



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 4th, 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, September 4, 2022

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

The Holy Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch (283). The Holy Prophet Moses, who saw God.

2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8.

1 Corinthians 16:13-24. Matthew 21:33-42.

8:15am Matins

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

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

Reader: Mary Russell

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (9-3)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (8-29)

+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathleen Mykeloff (9-1)

Fellowship & Potluck in the hall after Liturgy.

7:00pm Vespers at *St. Francis in Ann Arbor* – *for Monday*

Monday, September 5, 2022

⊗ The Holy Prophet Zachary & his Wife, the Holy & Venerable Elizabeth, Parents of the Forerunner.

Our Holy Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

2 Corinthians 12:10-19. Mark 4:10-23.

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

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

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

⊗ Commemoration of the Miracle of the Holy Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chionia.

The Holy Martyr Eudoxius and his Companions (c. 311). Our Venerable Father Archippus.

2 Corinthians 12:20-13:2. Mark 4:24-34.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, September 7, 2022



⊗ Pre-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The Holy Martyr Sozon (304).
2 Corinthians 13:3-14. Mark 4:35-41.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

6:00pm Great Vespers &

Cantors: Mary H & Cecilia

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ⊕ THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas from Mary Ann Osmond

Thursday, September 8, 2022

⊕ THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

*Vespers: Gen. 28:10-17 • Ez. 43:27-44:4 • Prov. 9:1-11. Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56.
for the Nativity: Philippians 2:5-11. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.*

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Galatians 1:1-10, 20-2:5. Mark 5:1-20.

8:00am Festal Matins for ⊕ THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Friday, September 9, 2022



Post-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

⊗ Synaxis of the Holy & Just Grandparents of God Joachim & Anna. Holy Martyr Severian.
Galatians 2:6-10. Mark 5:22-24, 35-6:1.

9:30am Third & Sixth Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Dominique

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Saturday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Postfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos.
The Holy Martyrs Menodora, Mitrodora and Nymphodora (306).

for the Cross: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9. Matthew 10:37-11:1.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): 1 Corinthians 4:1-5. Matthew 23:1-12.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Katie

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, September 11, 2022

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Tone 5

Postfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria (490).

Today we also remember St. Autonomous, because of the leave-taking tomorrow.

3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20.

for the Cross: Galatians 6:11-18. John 3:13-17.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4. Matthew 22:1-14.

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: Debra

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (9-10)

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas from Mary Ann Osmond (9-7)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (9-9)

Guild Meeting in the Meeting Room after Liturgy.

7:00pm Vespers for the Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos Cantor:

Monday, September 12, 2022

Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Autonomus (c. 300).

Galatians 2:11-16. Mark 5:24b-34.

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

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

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

⊗. Pre-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord in Jerusalem.

The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cornelius.

Vespers: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 • Proverbs 3:19-34 • Proverbs 9:1-11.

for the Cross: Hebrews 3:1-4. Matthew 16:13-18.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Galatians 2:21-3:7. Mark 6:1-7.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

5:00pm All-Night Vigil &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ⊕ THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

+Elizabeth Russell, from her son

Cantor: Misha; Reader: Mary Woods

Wednesday, September 14, 2022



⊕ THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

The Passing of our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Vespers: Exodus 15:22-16:1 • Proverbs 3:11-18 • Isaiah 60:11-16.

Matins Gospel: John 12:28-36.

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): Galatians 3:15-22. Mark 6:7-13.

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

Cantor: Dominique

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko

Thursday, September 15, 2022

⊗ Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Great Martyr Nicetas (372).

Our Venerable Father Symeon, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

Galatians 3:23-4:5. Mark 6:30-45.

Friday, September 16, 2022



⊗ Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Great Martyr Euphemia (303).

Galatians 4:8-21. Mark 6:45-53.

8:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

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)



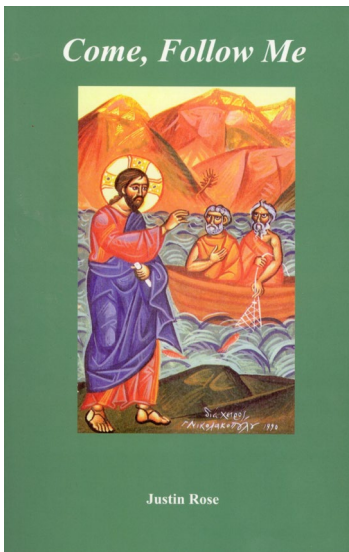
There is a potluck each Sunday after the Divine Liturgy in the Crystal Room. Join us to have a communal experience with our fellow parishioners and enjoy delicious food. A donation of food, drinks, or other refreshments are always welcomed and encouraged, but never required. Please also stay and help 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, September 5th, 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.

