



## SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Great Vespers** *for Sunday – followed by Confessions*

## Sunday, May 1, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. Tone 2

The Holy Prophet Jeremiah. The Passing of Blessed Clement Sheptyckyj (1951).

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

Acts 6:1-7. Mark 15:43-16:8.

**8:15am Matins**

**9:30am Akathist** – *Reader Service; Confessions* – *in the Sacristy*

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

**Reader: Mary Woods**

*intention of George Durisin, from Bob & Jane Semak (4-27)*

*+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathleen Mykeloff (4-28)*

*+Melvyn & Josefa, from Sarah Marron (4-30)*

*At noon, last day of ECF classes*

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

## Monday, May 2, 2022

✠ Our Holy Father Athanasius the Great (373).

Acts 6:8-7:5a, 47-60. John 4:46b-54.

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

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

## Tuesday, May 3, 2022

The Holy Martyr Timothy and his Wife Maura (286).

✠ The Passing of our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Monastery of the Caves (1074).

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

*Matins Gospel: Luke 6:17-23.*

*for Theodosius: Hebrews 13:7-16. Luke 6:17-23*

*for the day (not read at Liturgy): Acts 8:5-17. John 6:27-33.*

**10:00am Third & Sixth Hour**

**10:30am Divine Liturgy**

*+Faith Himick (40<sup>th</sup> Day), from Bob & Jane Semak*

## Wednesday, May 4, 2022



The Holy Martyr Pelagia (287).

Acts 8:18-25. John 6:35-39.

**10:30am Third & Sixth Hour**

*6:00pm Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

*healing of Nancy Patterson & her son Tom, from Mary Ann Osmond*

## Thursday, May 5, 2022

The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene.

Our Venerable Father Nicephor, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery (14th Century).

Acts 8:26-39. John 6:40-44.

## Friday, May 6, 2022



The Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering.

Acts 8:40-9:19a. John 6:48-54.

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

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers for Saturday**

## Saturday, May 7, 2022

⊗ The Appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius (357). The Holy Martyr Acacius (303).

Acts 9:19-31. John 15:17-16:2.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

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

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

Sunday, May 8, 2022

*Mother's Day*

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Tone 3

✙ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Venerable Fr. Arsenius the Great.

*Vespers:* 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

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

*Acts 9:32-42 & for John:* 1 John 1:1-7.

*John 5:1-15 & for John:* John 19: 25-27; 21:24-25.

**8:15am Matins**

**9:45am Moleben to the Mother of God for all our Mothers**

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

**Reader: Daniel Barillas**

*+Faith Himick, from Bob & Jane Semak (5-3)*

*healing of Nancy Patterson & her son Tom, from Mary Ann Osmond (5-4)*

*intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron (5-7)*

**7:00pm Great Vespers for Monday**

Monday, May 9, 2022

The Holy Prophet Isaiah. The Holy Martyr Christopher (249).

✙ The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicholas to Bari (1087).

*Acts 10:1-16. John 6:56-69.*

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

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

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

✙ The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot. Repose of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Vasile Aftenie.

*Vespers:* 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

*Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.

*for Simon:* 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Matthew 13:54-58.

*for the day (not read at Liturgy): Acts 10:21-33. John 7:1-13.*

**10:30am Third & Sixth Hour**

# Wednesday, May 11, 2022

MID-PENTECOST. The Foundation of Constantinople (330). Holy Priest-Martyr Mocius.

✙ Our Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs (9th Century).

The Blessed Martyr Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila (1976).

*Vespers Paramia:* Micah 4:2-3, 5; 6:2-5, 8; 5:3 • Is. 55:1; 12:3-4; 55:2-3, 6-13 • Prov. 9:1-11.

*Vespers Paramia:* Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 1:23; 15:4

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

*Matins Gospel:* John 10:1-9.

Acts 14:6b-18 & for *Cyril & Methodius:* Hebrews 13:17-21.

John 7:14-30 & for *Cyril & Methodius:* John 10:9-16.

## 10:30am Third & Sixth Hour

6:00pm Confessions

**6:30pm Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday**

*intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt*

# Thursday, May 12, 2022

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Our Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403) and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (740).

Acts 10:34-43. John 8:12-20.

