

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 – 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 (pick up your pies!) & ECF Classes for all

1:00pm Great Vespers for ⊕ Entrance – Reader Service

Cantor: Mary H

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.

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving Day

Cantors: Azcuys & Mary Eve

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

Thursday, November 24, 2022



Thanksgiving Day

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

Cantor: Katya

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

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, November 26, 2022



Saturday of Alleluia

Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite (640).

Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Kiev.

Galatians 1:3-10. Luke 10:19-21.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Katie

the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, November 27, 2022



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

The Holy Martyr James the Persian (400). Our Venerable Father Palladius (c. 600).

The Holy Icon of the Theotokos called "the Sign."

3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20.

Ephesians 4:1-6. Luke 13:10-17.

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 Azcuy**

intention Albert Yevchak & Family, from Helen & Peter Wegman (11-21)

the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (11-26)

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (11-23)

+Charles Boris, Jr., from Margie & Paul Deity (11-25)

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall.

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, November 28, 2022



⊗ The Holy Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger (767). Holy Martyr Irenarchus.

1 Timothy 1:1-7. Luke 19:37-44.

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

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

Tuesday, November 29, 2022



Day of Alleluia (no anaphora)

The Holy Martyr Paramon (250). The Holy Martyr Philemon.

Our Venerable Father Acacius, mentioned in "The Ladder."

1 Timothy 1:8-14. Luke 19:45-48.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour (*with prostrations*)

Wednesday, November 30, 2022



✦ The Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-called.

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

Matins Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23.

for Andrew: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. John 1:35-51.

for the day: 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15. Luke 20:1-8.

8:30am First & Third Hour

9:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Katya

health of James M., from Betty Baize

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Thursday – with prostrations

Thursday, December 1, 2022



Day of Alleluia (no anaphora)

The Holy Prophet Nahum. Our Holy Father Philaret the Merciful.

1 Timothy 3:1-13. Luke 20:9-18.

Friday, December 2, 2022



Day of Alleluia (no anaphora)

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk.

1 Timothy 4:4-8,16. Luke 20:19-26.

8:00am Matins (with prostrations)

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)



PUMPKIN PIES!

If you ordered pies from the Guild, they can be picked up in the hall today **Sunday, November 20th** after Divine Liturgy.

The Guild of St. Stephen

The Guild meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting is **Sunday, December 11th** 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.

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 15th. 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

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

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, November 28th, 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

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

Saint Nicholas Celebration!

St. Nicholas is coming to visit us at St. Stephen on Sunday, **December 4th**, just before his feast day! He will join us in the hall after the Divine Liturgy. Everyone come to the hall and greet him with our hymn to St. Nicholas! Then, I think he may bring something good for our children. Meanwhile, inspired by the generous and charitable work of St. Nicholas, we will receive a presentation about how we can serve our neighbors with the work of the Day House. And then don't forget to come to church for St. Nicholas Day!

Sunday, December 4th:

- A visit from St. Nicholas & the hymn to St. Nicholas!
- A presentation about the charitable work of the Day House and an invitation to help them in this work (promoted by the St. Nicholas Apostolate).

Then, on Monday evening:

- Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas!

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 today, **Sunday, November 20th**, 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 good 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.

Stewardship



“Why should you generously support the Annual Stewardship Appeal? The Church is neither yours nor mine; the Church is the Bride of Jesus Christ whom He loves. (Eph 5:25). So, if you give your time, your talent, or your financial resources, you are not giving it to me, your Bishop, but you are giving it to the Church who is your Mother.” – Bishop Milan

Visit us online at parma.org to submit your one-time or monthly donation to the Stewardship Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Stephen’s goal this year is \$6,900. So far, 15 donors from St. Stephen have donated \$2,165, putting us at roughly 31% of our goal. Thank you! If our parish exceeds its goal, a rebate will be paid equal to 100% of the amount by which we exceeds our goal. Rebates paid will be exempt from the 10% eparchial assessment. This rebate plan will help to strengthen the parishes and provide an opportunity to raise additional funds that are not subject to assessment.

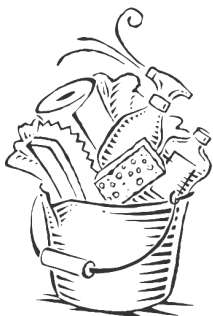
Reap the Most Tax Benefit While Supporting Your Parish

Maximize your giving dollars before the ball drops on New Year’s Eve by using funds in your retirement account to support your parish. The IRA Charitable Rollover/Qualified Charitable Distribution allows donors who are 70.5 years or older to transfer up to \$100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charity like St. Stephen. In doing so, donors keep their IRA distribution from impacting their gross income and possibly avoid being bumped into a higher tax bracket. The IRA charitable rollover can also count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD), which starts at age 72.

All transfers must be made directly from an IRA custodian to St. Stephen by December 31st to qualify as a 2022 rollover and be excluded from the donor’s taxable income. If you would like to support your parish through an IRA, please contact Louise Dalbo at (313-382-6788 *or* louisedalbo@gmail.com).

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!

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 November 13th was **60**. 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 13th was **\$3,534.48**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,045.54**

Sun.: \$529; Online: \$309.35; Holy Day: \$55; Special Donation: \$2583.13; Candles: \$36; Fuel: \$10; Horizons: \$12

“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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