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

St. Stephen's Guild

The Guild of St. Stephen has a long and storied history. Come and be a part of its future! The mission of the Guild is primarily fundraising for the parish, which has many needs. The Guild will have a call-out meeting on **Sunday, September 11th** after the Divine Liturgy in the small hall. Both women and men are welcome to come and discover what the Guild is all about and how you can join in its activities.

St. Nicholas Apostolate

The Councils of St. Stephen decided recently to establish a St. Nicholas Apostolate in our parish. This is a charitable outreach program. It was suggested that we have 3 funds modeled on the three purses of St. Nicholas. (St. Nicholas is often shown holding three purses or three coins which represent that he provided three needed dowries for three impoverished young women):

- 1) for supporting charitable organizations
(such as Day House, Image of God Pregnancy Center & Fish & Loaves)
- 2) for supporting parishioners in need
- 3) for supporting those who come to the parish seeking help.

We will have a call-out meeting for all parishioners interested in helping with this on **Sunday, September 25th** after the Divine Liturgy in the small hall.

Pilgrimage to Sorrowful Mother Shrine

On **October 5th**, all the people of the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate are invited to participate in a day long pilgrimage to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, OH.

(4106 OH-269, Bellevue, OH 44811)

We will celebrate a Divine Liturgy at 12:30 am and a Moleben at one of the Shrines. Please inform Fr. John if you will be participating. If we get enough participants, we will rent a van. Lunch is \$15. On the way back, we'll make 4 stops:

- Toft's Ice Cream
- St. Mary's in Marblehead
- St. Michael's in Oregon
- Dinner at Tony Packo's

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

b. The Fall

141 God created everything *good* (see *Gn* 1:31). According to the testimony of Holy Scripture, evil appears later—through the rejection of good. Evil does not appear as a new reality: “Evil does not exist by nature, nor is anyone naturally evil, for God made nothing that was not good.”¹²² Evil is the limitation and corruption of that which already exists: “Evil has its existence in non-being.”¹²³ Sin strips us of life—of God. Evil emerges as a result of personal sin. As we read: “From where did this [evil] come? Is it not the obvious consequence of your libertinism and your choice? It is certainly thus and no one can claim the opposite. Ask yourself.”¹²⁴ As a consequence of the Fall, evil enters into the world; it is permitted by God for the sake of repentance and the conversion of humankind: “From this proceed illnesses in cities and countries, droughts, bad harvests, the destruction of cities, earthquakes, floods, the vanquishing of armies...”¹²⁵

1) The Fall of the Angels

142 Evil, as the rejection of God, also applies to the invisible angelic world: “God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of deepest darkness to be kept until the judgment” (2 *Pt* 2:4). The angels who opposed God are named *devils*, *demons*, *evil spirits*, or *fallen angels*. “The devil ... was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (*Jn* 8:44).

143 The fall of the angels was a consequence of pride—self-assertion in opposition to God and in the desire to become his equal. The angels faithful to God spoke out against those who fell: “Who can be equal to God?” “Who is like God?” (in Hebrew, *Michael*). In the liturgical tradition, the Archangel Michael who led the battle against the fallen spirits, is called *Archistrategos Theou*, “the chief commander of God’s army.” The Church commemorates the feast of the Archangel Michael and other bodiless powers on November 8/21, and also dedicates to them the Monday of every week.

144 Other names for Satan (from the Hebrew, *the accuser*), who is the antagonist of the Archangel Michael, are the Church Slavonic word *Dennytsia* (related to the word for *daylight*), and the Latin word *Lucifer* (meaning *light-bearer*). By his free decision, the former light within him was separated from its Divine Source and became darkness. Christ also warns humankind of this danger: “Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness” (*Lk* 11:35).

¹²² Diadochos of Photiki, *On Spiritual Knowledge and Discrimination*, 3: PG 65, 1168.

¹²³ Gregory of Nyssa, *On the Soul and Resurrection, Conversation with his Sister, Macrina*: PG 46, 93.

¹²⁴ John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of Matthew*, Homily 59, 2: PG 58, 575.

¹²⁵ Basil the Great, *Homily Explaining that God is not the Author of Evil*, 5: PG 31, 337.



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 narthex of the church.

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)
for Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$85.
For the retirement of our nuns, we have collected \$175.

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 August 28th was **68**. 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 August 28th was **\$2,053.34**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,922.54**

Sunday: \$1418; Online: \$487.34; Holy Day: \$25; Horizon: \$12; Candles: \$36; Fuel: \$75

“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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