



## SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI November 13<sup>th</sup>, 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, November 13, 2022**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6

✙ Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (407).

*1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20.*

*Ephesians 2:4-10. Luke 10:25-37.*

**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

*intention of Brs. Philip Blazkevych & Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (11-7 & 11-9)*

*special intention of Vera Rozmarynowycz (11-11)*

*descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (11-12)*

*+Charles & +Mary Burja, from their daughters (11-16)*

*After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall; ECF Classes; Guild Meeting (in small hall); Greeters Meeting (in narthex)*

**7:00pm Great Vespers for † the Holy & Illustrious Apostle Philip**

**Monday, November 14, 2022**

✙ Holy & Illustrious Apostle Philip. Holy Fr. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

*Vespers: 1 Peter 1:1-6 • 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 • 1 Peter 4:1-11.*

*Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.*

*for Philip: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. John 1:43-51.*

*for the day: 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8. Luke 14:1, 12-15.*

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

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

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**



*First Day of Philip's Fast*

The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habib (322).

*Day of Alleluia*

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13. Luke 14:25-35.*

**8:00am First & Third Hour** – with prostrations

7pm St. Nicholas Apostolate Meeting – via Zoom

## Wednesday, November 16, 2022



+ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

*Vespers:* 1 Peter 1:1-6 • 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 • 1 Peter 4:1-11.

*Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.

*for Matthew:* 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Matthew 9:9-13.

*for the day:* 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12. Luke 15:1-10.

**8:30am First & Third Hour**

**9:00am Divine Liturgy** for +Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew Cantor: Katya  
*intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron*

6:00pm Confessions

**6:30pm Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for Thursday

Cantors: Azcuys & Mary Eve

+Charles & +Mary Burja, from their daughters

## Thursday, November 17, 2022



Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Neocaesarea (270).

1 Thessalonians 5:1-8. Luke 16:1-9.

6:30pm Parish Councils Meeting

## Friday, November 18, 2022



The Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanus (303).

1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28. Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4.

**8:30am First & Third Hour**

**9:00am Divine Liturgy** for Friday

Cantor: Katya

+Michael & +Elizabeth Bobby, from Nancy & Dan Bobby

6:00pm Confessions

**7:00pm Vespers** for Saturday

Cantor: Daniel

## Saturday, November 19, 2022



*Saturday of Alleluia*

The Holy Prophet Obadiah. The Holy Martyr Barlaam (304).

2 Corinthians 11:1-6. Luke 9:57-62.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

Cantor: Katie

+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron

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

## Sunday, November 20, 2022



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

Pre-festive Day of the Entrance. Venerable Father Gregory the Decapolite (9th Century).

Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446).

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

*Ephesians 2:14-22. Luke 12:16-21.*

**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 (11-16)*

*+Michael & +Elizabeth Bobby, from Nancy & Dan Bobby (11-18)*

*+Melvyn & +Josefa Marron, from Sarah Marron (11-19)*

*After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall & ECF Classes for all*

**1:00pm Great Vespers** for ⊕ *Entrance of the Theotokos* – *Reader Service*

## Monday, November 21, 2022



⊕ ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS & EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE.

*Vespers: Exodus 40:1-5, 9, 10, 16, 34-35 • 1[3] Kgs 7:51-8:1, 3-7, 9-11 • Ez. 43:27-44:4.*

*Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56.*

*for the Entrance: Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.*

*for the day: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10. Luke 17:20-25.*

**10:00am Matins** for ⊕ *Entrance of the Theotokos*

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for ⊕ *Entrance of the Theotokos*

**Cantor: Mary H**

*Albert Yevchak & Family, from Helen & Peter Wegman*

## Tuesday, November 22, 2022



Post-festive Day of the Entrance. The Holy Apostle Philemon and his Companions.

*2 Thessalonians 1:10b-2:2. Luke 17:26-37.*

## Wednesday, November 23, 2022



Post-festive Day of the Entrance.

Holy Fathers Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium (395) & Gregory, Bishop of Agrigento.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. Luke 18:15-17, 26-30.

**6:30pm Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for *Thanksgiving*

Cantors: Azcuys & Mary Eve

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

## Thursday, November 24, 2022



*Thanksgiving*

Post-festive Day of the Entrance.

