



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 29th, 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 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 Jiompkowski, 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 followed by a Panachida for All Souls

+Melvyn Marron, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, June 5, 2022

⊕ PENTECOST SUNDAY. Tone 7

Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre (362). Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest.

Vespers Paramia: Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29 • Joel 2:23-32 • Ezekiel 36:24-28.

Matins Gospel: John 20:19-23.

Acts 2:1-11. John 7:37-52; 8:12.

8:15am Matins

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

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

Reader: Dominique

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (6-2)

+Melvyn Marron, from Sarah Marron (6-4)

7:00pm Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost – *in Ann Arbor*

Monday, June 6, 2022

PENTECOST MONDAY. Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker (446).

Venerable Fr. & Confessor Hilary the Younger, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.

Ephesians 5:8b-19. Matthew 18:10-20.

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Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Pentecost Tuesday. The Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra (303).

The Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria, and Maria.

Rom 1:1-7, 13-17. Matthew 4:25-5:12a.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Pentecost Wednesday. ☩ Translation of the Relics of the Holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit.
Blessed Maria Theresa Mankdiyan Chiramel.

Romans 1:18-27. Matthew 5:20-26.

7:00am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

health of Nancy Patterson, from Shirley Richardson

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Pentecost Thursday. ☩ Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria (444).

Romans 1:28-2:9. Matthew 5:27-32.

Friday, June 10, 2022

no fasting

Pentecost Friday. The Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusia (362).

Romans 2:14-29. Matthew 5:33-41.

8:30am First & Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

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)



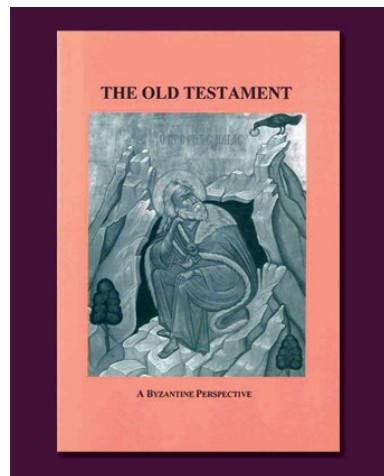
The ByziKids Homeschool Co-op is on Summer Break!
 Thank you to the families who made this a great experience.
 Email Pani Katie Russell at katierrssl@gmail.com
 for more information and to join us in the fall!

Byzantine Book Club

Next meeting: **Monday, May 30th 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-vrth>.



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 13th, 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



Young Adult Potluck

AGES 18-35 | FAMILIES WELCOME

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH 2022. | STARTS @ 3PM

RSVP AT (239) 895-8931. A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX

The potluck will take place at:
13108 Peach St. Southgate, Mi 48195

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!



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

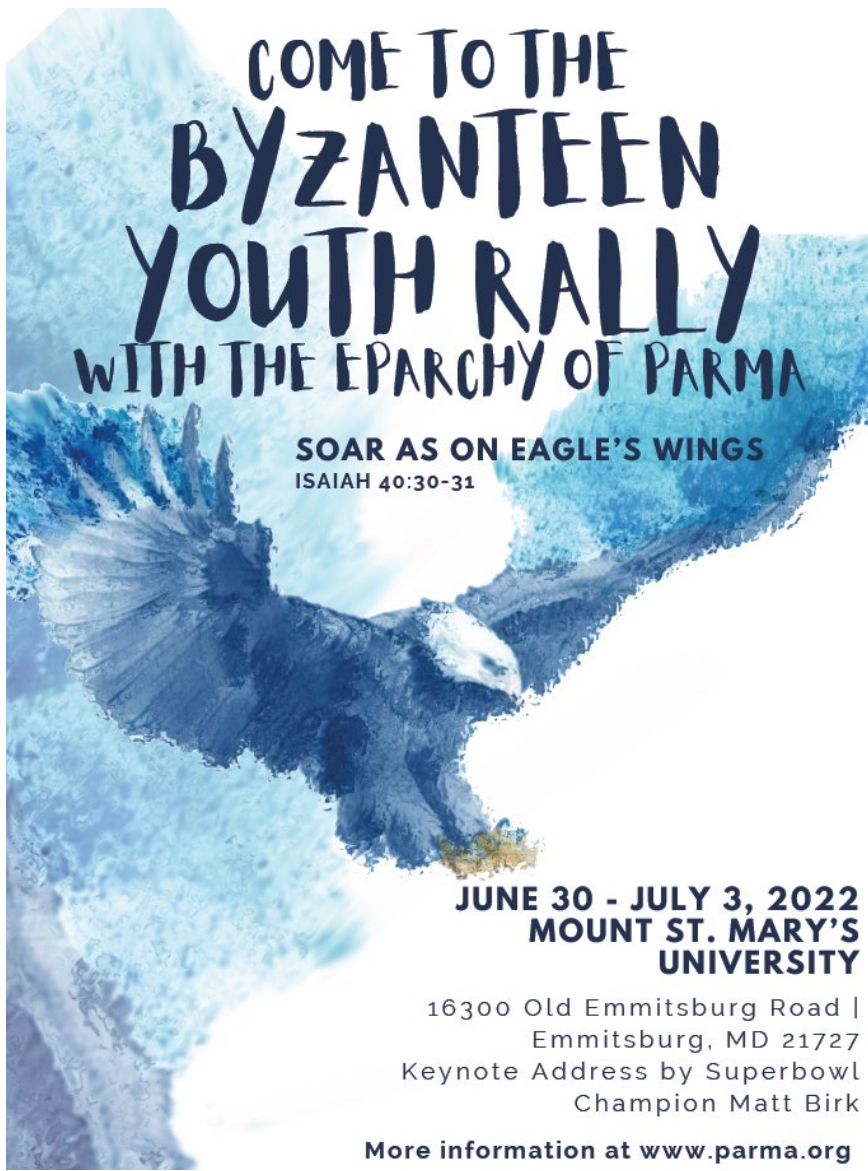
Proceeds benefit capital improvements at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio



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

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.



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>

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. Thank you to Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski for cleaning this week! Victor, Dominique, & Veronica 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 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 22nd was **55**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **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 May 22nd was **\$783.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,853.07**

Sunday: \$574; Online: \$124.35; Candles: \$60; Fuel: \$25

“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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