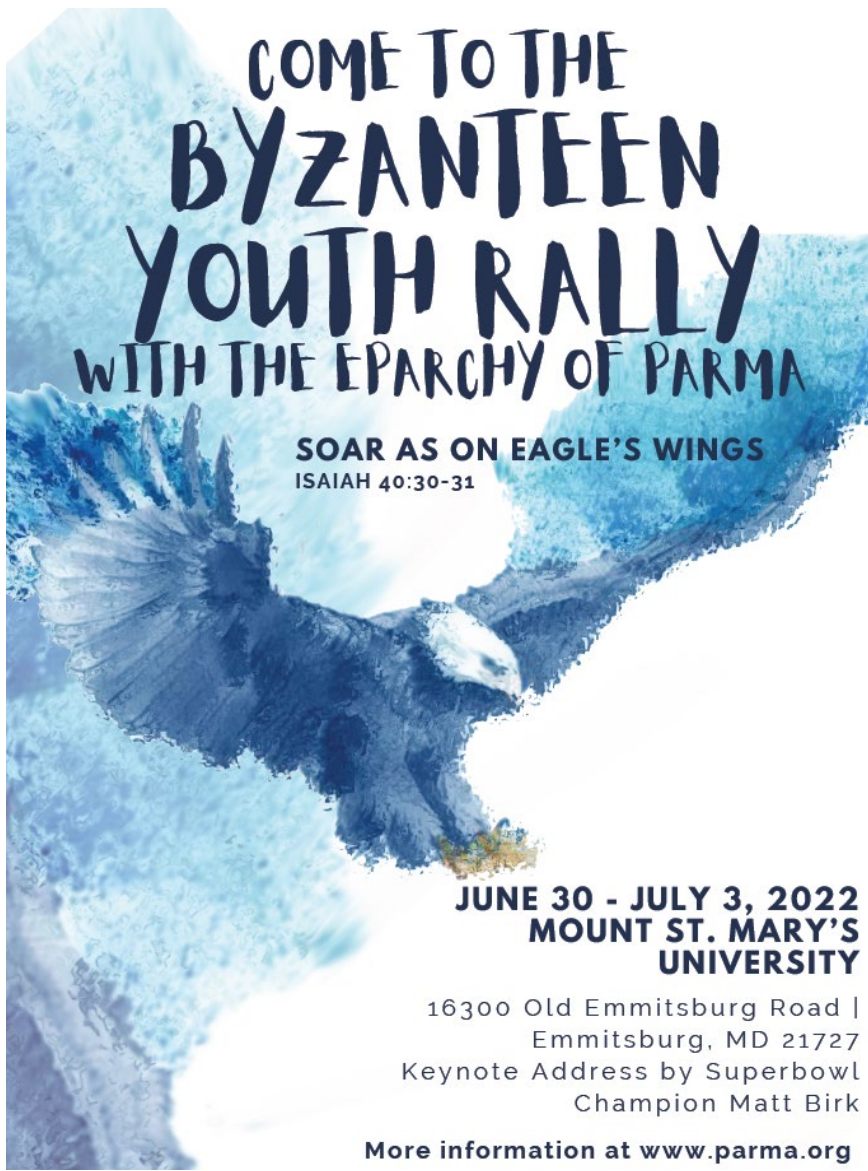
Byzantine Book Club

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

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Victor Jiomkowski at 313-930-0801 or v.jiomkowski1111@att.net

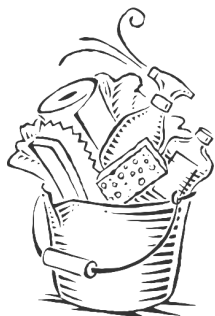
Annual Stewardship Appeal

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 Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski for cleaning last week.

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

St. Stephen Parish donated \$2,095 to Ukrainians in need at this time.

We donate \$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

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 10th was **72**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **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 10th was **\$2,560.60**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,792.38**

Sun.: \$1,855; Easter: \$30; Holy Day: \$365; Online: \$139.35; Candles: \$37.25; Fuel: \$65; Flowers: \$68; Initial: \$1

“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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