

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



June 5th, 2022

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, 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.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club - online: <u>https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh</u> or in person: 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

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. S 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. S 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

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Leave-taking of Pentecost. + The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.

Vespers: 1 Peter 1:3-9 • 1 Peter 1:13-19 • 1 Peter 2:11-14.

Matins Gospel: John 21: 15-25.

for the Apostles: Acts 11:19-30. Luke 10:16-22.

for the day (not to be read at Liturgy): Romans 1:7b-12. Matthew 5:42-48. **10:00am Divine Liturgy**

the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, June 12, 2022

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. Tone 8

🕃 Our Venerable Father Onuphry the Great (400). Venerable Fr. Peter of Mt. Athos (734). Vespers Paramia: Isaiah 43:9-14a • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3. 1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20.

Hebrews 11:33-12:2a. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30.

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: Cecilia

> *health of Nancy Patterson, from Shirley Richardson (6-8)* intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (6-10) the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah Marron, from Sarah Marron (6-11)

7:00pm Vespers for Monday Monday, June 13, 2022



First Day of the Apostles' Fast

The Holy Martyr Aquilina (293). Our Holy Father Triphyllus, Bishop of Leucosia (370). Romans 2:28-3:18. Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11.

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Tuesday, June 14, 2022



The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847). Romans 4:4-12. Matthew 7:15-21.

> 9:30am Third & Sixth Hour **10:00am Divine Liturgy**

> > health of Susan Conley, from Mary Novak

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 Day of Alleluia

The Holy Prophet Amos. The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon (420).

Romans 4:13-25. Matthew 7:21-23.

7:00am Matins with prostrations

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers with prostrations

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Thursday, June 16, 2022

Our Holy Father and Wonder-worker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis (c. 425). Romans 5:10-16. Matthew 8:23-27.

Friday, June 17, 2022

The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael (c. 633). Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of the Rufenianos Monastery. Romans 5:17-6:2. Matthew 9:14-17.

8:30am First & Third Hour 9:00am Divine Liturgy

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, June 18, 2022

The Holy Martyr Leontius (c. 73).

Romans 3:19-26. Matthew 7:1-8.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Faith Himick, 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
- ③. 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)





🕅 Day of Alleluia

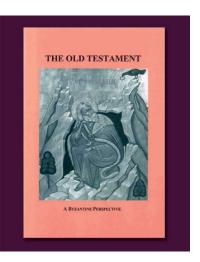


The ByziKids Homeschool Co-op is on Summer Break! Thank you to the families who made this a great experience. Email Pani Katie Russell at <u>katierssll@gmail.com</u> for more information and to join us in the fall!

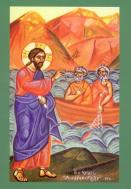
Byzantine Book Glub

Next meeting: Monday, June 6th 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-gwky-yrh.



Come, Follow Me



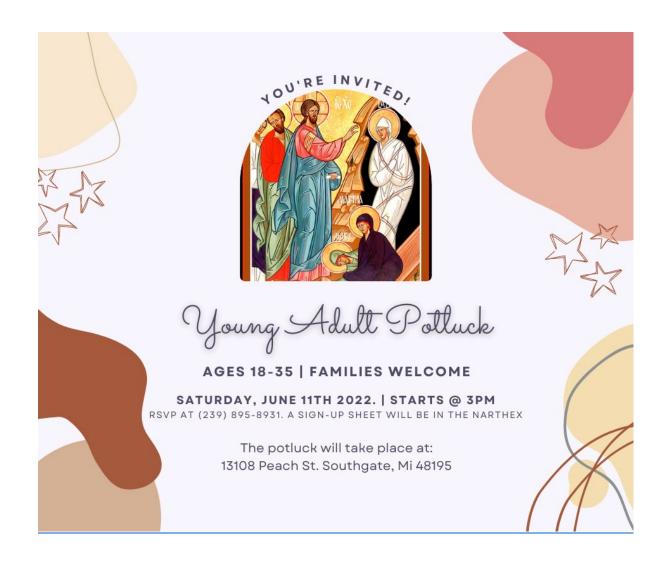
Justin Rose

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 13**th, **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 <u>frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com</u>



Allen Park Street Fair

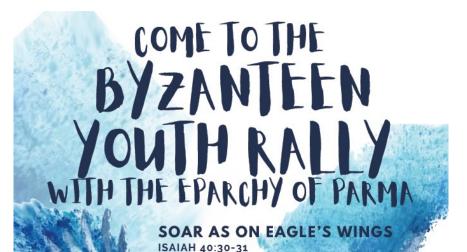
https://allenparkstreetfair.org/

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 local people and visitors about our Parish, our Church, our Tradition, and Jesus Christ! Parishioners are welcome to join us at the booth throughout the fair to represent St. Stephen and share with the community. Contact Victor Jiompkowski for more information.



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.



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: <u>https://parma.org/rally2022</u>

New Parish Advisory Council Appointments

Our new parish advisory councils have been appointed.

Our pastoral advisory council:

Debra Grega Beckerman Cecilia Hendricks Victor Jiompkowski Kevin Perotta Thomas Sabula Our financial advisory council: Louise Dalbo Michael Camillieri James Humenik Phyllis Humenik

Please pray for them and make known to them your thoughts and concerns about our parish. Their term is through Jan 31st, 2024.

Promotional & Evangelical Video Project

We are in the midst of filming testimonial interviews of members of our church expressing why we love Christ, the Byzantine Catholic Church, and precisely why we love St. Stephen's. These interviews will become part of a video that we hope to share online and at the Allen Park Street Fair. The interviews will take place in the church right after liturgy on Sunday mornings. We would be happy to interview you this coming Sunday!

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. 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 June 3rd was 55. Average Sunday attendance ≈ 51 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 June 3rd was **\$890.35.** Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,843.12** Sunday: \$412; Holy Day: \$65; Online: \$374.35; Candles: \$26; Literature Rack: \$13

"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).

