



## 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 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. Adult ECF on Divine Liturgy in small 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

Saturday, December 3, 2022



The Holy Prophet Zephaniah.

Galatians 3:8-12. Luke 12:32-40.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

Cantor: Katie

*+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron*

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

Sunday, December 4, 2022



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

⊗ The Holy Great Martyr Barbara (306). Our Venerable Father John of Damascus (749)

*4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.*

Ephesians 5:8b-19. Luke 14:16-24.

**8:15am Matins**

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

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

Reader: Vic J

*health of James M., from Betty Baize (11-30)*

*+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (12-3)*

*After Liturgy: St. Nicholas Celebration in the hall & ECF Classes for all*

**7:00pm Great Vespers** for ⊕ *Venerable Father Sabbas*

Monday, December 5, 2022

⊕ Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified (532).

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

Matins Gospel: Luke 6:17-23.

*for Sabbas: Galatians 5:22-6:2. Matthew 11:27-30.*

*for the day: 1 Timothy 5:1-10. Luke 20:27-44.*

**6:00pm Great Vespers** &

Cantors: Mary H & Cecilia

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for ⊕ *HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS*

Reader: Debra

*health of George & Irene Durisin, from Bob & Jane Semak*

Tuesday, December 6, 2022



⊕ HOLY FR. NICHOLAS THE WONDER-WORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA.

*Vespers Paramia: Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 1:23 •*

*Proverbs 10:31-11:12 • Wisdom 4: 7-15.*

*Matins Gospel: John 10:9-16.*

*for Nicholas: Hebrews 13:17-21. Luke 6:17-23a.*

*for the day: 1 Timothy 5:11-21. Luke 21:12-19.*

# Wednesday, December 7, 2022

 *Day of Alleluia (no anaphora)*

Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397).

1 Timothy 5:22-6:11a. Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24.

**8:00am Matins** (*with prostrations*)

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers** for Thursday

# Thursday, December 8, 2022

 *Day of Alleluia (no anaphora)*

Pre-festive Day of the Maternity. Our Venerable Father Patapius.

1 Timothy 6:17-21. Luke 21:28-33.

**6:00pm Great Vespers** &

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for  $\oplus$  *MATERNITY OF ANNA*. Cantor: Dominique  
*intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt*

# Friday, December 9, 2022

$\oplus$  THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA.

The Holy Hannah, Mother of the Prophet Samuel.

*Vespers Paramia:* Genesis 28: 10-17 • Ezekiel 43:27 - 44:4 • Proverbs 9: 1-11.

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

*for the Maternity:* Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 8:16-21.





*for the day:* 2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18. Luke 21:37-22:8.

*6:00pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers** for Saturday

## LEGEND

- $\oplus$  Great Feast
- $\opl�$  Feast with an All-night Vigil
- $\oplus$  Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins
- $\oplus$  Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins
- $\oplus$  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)

## Philip's Fast (Filipovka)

Nov. 15th – Dec. 24th

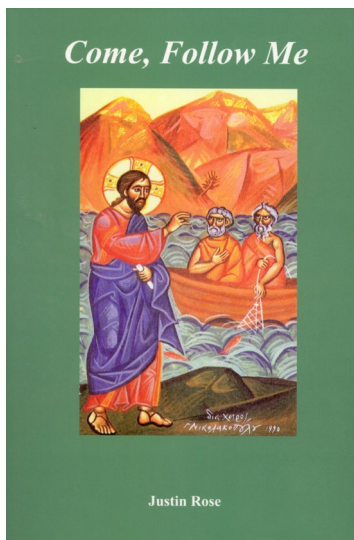
“According to the forty-day tradition, the Philip's Fast in preparation for Christmas begins on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. During this fast, it was the custom to observe a strict abstinence on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and a lesser abstinence (mitigation for wine and oil) on Tuesday and Thursday. 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

### Come, Follow Me

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

Next meeting: **Monday, November 28<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.

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# 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

## Saint Nicholas Celebration!

St. Nicholas is coming to visit us at St. Stephen on Sunday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>**, just before his feast day! He will join us in the hall after the Divine Liturgy. Everyone, please 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 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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, the evening of Monday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas!

## **The Guild of St. Stephen**

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

### **Guild Cookie Sale**

The next Guild Fund raiser will be the **COOKIE SALE** taking place on **Sunday, December 18** after liturgy in the hall. There will be a variety of cookies to pick from. There will be 2 sizes of containers. Small for \$10.00 and a larger one for \$20.00. Just pick your favorites! If anyone would like to bake cookies to contribute, this would be greatly appreciated.

## **Adult Eastern Christian Formation Opportunities**

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

Starting today, **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 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



God gives us many blessings. As stewards, we joyfully worship the Lord each Sunday by giving back to him so the church may do meaningful work for God's kingdom in the world. As the 2022-2023 Annual Stewardship Appeal continues, remember the many blessings you have received from our Lord.

Visit us online at [parma.org](http://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.

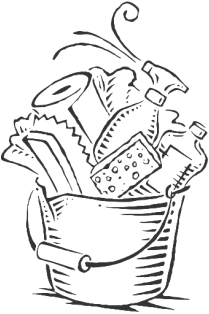
### **Reap the Most Tax Benefit While Supporting Your Parish**

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> was **52**. 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 20<sup>th</sup> was **\$1,642.70**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,084.98**

Sun.: \$866; Online: \$629.70; Holy Day: \$50; Candles: \$20; Fuel: \$65; 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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