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Friday**

*intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt*

## 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)

## **A FEW NOTES FOR THE PASCHAL SEASON**

**By V. Rev. Fr. Mark Mancuso**

- We greet one another during the **entire Paschal season** (which lasts 40 days) with the words: **“Christ is risen!”** and the response to the greeting is: **“Indeed, He is risen!”**
- During the **Paschal Season** and extending to Pentecost there is no prostrating or kneeling permitted in church or at home for we stand with the resurrected Christ: *Christ is risen!*
- During the **Paschal Season** we begin all of our prayers at home and in church by singing the troparion of Pascha: *“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!”*
- During the **Paschal Season** and extending to Pentecost, we do not pray *“O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth...”* for the Comforter comes on Pentecost. *Christ is risen!*
- **And most important of all:** “A Pascha worthy of all honor has dawned for us. Pascha! Let us embrace each other joyously!...This is the day of resurrection. Let us be illumined by the feast. Let us embrace each other. Let us call ‘Brother’ even those who hate us, and forgive all by the resurrection, and so let us cry: *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!... And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!*



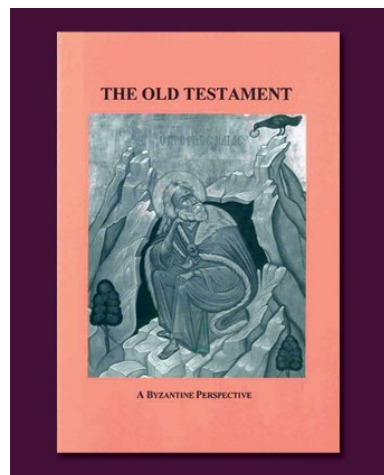
The ByziKids Homeschool Co-op meets monthly at different parishes of the region.  
Email Pani Katie Russell at [katierrssl@gmail.com](mailto:katierrssl@gmail.com)  
for more information and to join us.

## Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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/eyn-qwkv-vrh>.



## *Christ the Bridegroom Monastery*

**SPRING WORK DAY & COOKOUT, MAY 28th!**

You're invited to join us for a day of work projects (mostly outdoor), prayer, food and fun at the monastery on Saturday, May 28th. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome!

The day begins at 10 a.m., includes lunch, and closes with vespers at 5 p.m. followed by a cookout. Come whenever available, and bring a side dish to share if you can.

Please RSVP using this link by Thursday, May 26th, so that the appropriate amount of food can be prepared. <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScK5dk.../viewform>

The monastery is located at 17485 Mumford Rd. Burton, Ohio.



## HOLY BISHOP MARTYR THEODORE ROMZHA

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LECTURE

We have received the sad news that our planned speaker for the Sept. 25 lecture must be in Iraq during September and will not be available to speak at our event. We will be working to reschedule the religious freedom series and other events for the future either later this year or 2023. Pray for us as we look ahead. We will be working toward ways to gather our Byzantine Catholic Churches for spiritually beneficial events in addition to the lecture series. If you made a donation toward this event, we will be reaching out to you. You may choose to have your donation refunded or donated to Iraqi Christian Relief.

For answers to questions contact

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## SIXTH ANNUAL MIRACLE OF MARIAPOCH GALA

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022**

**6-9:30 P.M. VENUE 81 ELEVEN**

**ST. JOSEPH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
8111 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, BRECKSVILLE, OHIO**

