



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 22nd, 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 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 &

Readers: Mary Hendricks &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ☩ ASCENSION

Debra

+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

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Post-festive Day of Ascension. Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon (836).

Acts 20:7-12. John 14:10b-21.

10:00am Typika – Reader Service

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – Reader Service

Sunday, May 29, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE 1ST NICEAN COUNCIL. Tone 6

The Holy Venerable Martyr and Virgin Theodosia (730).

Vespers Paramia: Genesis 14:14-20 • Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut. 10:14-21.

10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14.

Acts 20:16-18a, 28-36. John 17:1-13.

8:15am Matins – *Reader Service*

9:30am First & Third Hour – *Reader Service*

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

Reader: Victor Azcuy

intention of Irene Durisin (birthday), from Bob & Jane Semak (6-1)

for the health of Victor Jiomkowski, from Mary Novak (5-24)

+Helen Hudak & +Faith Himick, from Dennis & Mary Ann Reardon (5-25)

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday* – *Reader Service*

Monday, May 30, 2022

Post-festive Day of Ascension. Venerable Fr. Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.

Acts 21:8-14. John 14:27b-15:7.

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

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

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Post-festive Day of Ascension. The Holy Apostle Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas (c. 160).

Acts 21:26-32. John 16:2b-13a.

7:00am First & Third Hour

Wednesday, June 1, 2022



Post-festive Day of Ascension. Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher & his Companions (167).

Acts 23:1-11. John 16:15-23.

7:00am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

intention of Irene Durisin, from Bob & Jane Semak

Thursday, June 2, 2022

Post-festive Day of Ascension. Our Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor (771).

Acts 25:13-19. John 16:23b-33a.

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Friday, June 3, 2022



Leave-taking of Ascension. The Holy Martyr Lucillian and his Companions (273).

Acts 27:1-44. John 17:18-26.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Saturday of Souls. Our Holy Father Metrophane, Patriarch of Constantinople (325).

The Holy Myrrh-bearers Martha and Mary.

Acts 28:1-31 & *for the departed*: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

John 21:15-25 & *for the departed*: John 5:24-30.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn Marron, from Sarah Marron

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

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)



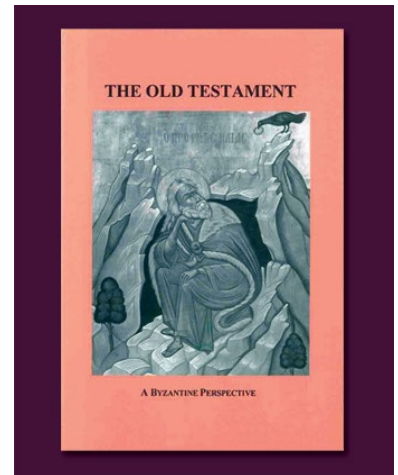
The ByziKids Homeschool Co-op is on Summer Break!
Thank you to the families who made this a great experience.
Email Pani Katie Russell at katierrssl@gmail.com
for more information and to join us in the fall!

Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **Monday, May 23rd 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.*



COME TO THE BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY WITH THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

SOAR AS ON EAGLE'S WINGS
ISAIAH 40:30-31

JUNE 30 - JULY 3, 2022
MOUNT ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY

16300 Old Emmitsburg Road |
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Keynote Address by Superbowl
Champion Matt Birk

More information at www.parma.org

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>

Allen Park Street Fair

<https://allenparkstreetfair.org/>

The 2022 Fair will be held **August 5th and 6th** and St. Stephen will have a booth! The Street Fair attracts over 50,000 people. This will be a great opportunity to tell locals and visitors about our Church, our Tradition, and Jesus Christ!

Update on the Synodal Process in the Eparchy of Parma

On February 6, we kicked off the synodal process in the Eparchy of Parma. Beginning on this date, you met with your parish facilitators, priests, and fellow parishioners to pray and share with each other after meditating on the Beatitudes, the theme that Bishop Milan chose for the synodal process in our Eparchy. Later on in March, you took the anonymous survey for your parish. Right now, the notes from the meetings and the results of the surveys are being collected and analyzed to assist Bishop Milan, your priests, and those people from your parish assisting your priest, in identifying goals for the parishes and the Eparchy as a whole. This information will also be shared with Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla of Pittsburgh, who will be representing us at the Synod of Bishops in October of 2023 in Rome. Thank you for your participation in the meetings and the surveys; your help is allowing our Church to grow and flourish here in the Eparchy of Parma. Stay tuned for more information from your priests as we identify Eparchial and parish goals.

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

A. The Creator and His Creation

3. Humankind—the Crown of Creation

a. Humankind—in the Image and Likeness of God

4) The Freedom and Responsibility of Humankind

135 The Lord called humankind to holiness in freedom and responsibility: “If you choose, you can keep the commandments; and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice” (*Sir* 15:15). God settled humanity in Paradise. He gave them freedom and the commandment to actualize it, symbolized in the prohibition to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil: “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat” (*Gn* 2:16-17). Saint Gregory the Theologian interprets this commandment in the following way:

[God] gave him a Law as material for his free will to act upon. This Law was a commandment as to what plants he might partake of, and which one he might not touch. This latter was the tree of knowledge; not, however, because it was evil from the beginning when planted; nor was it forbidden because God grudged it to humankind ... But it would have been good if partaken of at the proper time; for the tree was, according to my theory, Contemplation, which it is only safe for those who have reached maturity of habit to enter upon; but which is not good for those who are still somewhat simple and greedy.¹¹⁶

¹¹⁶ Gregory the Theologian, *Oration 45: On Holy Pascha*, 8: PG 36, 632.

Guest Celebrant

Father Michael Lenz, OFM will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for us on Sunday, May 29th, while Fr. John is recovering from oral surgery. Please welcome him and thank him for his kind service.



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

We donated \$200 to Image of God Pregnancy Center

We donated \$125 to Catholic Home Missions

Since our last contributions,

For the Churches in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$155

for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138

for the Iraqi Christian Relief: we have collected \$890 (\$400 has been donated so far)

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 15th was **48**. 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 15th was **\$2,104.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,848.06**

Sunday: \$1397; Pascha: \$100; Holy Day: \$55; Online: \$434.35; Candles: \$13; Fuel: \$105

“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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