



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 15th, 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 15, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Tone 4

⌘ Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great (346).

Our Venerable Father Isaiah the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Rostov (1090).

7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10.

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. John 4:5-42.

8:15am Matins

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

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

intention Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (5-11)

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (5-12)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (5-14)

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, May 16, 2022

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost.

Venerable Fr. Theodore the Consecrated, Disciple of our Venerable Fr. Pachomius (368).

The Holy Martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia.

The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Vladimir Bajrak at the Drohobych Prison (1946).

Acts 12:12-17. John 8:42-51.

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

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

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Apostle Andronicus and his Companions.

The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Ivan Ziatyk (1952).

Acts 12:25-13:12. John 8:51-59.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, May 18, 2022



Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (303).
The Holy Martyrs Peter, Denis, and their Companions (250). The Holy Seven Virgins.
Acts 13:13-24. John 6:5-14.

7:00am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond

Thursday, May 19, 2022

The Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa and his Companions (c. 362).
Acts 14:20b-27. John 9:39-10:9.

9:30am Divine Liturgy

+Evelyn Fecko & +Mary Strach, from Dennis & Mary Ann Reardon

Friday, May 20, 2022



The Holy Martyr Thaleleus (284).
Acts 15:5-34. John 10:17-28.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, May 21, 2022

✦ The Holy Emperor Constantine (337) and his Mother Helen (327), Equals to the Apostles.

Vespers: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 • Isaiah 61:10-62:5 • Isaiah 60:1-16.

Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9.

for Constantine & Helen: Acts 26:1-5, 12-20. John 9:39-10:9.

(for the day (not read at liturgy): Acts 15:35-41. John 10:27-38).

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Lisa Reardon, from Dennis & Mary Ann Reardon

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

Sunday, May 22, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. Tone 5

The Holy Martyr Basiliscus (308). The Holy and Righteous Melchizedek, King of Salem.

Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople.

Our Holy Mother Rita of Cascia.

8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18.

Acts 16:16-34. John 9:1-38.

8:15am Matins

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

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

Reader: Debra

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (5-18)

+Evelyn Fecko & +Mary Strach, from Dennis & Mary Ann Reardon (5-19)

+Lisa Reardon, from Dennis & Mary Ann Reardon (5-21)

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, May 23, 2022

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synnada (818).

Venerable Euphrosyne, Hegumena of the Monastery of our Holy Savior in Polotsk (1173).

Acts 17:1-15. John 11:47-57.

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

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

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

⌘ Our Venerable Father Simeon of the Wondrous Mountain (596).

⌘. Our Venerable Father Nicetas the Stylite, the Wonder-worker of Perejaslav.

Acts 17:19-28a. John 12:19-36a.

9:30am Third & Sixth Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

for the health of Victor Jiomkowski, from Mary Novak

Wednesday, May 25, 2022



Leave-taking of Pascha.

✙ The Third Finding of the Head of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

for the 3rd finding: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Matthew 11:2-15.

for the day: Acts 18:22-28. John 12:36-47.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ✚ ASCENSION

+Helen Hudak & +Faith Himick, from Dennis & Mary Ann Reardon

Thursday, May 26, 2022

✚ ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD, & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. The Holy Apostle Carpus, one of the Seventy.

Our Holy Father Augustine of Canterbury, Enlightener of England.

Vespers Paramia: Isaiah 2:2-3 • Isaiah 62:10-63:9 • Zachariah 14:1, 4, 8-11.

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

Acts 1:1-12. Luke 24:36-53.

7:00am Festal Matins for ✚ ASCENSION

Friday, May 27, 2022



Post-festive Day of Ascension. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Therapont (259).

Acts 19:1-8. John 14:1-11a.

7:00am First & Third Hour

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday – 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)



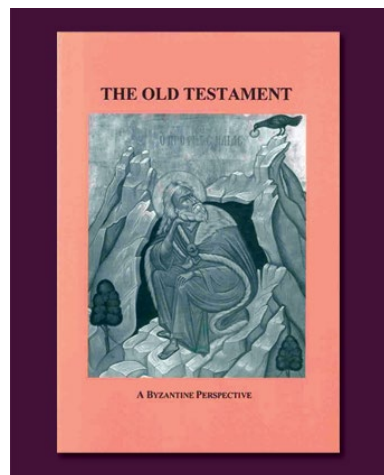
The ByziKids Homeschool Co-op meets monthly at different parishes of the region.
Email Pani Katie Russell at katierrssl@gmail.com
for more information and to join us.

Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **Monday, May 16th 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.

Come, Follow Me



Justin Rose

The Come, Follow Me Program,
A 20-week program of parish renewal and scripture study for
discipleship with weekly exercises and homework,
will begin **Monday, June 6, 2022.**

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.

