

## 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



October 9th, 2022

#### 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 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: <a href="https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok">https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok</a>
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  $\mathcal{E}$ 

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko

Thursday, October 13, 2022

The Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papylus 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

Cantor: Misha

+Guillermo & +Caroline Barillas, from Martin Barillas

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Our Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger (9th Century).

The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of the Great Church of Antioch (312).

1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3. Luke 6:1-10.

10:00pm Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Katie

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

### Sunday, October 16, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. Tone 2 The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.

*Vespers Paramia:* Genesis 14:14-20 • Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut. 10:14-21.

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

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 & for the Fathers: Hebrews 13:7-16.

Luke 8:5-15 & for the Fathers: John 17:1-13.

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 Jiompkowski

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko (10-12)

+Guillermo & +Caroline Barillas, from Martin Barillas (10-14)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (10-150

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall & ECF Classes

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

# Monday, October 17, 2022

The Holy Prophet Hosea. The Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete (767). Philippians 2:12-16a. Luke 9:18-22.

7:00pm Come, Follow Me - online: <a href="https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok">https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok</a>
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# Tuesday, October 18, 2022

+ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

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

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for Luke: Colossians 4:5-9, 14-15, 18. Luke 10:16-22.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Philippians 2:16b-23. Luke 9:23-27.

Cantor: Mary Russell

9:30am Third & Sixth Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

### Wednesday, October 19, 2022



The Holy Prophet Joel. The Holy Martyr Varus (307). Our Venerable Fr. John of Rila (946). Philippians 2:24-30. Luke 9:44-50.

8:00am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

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

Cantor: Misha

### Thursday, October 20, 2022

The Holy Great Martyr Artemius (392). Philippians 3:1-8. Luke 9:49-56.

# Friday, October 21, 2022



© Our Venerable Father Hilary the Great (372). Philippians 3:8b-19. Luke 10:1-15.

8:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

#### Great Feast

- 🕁 Feast with an All-night Vigil
- + Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins
- **③**. Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins
- **:** Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers

#### **LEGEND**



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)



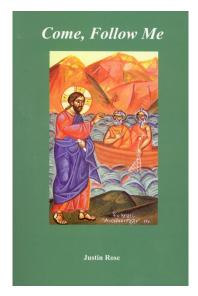
by tradition, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, or eggs)



by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)

#### The Guild of St. Stephen

The Guild meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting is today, **Sunday, October 9**<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### Come, Follow Me

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

Next meeting: Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

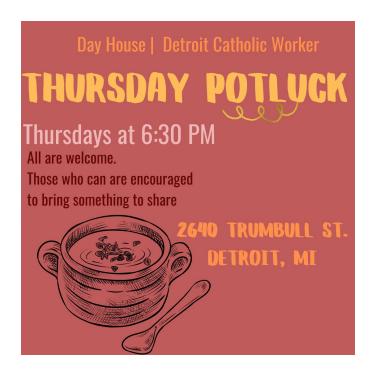
If you would like to participate, contact Fr. Deacon Lawrence at (734) 255-4099 or frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com

Meetings will be both online: <a href="https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok">https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok</a> 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 interested parishioners 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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89880833390">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89880833390</a>



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! ~ Sign up with what you'd like to offer



# 53rd Annual Holubky Dinner

(Stuffed Cabbage Rolls)

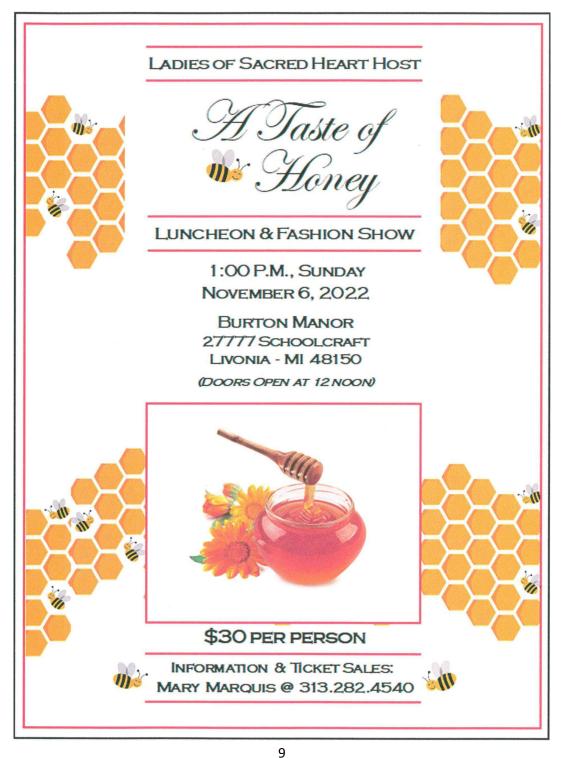
St. George Byzantine Catholic Church 200 N. Van Buren St., Bay City

# Sunday, October 30, 2022

Serving: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Adults \$13.00 each or 2 for \$25.00, Children 6-12 \$6.00,
5 & under Free, Take outs \$13.00 each or 2 for \$25.00
2 lb. container \$13.00

Menu: Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Squash, Corn, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Bread, Dessert & Beverage.

\*50/50 Raffle \* Bake Sale\*



#### Prayer List

Please pray for Mary Ann Osmond and all those affected by Hurricane Ian.

And please pray for Barb Barnes, Michael Hudak, Chris Lauffer and for the healing of all who suffer.

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

3) The Consequences of the Fall

- The human intellect is also clouded as a consequence of sin, and humankind has forfeited communion with God—the highest Truth. As a result of sin, human beings cease to understand their own vocation and the destiny of the existence of all creatures to whom Adam himself gave names in Paradise (see *Gn* 2:20).
- Spiritual death led to bodily death: "This liability to death ... was provisionally made to envelop the nature created for immortality." <sup>131</sup> Fear and shame were additional consequences of the fall: "They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden" (*Gn* 3:8). Fear deprives us of peace. We avoid contact with God.
- With the question, "Adam, where are you?" (*Gn* 3:9), the Lord God stirs humankind to repentance through the voice of conscience. However, Adam does not repent, but gives excuses, trying to avoid personal responsibility: "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate" (*Gn* 3:12). In a similar way Eve also makes excuses: "The serpent tricked me, and I ate" (*Gn* 3:13).

131 Gregory of Nyssa, Great Catechism, 8: PG 45, 53.



# **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 October 2<sup>nd</sup> was **53**. 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 October 2<sup>nd</sup> was **\$4,325.64.** Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,942.09** Sun.: \$590; Online: \$444.35; Holy Day: \$25; Special: \$3,174.29; Candles: \$17; Fuel: \$50; Flowers: \$25

"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).