Small plate buffet; wine and beer included

Raffle baskets and silent auction

\$40 per person; \$220 table of six

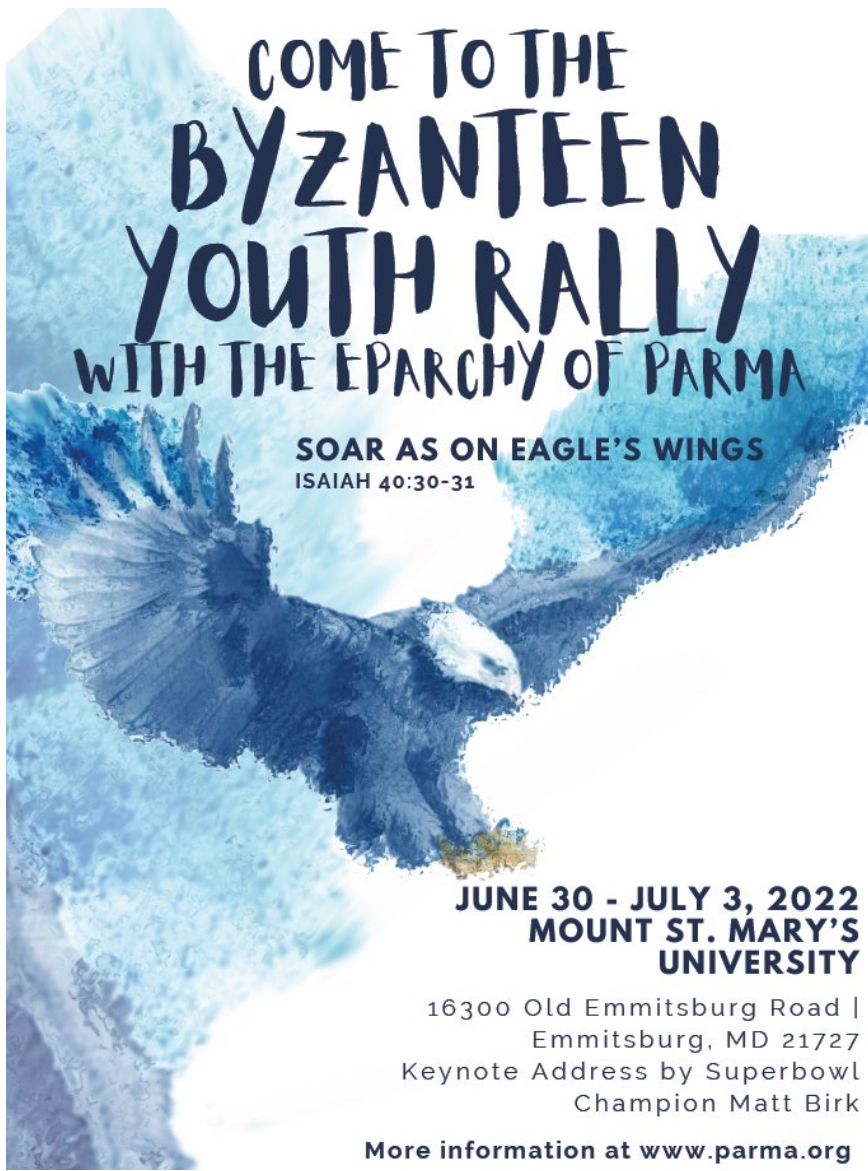
For tickets call (216) 469-1425, (330) 808-0465 or order online at  
[www.shrineofmariapoch.com](http://www.shrineofmariapoch.com)

**Proceeds benefit capital improvements at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio**



*We are a center of prayer for peace in the world and in each life,  
offering the healing refuge of Our Lady of Mariapoch.*





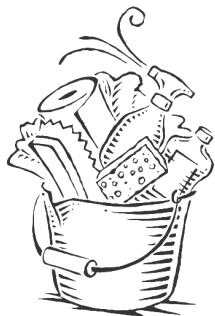
**ByzanTEEN Rally 2022** - After two years of the COVID-19 pandemic preventing teens of the Metropolitan Church from meeting at the biannual ByzanTEEN Youth Rally, we are happy to announce that **we will finally meet again this year, June 30 - July 3, 2022 in Emmitsburg, MD.** We are so excited to gather **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>

## Annual Stewardship Appeal

We have just one week left for the 2021/22 Annual Stewardship Appeal. If you have not donated yet, please prayerfully consider how you can help the Eparchy financially this year. Visit [parma.org](http://parma.org) to donate. Thank you for your generosity!

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

So far, 31 parishioners have donated a total of \$5795.87,  
putting us at almost 88% 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. Phyllis, Char, & Ceil have signed up to clean this week.

## CHARITABLE GIVING

*from St. Stephen Parish*

*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](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 April 24<sup>th</sup> was **42**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **50**

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 24<sup>th</sup> was **\$793.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,840.54**

Sunday: \$433; Easter: \$20; Online: \$139.35; Candles: \$61; Fuel: \$140

“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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