



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

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday & Saturday morning at 10:00am
Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – Reader Service

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>

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

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

Cantor: Katya

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 &

Cantor: Katya

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

Cantor: Misha

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

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.

Friday, September 23, 2022



⊗. The Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John.
for John: Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 1:5-25.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Ephesians 1:7-17. Luke 4:22-30.

8:00am First & Third Hour

8:30am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Katya

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, September 24, 2022

⊗ The Holy Protomartyr among Women, and Equal to the Apostles, Thecla (51).
1 Corinthians 10:23-28. Luke 4:31-36.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Dominique

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, September 25, 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyna (479).

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

2 Corinthians 6:1-10. Luke 5:1-11.

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 Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (9-21)

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (9-23)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (9-24)

First Day of ECF!

St. Nicholas Apostolate Meeting in the Meeting Room after Liturgy.

7:00pm Great Vespers *for the ☩ Passing of the Holy Apostle John*

Monday, September 26, 2022

☩ The Passing of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

Vespers: 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for John: 1 John 4:12-19. John 19:25-27; 21:24-25.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Ephesians 1:22-2:3. Luke 4:37-44.

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Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The Holy Martyr Callistratus and his Companions (304).

Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.

Our Holy Father Vincent de Paul.

Ephesians 2:19-3:7. Luke 5:12-16.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, September 28, 2022



+ Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton (362). Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs.
The Holy Prophet Baruch. Passing of our Blessed Fr. & Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka.
Synaxis of the Holy Frs. of the Pecherskaya Lavra who repose near the Venerable Anthony.

Vespers: Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 4:25-5:12.

for Chariton: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Luke 6:17-23.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Ephesians 3:8-21. Luke 5:33-39.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

6:00pm *Confessions*

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

+Thomas Russell, from his son

Cantor: Mary H

Thursday, September 29, 2022

⊗ Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite (557).

Ephesians 4:14-19. Luke 6:12-19.

6:30pm *Parish Councils Meeting*

Friday, September 30, 2022



⊗ The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia (332).

Ephesians 4:17-25a. Luke 6:17-23a.

9:30am First & Third Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Dominique

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

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)

Come, Follow Me

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

Next meeting: **Monday, September 19th, 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.

Come, Follow Me



Justin Rose

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.

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.

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

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

Gatechetical Sunday

Next Sunday, September 25th, an important event will take place in our parish. The ceremony will emphasize the importance of religious instruction, a responsibility not only of catechists, but parents as well. During the Divine Liturgy we will pray for our catechists and students as they begin the new catechetical school year. Fr. John will bless them in their good work. Let us ask the Lord our God to grant them wisdom, knowledge, understanding and holiness! *We ask that all catechists and students be present.*

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 themself” to transmit and give witness to Christ’s unending love for mankind, His forgiveness, mercy, and message of salvation.

Yesterday and today, our catechists are meeting with Bishop Milan and other members of the clergy at Sacred Heart to enjoy a weekend of prayer, conversation, and fellowship. These meetings will change the customary way we celebrate Catechetical Sunday in our parishes.

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.

The Guild of St. Stephen

The first meeting reinstating the Guild of St. Stephen was a success. Eight ladies came and joined or rejoined the Guild. (Both women and men are welcome!) If you didn’t make the meeting, you can still join the Guild. You can also help with various Guild activities even if you’re not a member. Watch this space in the bulletin for information about upcoming events. They will meet on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting is **Sunday, October 9th** after the Divine Liturgy in the small hall. 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.



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 11th was **50**. 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 11th was **\$2,864.19**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,906.87**

Sunday: \$486.02; Online: \$269.71; Holy Day: \$45; Candles: \$49.50; Special Donation: \$2013.96

“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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