⊗ The Holy Great Martyr Catherine (310). The Holy Great Martyr Mercury (c. 255).

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5. Luke 18:31-34.

## Friday, November 25, 2022



Leave-taking of the Entrance.

Holy Fathers & Martyrs Clement, Pope of Rome (101) & Peter, Bishop of Alexandria (311).

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18. Luke 19:12-28.

**8:30am First & Third Hour**

**9:00am Divine Liturgy** for *Friday*

Cantor: Katya

+*Charles Boris, Jr., from Margie & Paul Deity*

*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)

## The Guild of St. Stephen

The Guild meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting is today, **Sunday, November 13<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 to help enable our many ministries of worship, service, and evangelization.



### PUMPKIN PIES!

The Guild will be baking and selling pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving! These will be 9 inch pies and sell for \$15 per pie. Please place your orders with Louise Dalbo (313-382-6788 or [louisedalbo@gmail.com](mailto:louisedalbo@gmail.com)).

**Today (November 13<sup>th</sup>) is the last chance to place your orders.**

The Guild will bake the pies **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Kathy Sabula (734-308-3169) to let her you know you can come and help with the baking, boxing, & cleaning. You don't have to be a member of the Guild to help! Pies can be picked up in the hall on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** after Liturgy. They will be fresh and great for Thanksgiving. Buy two or more and freeze some for Christmas!

### Come, Follow Me

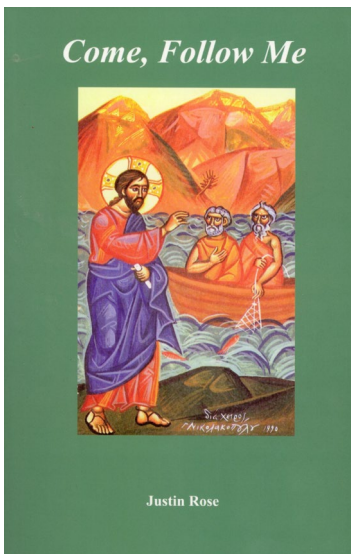
A program of parish renewal and scripture study for discipleship with weekly exercises and homework.

Next meeting: **Monday, November 14<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 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](mailto:frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com)

Meetings will be both online: <https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok>  
and in person: 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.



## Philip's Fast (Filipovka)

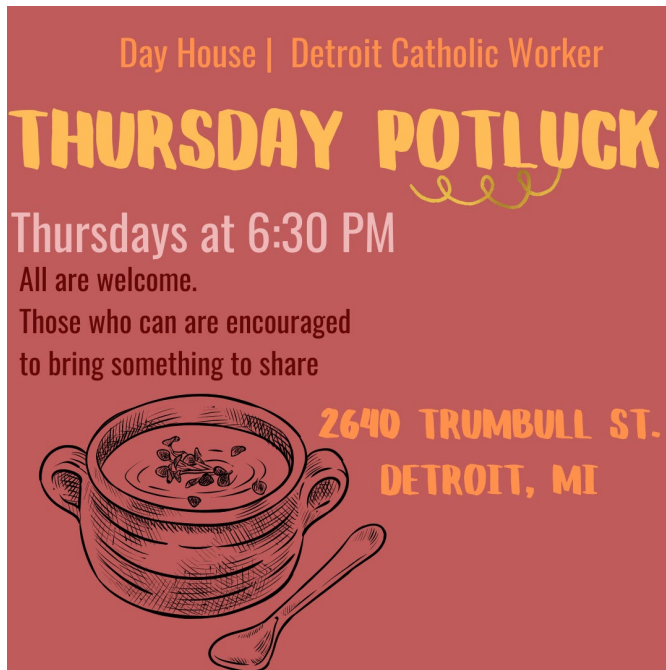
Nov. 15th – Dec. 24th

“According to the forty-day tradition, the Philip's Fast in preparation for Christmas begins on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. During this fast, it was the custom to observe a strict abstinence on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and a lesser abstinence (mitigation for wine and oil) on Tuesday and Thursday. The fast is observed more strictly from December 10 (in some traditions) or from December 20 (in other traditions), with daily strict abstinence, and a mitigated abstinence (wine and oil) on Saturday and Sunday (cf. the Great Fast and the Dormition Fast). The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, 2). This fast may be observed voluntarily, partially or in its entirety.” –Fr. David Petras

