



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 31st, 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 31, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

⌘ Pre-festive Day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross.

The Holy and Righteous Eudocimus (9th Century). The Holy Joseph of Arimathea.

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

1 Corinthians 1:10-18. Matthew 14:14-22.

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: Victor A

health of Erin Turner, from Mary Novak (7-27)

+Viola L. Paul, from Donald & Gloria Scott (7-29)

+Melvyn & Josefa, from Sarah Marron (7-30)

Fellowship & Potluck in the hall after Liturgy.

7:00pm Paraklesis

Monday, August 1, 2022



1st day of the Dormition Fast

⌘. The Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross.

The Holy Seven Maccabees, their Mother Solomonica and the Elder Eleazar.

for the Cross: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. John 19:6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): 1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6. Matthew 18:1-11.

8:45am Matins with Veneration of the Cross & Small Blessing of Water

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Manmohan Badhwar, from Bob & Jane Semak

6:00pm Vespers for our Patron the Holy Protomartyr & Archdeacon Stephen

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

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

Tuesday, August 2, 2022



⊗ The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen.
Our Venerable Father Basil, Fool for Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2, 13-15.

Wednesday, August 3, 2022



Day of Alleluia

Venerable Fathers Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus (5th Century). Holy Myrrh-bearer Salome.

1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5. Matthew 20:1-16.

10:00am Paraklesis

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Thursday - with prostrations

Thursday, August 4, 2022



Day of Alleluia

The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. The Holy Venerable Martyr Eudoxia (2nd Century).

1 Corinthians 14:6-19. Matthew 20:17-28.

Friday, August 5, 2022



Allen Park Street Fair

⊗ Pre-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Eusignius (362).

1 Corinthians 14:26-40. Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20.

8:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Great Vespers for ⊕ TRANSFIGURATION

Reader: Cecilia

Saturday, August 6, 2022



Allen Park Street Fair

⊕ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Vespers: Exodus 24:12-18 • Exodus 33:11-23 • 1 Kings 19:3-9, 11-13, 15-16.

Matins Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.

for the Transfiguration: 2 Peter 1:10-19. Matthew 17:1-9.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Romans 14:6-9. Matthew 15:32-39.

8:45am Matins &

10:00am Divine Liturgy for ⊕ TRANSFIGURATION – with Blessing of Fruit.

descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, August 7, 2022



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius (363).

9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31.

1 Corinthians 3:9-17. Matthew 14:22-34.

8:15am Matins

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

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

Reader: Dominique

+Manmohan Badhwar, from Bob & Jane Semak (8-1)

descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (8-6)

Fellowship & Potluck in the hall after Liturgy.

7:00pm Paraklesis – *at St. Francis in Ann Arbor*

Monday, August 8, 2022



Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. Holy Confessor Emilian, Bishop of Cyzice (820).

1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Matthew 21:18-22.

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

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

Tuesday, August 9, 2022



Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. ✦ The Holy Apostle Matthias.

Vespers: Acts 1:15-26 • 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16.

for Matthias: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26. Luke 9:1-6.

for the day: 1 Corinthians 15:29-38. Matthew 21:23-27.

10:00am Paraklesis

7:00pm Office of Holy Repentance – *with Fr. Constantin & Fr. John*

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr & Archdeacon Laurence of Rome.
1 Corinthians 16:4-12. Matthew 21:28-32.

6:00pm *Confessions*

6:30pm Vespers *for Thursday*

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

for the health of Nancy Patterson, from the Richardson Family

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Euplus (308).
2 Corinthians 1:1-7. Matthew 21:43-46.

Friday, August 12, 2022

Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus (305).
Today we remember St. Maximus the Confessor, because of the Leave-taking tomorrow
2 Corinthians 1:12-20. Matthew 22:23-33.

