



## SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 – followed by Confessions

## Sunday, July 3, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

The Holy Martyr Hyacinth (108).

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

Romans 6:18-23. Matthew 8:5-13.

**8:15am Matins**

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

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

*health of Fr. Wayne Ruchgy, from George Durisin & Jane Semak (6-28)*

*health of Kelly Conley, from Mary Novak (6-29)*

*intention of descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (7-2)*

*Fellowship & Potluck in the hall after Liturgy.*

**7:00pm Vespers** – for Monday

## Monday, July 4, 2022

*Independence Day*

Our Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete (740).

Our Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of our Venerable Father Simeon (551).

Our Venerable Father Procopius of Sazava.

Romans 12:4-5, 15-21. Matthew 12:9-13.

*7:00pm Come, Follow Me - online: <https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok>*

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

## Tuesday, July 5, 2022

✠ Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Athos (1003).

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

*Proverbs 10:31-32; 11:1, 2, 4, 3, 5-12 • Wisdom 3: 1-9.*

*for Athanasius: Galatians 5:22-6:2. Luke 6:17-23.*

*for the day: Romans 14:9-18. Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30.*

Wednesday, July 6, 2022



Our Venerable Father Sisoës the Great (c. 429).

Romans 15:7-16. Matthew 12:38-45.

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

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Venerable Fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, mentioned in “The Ladder”.

Romans 15:17-29. Matthew 12:46-13:3a.

Friday, July 8, 2022



⊗ The Holy Great Martyr Procopius (303).

Romans 16:1-16. Matthew 13:3b-9.

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

Saturday, July 9, 2022

The Holy Martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina.

Romans 8:14-21. Matthew 9:9-13.

**10:00am Third & Sixth Hour** – Reader Service

**4:00pm Great Vespers** for Sunday – Reader Service

Sunday, July 10, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

The Holy Forty-five Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia (319).

✦ Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves (1073).

*Vespers:* Prov. 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9, 1:23; 15:4 • Prov. 10:31-11: 12 • Wis. 3:1-9.

*5th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Luke 24:12-35.

Romans 10:1-10. Matthew 8:28-9:1.

**8:15am Matins**

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

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

Reader: Mary Russell

*Potluck & Fellowship in the hall after Liturgy!*

**7:00pm Vespers** for Monday

## Monday, July 11, 2022

⊗ Holy Martyr, the Illustrious Euphemia. Passing of Olga, Princess of Kiev, baptized Helen  
Romans 16:17-24. Matthew 13:10-23.

7:00pm *Come, Follow Me* - online: <https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok>

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

## Tuesday, July 12, 2022

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion. Venerable Father Michael of Malein (3rd Century).

1 Corinthians 1:1-9. Matthew 13:24-30.

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

## Wednesday, July 13, 2022



⊗ The Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel.

Venerable Fr. Stephen of Saint Sabbas Monastery. Holy Fr. Julian, Bishop of Kenoman,

1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8. Matthew 13:31-36a.

**8:00am Matins**

6:00pm *Confessions*

**6:30pm Vespers & 7:00pm Divine Liturgy**

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

## Thursday, July 14, 2022

⊗ The Holy Apostle Aquila.

1 Corinthians 3:18-23. Matthew 13:36b-43.

**6:00pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for ☩ *The Holy Great Prince Vladimir*

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

## Friday, July 15, 2022



The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and Julitta his mother (304).

☩ The Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles, baptized Basil (1015).

*Vespers:* 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 • Is. 61:10-62:5 • Is. 60:1-16. *Matins Gospel:* John 10:9-16.

*for Vladimir:* Galatians 1:11-19. John 10:1-9.

*for the day (not read at Liturgy):* 1 Cor. 4:5-8. Matt. 13:44-54a.

6:00pm *Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers for Saturday**

# Saturday, July 16, 2022

The Holy Martyrs Athenogenes, Bishop of Sebaste, and his Ten Disciples (311).

Romans 9:1-5. Matthew 9:18-26.

## 10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Faith Himick, from Sarah Marron

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

# Sunday, July 17, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS. Tone 5

⊗ The Holy Great Martyr Marina.

✦ Our Holy Father and Confessor Paul Gojdič, Bishop of Prešov (1960).

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

*6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Luke 24:36-53.

Romans 12:6-14 & *for the Fathers:* Hebrews 13:7-16.

Matthew 9:1-8 & *for the Fathers:* John 17:1-13.

## 8:15am Matins

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

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

Reader: Guillermo

*intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (7-13)*

*intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (7-14)*

+Faith Himick, from Sarah Marron (7-16)

*Potluck & Fellowship in the hall after Liturgy!*

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

## 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)



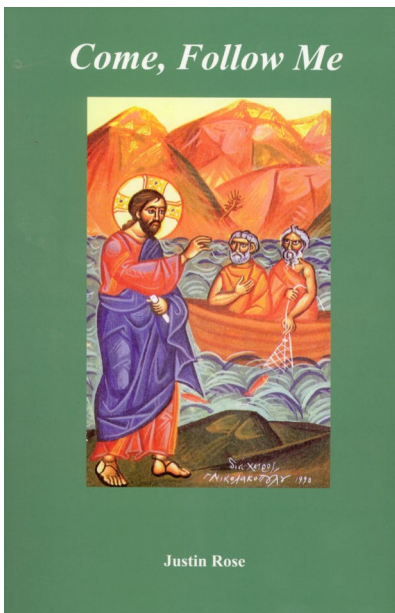
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by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)



There is a potluck each Sunday after the Divine Liturgy in the Crystal Room. Join us each Sunday to have a communal experience with our fellow parishioners and enjoy delicious food. A donation of either food, drinks, or other refreshments are welcomed and encouraged, but never required. Please also stay and help clean the hall and kitchen afterwards. Thank you to all of those who have already donated food, time, and services. Your help is greatly appreciated!



## Come, Follow Me

A program of parish renewal and scripture study for discipleship with weekly exercises and homework.

Next meeting: **Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 participate, contact Fr. Deacon Lawrence at (734) 255-4099 or [frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com)

Meetings will be both online: <https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok> and in person: 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.



## 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! Sign up in the narthex to be present and the fair for whatever hours your available on those days.

## 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 (**Victor Azcu, Cecilia Hendrick, and Kevin Perotta**), 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.



## 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. Dominique, Victor, & Veronica have signed up to clean the week of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and LeAnn Osentoski & Betty Sutyak have signed up to clean the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Annual Stewardship Appeal Update

36 generous donors from our parish contributed \$7570.87 to our Eparchy's annual stewardship appeal, bringing us to 115% of our goal of \$6600! We will receive a rebate check for \$970.87. Thank you!

## CHARITABLE GIVING

*from St. Stephen Parish*

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

*We donated \$110 to Peter's Pence*

*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)  
for Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$85.

### **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 June 26<sup>th</sup> was **46**. 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 June 26<sup>th</sup> was **\$1,282.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,835.04**

Sunday: \$687; Holy Day: \$90; Online: \$424.35; Candles: \$51; Fuel: \$30

“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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