

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS.



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 9th, 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 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. Autonomus, 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*

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

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Catechists Meeting at Sacred Heart.

Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Postfeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Martyr Sophia (Wisdom) & her three Children, Faith, Hope, & Charity (c. 137).

for the Cross: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. John 8:21-30.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): 1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5. Matthew 24:1-13.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Katie

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Catechists Meeting at Sacred Heart.

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Tone 6

Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Our Venerable Father Eumenius the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Gortyna (7th Century).

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

for the Cross: Galatians 2:16-20. Mark 8:34-9:1.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Matthew 22:35-46.

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: Erin Holmes

+Elizabeth Russell, from her son (9-13)

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko (9-14)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (9-17)

Fellowship & Potluck in the hall after Liturgy.

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, September 19, 2022

Postfeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, & Dorymedont.

Galatians 4:28-5:10. Luke 3:19-22.

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

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Tuesday, September 20, 2022

⊗ Postfeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Martyr Eustace & his Companions.
Holy Martyrs & Confessors, Great Prince Michael & his Counselor Theodore, Wonder-workers of Chernigov.
Galatians 5:11-21. Luke 3:23-4:1.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, September 21, 2022



Leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Apostle Quadratus of Magnesia.
Galatians 6:2-10. Luke 4:1-15.

8:00am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

Cantor: Misha

Thursday, September 22, 2022

The Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope (103). The Holy Prophet Jonah.
Venerable Fr. Jonah the Priest, Father of Theophane the Hymnographer & Theodore the Artist.
Today we also commemorate the Holy Apostle Quadratus, because of the Leavetaking yesterday.
Ephesians 1:1-9. Luke 4:16-22a.

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)



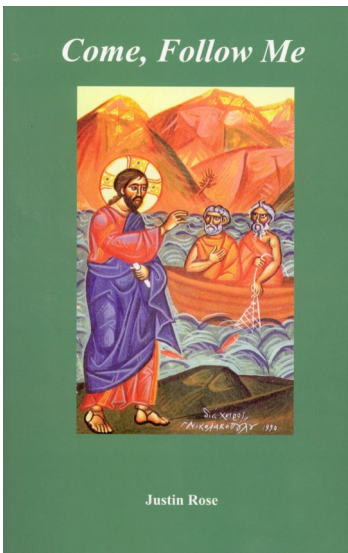
There is a potluck each Sunday after the Divine Liturgy in the Crystal Room. Join us to have a communal experience with our fellow parishioners and enjoy delicious food. A donation of food, drinks, or other refreshments are always welcomed and encouraged, but never required. Please also stay and help 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 12th, 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 today, **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.

Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday is an annual event in our parish that marks the beginning of religious instruction for the new catechetical school year. In two weeks, we will have a special blessing and prayers for our children, and their teachers, during the Divine Liturgy. We ask that all catechists and students be present for this ceremony. These prayers emphasize the importance of learning and teaching the faith of our Church, a responsibility we all have as Christians.

The theme of the 2022-23 Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) academic year, “The Gift of Christ Poured Out for the Life of the World” celebrates the Eucharist and the profound gift Christ gives continuously at every Divine Liturgy throughout the world. Through our catechetical ministries, every priest, deacon, and catechist has been called to “pour out himself” to transmit and give witness to Christ’s unending love for mankind, His forgiveness, mercy, and message of salvation.

This year, we will begin the ECF academic year by inviting our catechists to meet with Bishop Milan and other members of the clergy at one of the parishes in their respective deaneries to enjoy a weekend of prayer, conversation, and fellowship. These meetings will change the customary way we celebrate Catechetical Sunday in our parishes.

All catechists from parishes in the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate are invited to a meeting with Bishop Milan on September 17-18.

Catechists who attend the September 17-18 weekend meeting dates will be commissioned by Bishop Milan and receive their certificates at the Sunday, September 18th Divine Liturgy at Sacred Heart Parish. Catechists who are not present will be commissioned by their respective parish pastor/administrator on Sunday, September 25th, at their home parishes. The blessing of each parish’s ECF students will also take place on September 25th.

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



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 \$295.

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 September 9th was **42**. 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 September 9th was **\$1,505.85**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,932.29**

Sunday: \$662; Online: \$724.35; Holy Day: \$25; Candles: \$63.50; 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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