9:30am Third & Sixth Hour






10:00am Divine Liturgy





for the health of Rich Maire, from the Richardson Family

6:00pm *Confessions*

7:00pm Paraklesis

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

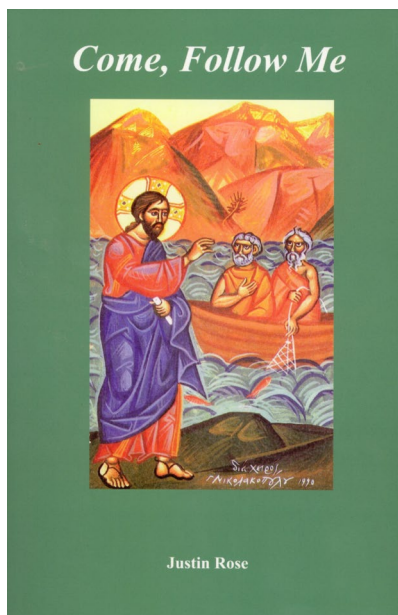
-  by tradition, a strict fast day (no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil)
-  by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)
-  by tradition, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, or eggs)
-  by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)



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.

During the Dormition Fast (August 1st through 14th) you're encouraged to bring fasting-friendly foods to share. Please no meat during fasting seasons.

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, August 1st, 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

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

The Dormition Fast

PROCLAIM A HOLY FAST! (Joel 1:14) "The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence [abstinence from meat, fish, dairy products, eggs, alcohol, and foods cooked in oil] **from August 1 to 14**, with the usual mitigations (permitting wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880). The observance of this fast is voluntary" - from the Typicon arranged by Archpriest David M. Petras, S.E.O.D. for use in the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolia of Pittsburgh.

Traditional fasting during the two-week Dormition fast is like that during most of Great Fast:

Monday-Friday:	Strict Fast (<i>no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil</i>)
Saturday and Sunday:	Wine and Oil permitted
Holy Transfiguration:	Fish, Wine, & Oil permitted.

From Bulgakov:

(Translated by Archpriest Eugene Tarris)

Beginning August 1 and continuing until August 15, the Church has always observed the Dormition Fast as established of old, keeping it according to an unwritten tradition. The most ancient mention of it is by the name of Autumn Fast, placed in the 7th month by Leo the Great. However, in the ancient Church there were disagreements concerning the duration of this fast. The reason for this was the feast of Transfiguration, because some decided to eat meat on this day and others continued the decision to fast for 4 days, others for 8 days. Finally, the old tradition concerning this fast in view of the doubts about the quantity of its days was sealed in a conciliar definition in 1166 during the reign of the Constantinopolitan Patriarch Luke Chrysoberges. Since that time the single paradigmatic order of this fast was established in the Eastern Churches. With the establishment of the Dormition fast, the Church, on the one hand, guides us to spiritual transfiguration, observing the fast as a means to graceful internal circumspection, and on the other hand, motivates us to imitate the Mother of God, Who spent all her life in the asceticism of fasting and prayer. In the severity of fasting this fast approaches the Forty Day Fast. It is weakened on Saturdays, Sundays, and likewise on the feast of Transfiguration. In all this fast, except for the day of Transfiguration, the Ustav [Typikon] does not permit eating fish; on Saturdays and Sundays cooking with olive oil and wine is allowed; on Tuesday and Thursday, cooking is without olive oil; on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays xerophagia (Ustav [Typikon] Chapter 33) is specified. On some days of the Dormition fast, as well as in the Petrine Fast (see May 17), in Matins the Alleluia or Troparion is prescribed, "We do prostrations even up to the time of Communion" (see the Ustav [Typikon] Chapter 33).

Paraklesis

During the upcoming Dormition Fast, it is traditional to celebrate the beautiful Office of Supplication to the Theotokos known as the Paraklesis (or Paraklis). Keep an eye on the bulletin for several opportunities to pray this deeply moving service to our Mother. The first time will be today, **Sunday, July 31st, at 7pm**. Don't let the Dormition Fast go by without coming to the Paraklesis!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ann Arbor has kindly invited us to celebrate the Paraklesis in their church on **August 7th at 7pm**.