## St. Nicholas Apostolate

We are reestablishing the St. Nicholas Apostolate in our parish as a means of practicing Christian love in our community through charitable donations and volunteer opportunities. Father Deacon Lawrence was chosen to lead the group and Kevin Perrotta will serve as secretary. You are invited to our next scheduled Zoom meeting on **November 15, 2022** at 7:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82252142959>



## **Upcoming Adult Eastern Christian Formation Opportunities**

**In response to the expressed interests of our parishioners, we will be offering the following opportunities for continued growth in our faith in Jesus Christ:**

### **Reflections on the Divine Liturgy**

Starting on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, we will gather most Sundays in the coming few months after the Divine Liturgy to reflect upon the Divine Liturgy together. Fr. John will present information about the Divine Liturgy and there will also be the opportunity for each of us to share our own thoughts and experiences of Divine Liturgy.

### **The Holy Land & Biblical Archaeology**

As we enter into the Sundays of preparation for the Great Fast, Daniel Lauffer will offer us a presentation on his experiences in the Holy Land and of Biblical Archaeology. These reflections will help strengthen our awareness of the real humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who really lived and died and rose again in a real time and place of history. This is especially appropriate to reflect on as we prepare for the Great and Holy Week which will lead into our celebration of Pascha.

### **Bible Study**

As we enter the Great Fast itself, Kevin Perrotta will again lead us in study and discussion of Holy Scripture. Please continue to share with us what particular books or themes you'd most appreciate.

### **Daily Prayer in the Byzantine Tradition**

Also as we are increasing our life of prayer during the Great Fast, Fr. John will teach and lead discussion on the Byzantine tradition of daily prayer, both in terms of daily liturgical prayer and also in terms of developing our own rules of prayer for private prayer in our homes. This course will be offered on a weeknight during the Great Fast.



## Day House

The Day House Detroit Catholic Worker is a house of hospitality founded in 1978 by Fr. Tom Lumpkin and four Catholic laypeople to provide the works of mercy to the Corktown community in southwest Detroit. To this day, it is a space that provides warm meals and coffee, laundry, and showers, and short to mid-term emergency housing for the unhoused. In the tradition of the Catholic Worker movement started by Dorothy Day in the 1930s, the house is an intentional, liturgical community living by the precepts of the gospel. It is currently maintained by five young volunteers living in intentional poverty who also serve daily at the connected Manna Community Meal soup kitchen and Corner Shower & Laundry charity.

Day House is currently in a state of transition. After several years of serving as a co-ed community center, the house is shifting its priorities to serving single parents and children who are fleeing domestic violence and unstable living conditions. All those who seek, ask, and knock will still be served at the door, but the house is hopeful that its new focus on families will serve those who are truly on the margins of the most marginalized communities.

In order to ensure this transition is possible by spring of 2023, there are several renovation projects that must be completed to create a safe house environment. The primary focus of these renovations will be the kitchen, which requires working on electric, gas, plumbing, drywall, and flooring. A full list of renovation projects needing community support can be found [on our website](#) (halfway down the page). If you or anyone you know has the time, resources, and energy to help Day House accomplish these manual tasks, please feel free to contact Misha ((847) 477-6624) or Katya ((517) 212-0292) Coffey-Burns to coordinate those efforts.

If you would like to visit Day House and become personally involved in the work of the house, we invite you to join our weekly community potluck every Thursday at 6:30pm. If this is not a time you are available to visit, please reach out to Misha and Katya about availability any day of the week, or email [dayhousedetroit@gmail.com](mailto:dayhousedetroit@gmail.com) to get in touch. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay updated on donation needs, "work parties," and house events.

# Prayer List

*Pray for Barb Barnes, Edith Santo, Michael Hudak, Chris Lauffer  
and for the healing of all who suffer.*



## 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. Thank you to Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski for cleaning last week! Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski have signed up to clean this week.

## 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](mailto: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 November 6<sup>th</sup> was **64**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **52**

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 November 6<sup>th</sup> was **\$2,232.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,049.65**

Sunday: \$760; Online: \$184.35; Candles: \$34; Fuel: \$125

“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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