



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 2nd, 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, October 2, 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

☩ Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian. Holy Martyr Justina. Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ (911).
6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53.
2 Corinthians 6:16b-7:1. Luke 6:31-36.

8:15am Matins

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

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

Reader: Victor A

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (9-30)

+Thomas Russell, from his son (9-28)

+Melvyn & Josefa, from Sarah Marron (10-1)

Fellowship & Potluck in the hall after Liturgy

ECF Classes

7:00pm Great Vespers for St. Francis of Assisi – *in Ann Arbor*

Cantor: Mary H

Monday, October 3, 2022

☩ The Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite.

Ephesians 4:25-32. Luke 6:24-30.

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

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

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

The Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Venerable Father Francis of Assisi (1226).

Ephesians 5:20-26. Luke 6:37-45.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, October 5, 2022



The Holy Martyr Charitina (304).

Ephesians 5:25-33a. Luke 6:46-7:1.

Pilgrimage to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, OH

7:00pm Great Vespers for † Thomas – Reader Service

Thursday, October 6, 2022

† The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas.

Vespers: 1 John 1:1-7 • James 1:1-12 • Jude 1-7, 17-25.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for Thomas: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. John 20: 19-31.

for the day (not read at liturgy): Ephesians 5:33-6:9. Luke 7:17-30.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Friday

Cantor: Dominique

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Friday, October 7, 2022



⊗ The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus (303).

Ephesians 6:18-24. Luke 7:31-35.

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Our Venerable Mother Pelagia (457).

1 Corinthians 15:39-45. Luke 5:27-32.

10:00pm Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Katie

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

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

Sunday, October 9, 2022

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

✠ The Holy Apostle James Alpheus. Venerable Fr. Andronicus & his Wife Athanasia.

Our Righteous Forefather Abraham & his Nephew Lot. Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris.

Vespers: 1 John 1:1-7 • James 1:1-12 • Jude 1-7, 17-25.

7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Luke 7:11-16.

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: Dominique

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (10-6)

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (10-8)

Fellowship & Potluck in the hall – Guild Meeting in the small hall – after Liturgy

ECF Classes

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, October 10, 2022

The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia (302).

Philippians 1:1-7. Luke 7:36-50.

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

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

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The Holy Apostle Philip, one of the Seven Deacons.

Our Venerable Father Theophane, the Artist and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea (847).

Our Holy Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome.

Philippians 1:8-14. Luke 8:1-3.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus (292).

Our Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maiuma, the Hymnographer (8th Century).

Our Holy Father Martin, Bishop of Tours.

Philippians 1:12-20a. Luke 8:22-25.

8:00am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko

Cantor: Misha

Thursday, October 13, 2022

The Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus and Agathonica (250).

Philippians 1:20b-27a. Luke 9:7-11.

Friday, October 14, 2022

Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, & Celsus. Venerable Mother Paraskeva of Trnovo

The Passing of the Blessed Martyr, the Priest Roman Lysko (1949).

Philippians 1:27-2:4. Luke 9:12b-18a.

9:30am Third & Sixth Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy






Cantor: Dominique





+Guillermo & +Caroline Barillas, from Martin Barillas

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)

Come, Follow Me



Justin Rose

Come, Follow Me

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

Next meeting: **Monday, October 3rd, 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.

St. Nicholas Apostolate

We are establishing the St. Nicholas Apostolate in our parish as a means of practicing Christian love in our community through charitable donations and volunteer opportunities. The St. Nicholas Apostolate had a successful first meeting Sunday September 25th, and we welcome all parishioners interested to attend future meetings! The second meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday October 18th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Invitation to a scheduled Zoom meeting of the St. Nicholas Apostolate at St. Stephen's.
Time: Oct 18, 2022 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89880833390>

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

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.

Join us at Saint Stephen for our
3rd Annual



October 31st 6-8pm

(In the Parish Office Lot)

- ~ Free event for the whole family
- ~ Wear a costume, decorate your trunk, & bring treats to pass out
- ~ set up at 5pm
- ~ Visit with old friends and new
- ~ Free Chili, Cider, & Soul Cakes
- ~ Donations welcome!

Prayer List

*Please pray for Mary Ann Osmond and all those affected by Hurricane Ian.
And please pray for Barb Barnes and for the healing and well-being of all in need.*

from the Catechism

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

2) The Fall of Humankind

148 The Fall is completed with the expulsion of our first parents from Paradise: “He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life” (*Gn* 3:24). As a consequence of the Fall, that is, of the sin of the first parents (original sin), humankind lost Paradise. We cannot return to the tree of life in any other way except by God’s power, and so, we are in need of God’s salvation

3) The Consequences of the Fall

149 The Fall of our first ancestors is the tragedy of humankind. Instead of being *sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters to all, and stewards of creation*, humans by their own sinful choice became *slaves of evil, enemies to other people*. They fell *under the sway of the world*. Created in the image of God, humankind failed to attain God-likeness: “Sin destroyed Godlikeness in humankind.”¹²⁹

150 As a consequence of sin, the human will to choose good was weakened and the inclination towards evil increased. Through sin, we found ourselves in a state of interior division, as the *law of sin* within us opposed the *law of God*. Then, as the holy apostle Paul teaches, we do not do the good that we love, but rather the evil that we hate (see *Rom* 7:19-21). “Instead of the visible Eve, I have the Eve of the mind: the passionate thought in my flesh, showing me what seems sweet; yet whenever I taste from it, I find it bitter.”¹³⁰

¹²⁹ Leontius of Byzantium, *Against Nestorius*: PG 86, 1348.

¹³⁰ *Lenten Triodion*, Fifth Thursday of the Great Fast, Matins, Great Canon of Repentance by Saint Andrew of Crete, Ode 1.



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 25th was **54**. 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 25th was **\$846.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,872.70**

Sunday: \$562; Online: \$184.35; Holy Day: \$10; Candles: \$60; 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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