2250 E Stadium Blvd.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

<https://www.stfrancisa2.com/>

Veneration of the Cross & the Small Blessing of Water

On the first day of August, which is the first day of the Dormition Fast, we venerate the Cross and bless water at Matins. This will be at **8:45am on Monday, August 1st**.

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.

Blessing of Fruit

On the Great Feast of the Transfiguration, the Church blesses the first fruits, especially grapes and apples. We will offer this blessing after the Ambon Prayer at the Divine Liturgy for the Feast at **10am on Saturday, August 6th**. Bring your fruits to Liturgy that morning and place them on the table for the blessing.

The Office of Holy Repentance

During this penitential season in preparation for the Dormition of the Theotokos & Ever Virgin Mary, we will celebrate the full form of the office of holy repentance on **Tuesday, August 9th at 7pm**. This includes private confession to a priest. Fr. Constantin & Fr. John will both be available for confessions on this evening. This is a good opportunity for those who have been a long time away from this holy mystery to return, and for all of us to go to confession and rejoice in the mercy of our forgiving Lord Jesus Christ.

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage

AUGUST 13-14, 2022



Please note a change to the schedule from previous years: Due to the dates of the Feast of the Dormition this year, the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 4pm on Sunday, August 14, does NOT fulfill your Sunday obligation but it DOES fulfill your obligation for the Feast of the Dormition. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday morning at 10am for those who are unable to attend Divine Liturgy elsewhere to fulfill their Sunday obligation. The Divine Liturgy on Saturday at 4pm is for Saturday and does not fulfill your Sunday obligation. Everyone is welcome to participate in any and all of the Liturgical Services.

- The opportunity for Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the Pilgrimage.
- Camping is permitted
- Food will be available for purchase at the cafeteria or you are welcome to bring your own food
- Bring your own chair

The Eastern Treasures Gift Shop will be open.

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Deacon William V. Fredrick, Director

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

- 3:00 pm – Blessing of Water and Moleben to the Theotokos – Shrine Chapel
- 4:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (for Saturday), Blessing of Pilgrims
- 5:30 pm – Café open for Dinner
- 7:00 pm – Great Vespers (for Sunday)
- 8:30 pm – Campfire and fireside chat with Bishop Milan Lach
- 9:30pm – Compline

Afterwards and until midnight – supervised social interaction. Campfire extinguished at midnight.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

- 9:00am – Matins
- 10:00am – Divine Liturgy (for Sunday)
- 11:00am – Teen activity
- 12:00pm – Sixth Hour
- 12:00pm – Café open for Lunch
- 1:30pm – Children's Activity
- 1:30pm – *Ukraine: A Test of Faith, and Trust* - talk given by Dick Russ, former reporter and news anchor for WKYC Channel 3 and member of the board of directors of 1260 AM The Rock.
- 3:00pm – Great Vespers with Litija (for the Feast of the Dormition)
- 4:00pm – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (for the Feast of the Dormition): The Most Rev. Milan Lach, S.J. – Celebrant; The Most Rev. Michael G. Woost (Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland) – Homilist; Mirovanija; Procession with the Plaschanicja (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos) and the Gospels
- 5:30 pm – Café open for Dinner

St. Stephen Community Picnic

We're planning to have our Parish Community Picnic this year after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, August 28th**. We'll need lots of help with set up, take down, food donations, etc. Please contact Victor Azcuy about helping with this: vazcuy1@gmail.com or (239) 895-8931.

Day House | Detroit Catholic Worker

THURSDAY POTLUCK

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

All are welcome.

Those who can are encouraged
to bring something to share



2640 TRUMBULL ST.
DETROIT, MI



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. Erin Holmes has signed up to clean this week.

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.
For the retirement of our nuns, we have collected \$100.

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.

Ukrainians in Need

Through your generous support of our brothers and sisters in need in Ukraine during this time of war, the Eparchy of Parma has raised \$84,166.72 to date for our special collection, Ukrainians in Need. Thank You For Your Generosity!

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on July 24th was **63**. 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 July 24th was **\$1,661.05**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,832.09**

Sunday: \$646; Online: \$929.55; Candles: \$35.50; Fuel: \$50

“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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