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



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

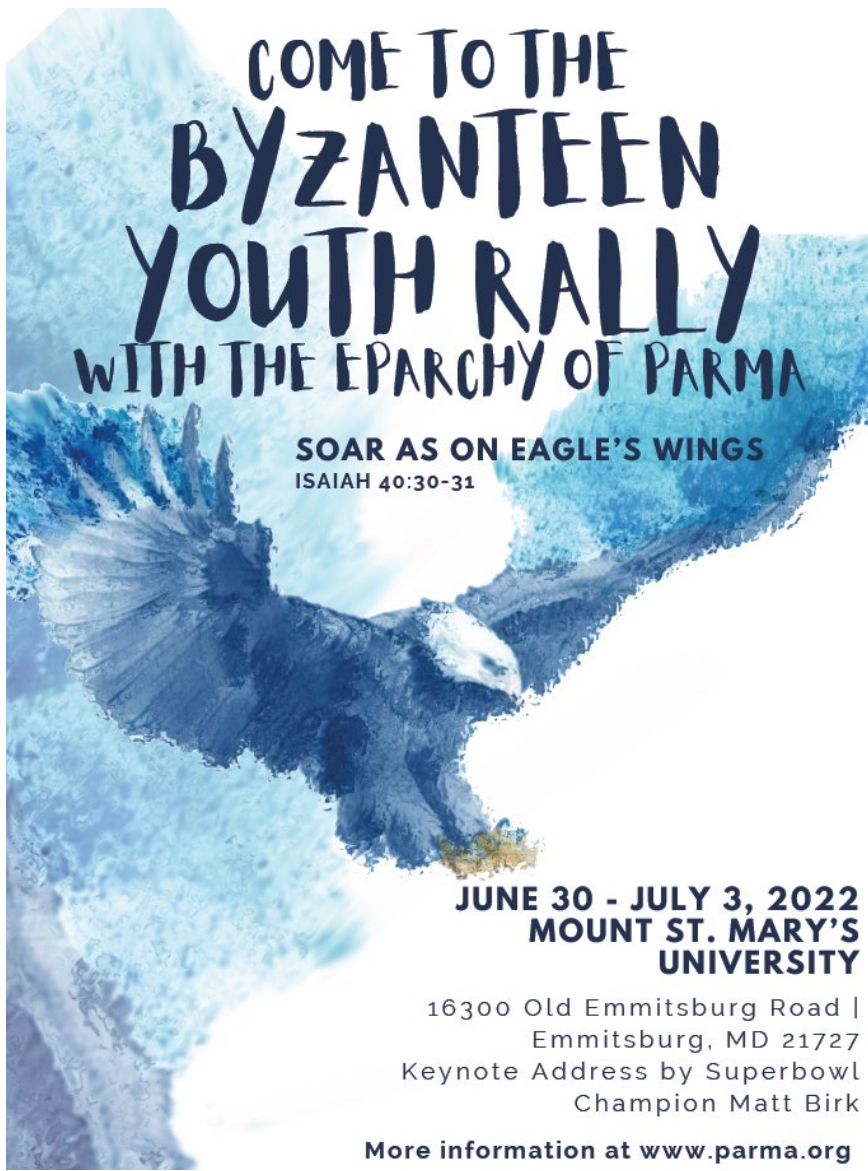
\$40 per person; \$220 table of six

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

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>

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

3) “Man and Woman He Created Them”

- 132 The image of God is the foundation not only of the personal uniqueness of every human being, but also of the human community: “God said: ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness’ ... So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them” (*Gn* 1:26-27). The communion of Persons in the Most Holy Trinity is the prototype for human community. Saint John of Damascus explains how the first human community came to be an icon of the Tri-Personal God. He writes that Adam, who had no created cause for his being and was not begotten, distinct from other human beings, is an image of the uncaused Father-God, the Almighty and Cause of all things. Then, the son born to Adam is an image of the begotten Son and Word of God; and Eve, who came forth from Adam (but was not born from him), signifies the procession of the Person of the Holy Spirit.¹¹⁵
- 133 The image of the Most Holy Trinity in human community is the natural unity of human community that exists within the communion of the love between Adam and Eve. Complementing one another physically, psychologically, and spiritually, Adam and Eve are different, but at the same time, equal persons.
- 134 In the wonderful image of Eve’s creation from the “rib of Adam” (see *Gn* 2:21), Holy Scripture describes the equality and the difference between the man and the woman, who form the first community. Adam professes Eve to be *his own*: “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman” (*Gn* 2:23). Adam embraces Eve as a person, his equal and simultaneously his companion for life (see *Gn* 2:24).

¹¹⁵ See John of Damascus, *Exact Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, I, 8: PG 94, 898.



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.

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

We donate \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry

Since our last contributions,

For the Churches in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$125

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 May 8th was **56**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **50**

(6 month average \approx 52. 3 month average \approx 56)

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 May 8th was **\$2,082.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,848.06**

Sunday: \$876; Holy Day: \$20; Online: \$94.35; Memorial Offering: \$1050; Candles: \$32; Fuel: \$10

“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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