



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 22nd, 2023

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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, January 29, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Tone 1

⌘ The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop and Martyr Ignatius of Antioch.

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

2 Timothy 3:10-15. Luke 18:10-14.

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: Daniel

descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (1-27)

Thanksgiving for the birth of Emmanuella Barillas (1-28)

+Bettina Muelling Barnes, from Martin & Alice Barillas (1-28)

+Mary Washko, from the Zukows (1-25)

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

7:00pm Great Vespers for ⌘ THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS

Monday, January 30, 2023

⌘ THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL, GREGORY, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.

The Holy Bishop-Martyr Hippolytus (235).

Vespers Paramia: Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deuteronomy 10:14-21 • Wis 3:1-9.

Matins Gospel: John 10:9-16.

for the Hierarchs: Hebrews 13:7-16. Matthew 5:14-19.

for the day: 2 Peter 1:20-2:9. Mark 13:9-13.

10:00am Divine Liturgy for ⌘ THREE HOLY HIERARCHS

Cantor: Dominique

health of Paul Baize, from Betty Baize

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club - online: <https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok>

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

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

⊗ The Holy Wonder-workers and Unmercenary Healers Cyrus and John (311).
Our Holy Father the Priest Don Bosco.

2 Peter 2:9-22. Mark 13:14-23.

8:00am First & Third Hour

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 *no fasting!*

⊗ Pre-festive Day of the Meeting. The Holy Martyr Tryphon (250).

2 Peter 3:1-18. Mark 13:24-31.

12:00noon Sixth & Ninth Hour (*note change from previous bulletin*)

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for the ⊕MEETING

Cantors: Mary H & Cecilia

+Mary Washko, from Donald & Gloria Scott

Thursday, February 2, 2023

⊕ MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON & ANNA

Vespers Paramia: (1) Ex. 12:51, 13:1-3, 10-16, 22:29; Num. 8:16; Lev. 12:1-4, 12:6, 8;

Numbers 8:16-17 • (2) Isaiah 6:1-12 • (3) Isaiah 19:1-5, 12. 16, 19-21.

Matins Gospel: Luke 2:25-32.

for the Meeting: Hebrews 7:7-17. Luke 2:22b-40.

for the day: 1 John 1:8-2:6. Mark 13:31-14:2.

8:00am Matins for the ⊕MEETING

Friday, February 3, 2023 *no fasting!*

⊗ The Synaxis of the Holy Prophet Simeon and the Prophetess Anna.

for Simeon & Anna: Hebrews 9:11-14. Luke 2:25-38.

for the day: 1 John 2:7-17. Mark 14:3-9.

8:00am First & Third Hour

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Post-festive Day of the Meeting. Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium (c. 450).

2 Timothy 3:1-9. Luke 20:45-21:4.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Victor

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, February 5, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON. Tone 2

Post-festive Day of the Meeting. The Holy Martyr Agatha (250).

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

1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Luke 15:11-32.

8:15am Matins

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

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

Reader: Mary R

health of Paul Baize, from Betty Baize (1-30)

+Mary Washko, from Donald & Gloria Scott (2-1)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (2-4)

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

7:00pm Vespers *at St. Francis in Ann Arbor – for Monday*

Monday, February 6, 2023

Meatfare Monday. Postfeast of the Meeting. Venerable Fr. Bicolus, Bishop of Smyrna.

The Holy Martyr Silvanus, Bishop of Emesa, and his Companions (313).

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople.

1 John 2:18-3:10a. Mark 11:1-11.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club - online: <https://meet.google.com/njp-zcmn-hok>

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

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Meatfare Tuesday. Postfeast of the Meeting. Venerable Fr. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus
The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Peter Verhun (1957).

1 John 3:10b-20. Mark 14:10-42.

9:30am Third & Sixth Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Dominique

+Mary Theresa Smith, from Clyde W. Smith

Wednesday, February 8, 2023



Meatfare Wednesday. ☩ Post-festive Day of the Meeting.

The Holy Great Martyr Theodore (318). The Holy Prophet Zechariah.

1 John 3:21-4:6. Mark 14:43-15:1.

8:00am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

Cantor: Victor

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Meatfare Thursday. Leave-taking of the Meeting. The Holy Martyr Nicephor (260).

1 John 4:20-5:21. Mark 15:1-15.

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)



Invitation to Byzantine Book Club

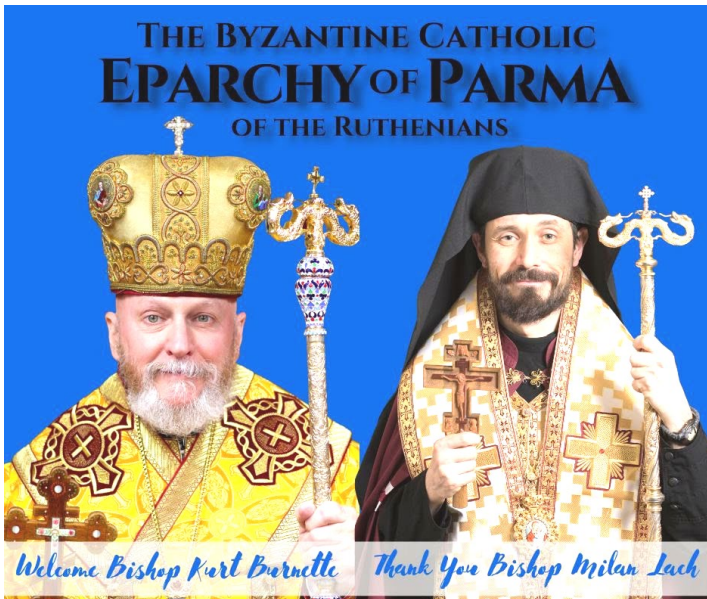
We are reading and discussing *Two Views of the Cross: Orthodoxy and the West* by Frederica Mathewes-Green. The next discussion will be **Monday, January 30th, 2023**. You may join in person

@ the Hendricks Homestead (8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198)

or through the link: <https://meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia?authuser=0&hs=122>

Two Views of the Cross: Orthodoxy and the West clearly shows some important theological differences between the East and the West. The author carefully begins by talking about what words mean. This is so important because if you and I both use the same word, but have a different idea of what it means, we cannot effectively communicate what we are thinking or believe. Step by careful step she talks about the views of ransomed, redeemed, delivered, and saved. She goes into forgiveness and mercy, sacrifices and offerings. Halfway through the book she begins to talk about the crucifixion - something one would think she'd start with given the title. But she needed to lay a foundation so the reader could properly understand the Byzantine view of the crucifixion and what it did for us. She goes into sin and righteousness, the problem of evil, mercy and repentance, free will, the assurance of salvation, the incarnation (so important to understanding). She ends with theosis and how theology should be a part of our everyday lives.

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



Welcome Bishop Kurt & Thank you Bishop Milan!

The Eparchy of Parma invites you to a Divine Liturgy welcoming Bishop Kurt Burnette as our Apostolic Administrator, and a Divine Liturgy and dinner of farewell and thanks to Bishop Milan Lach, SJ.

All are welcome to participate in these events; please join us if you are able!

Welcome Liturgy for Bishop Kurt Burnette

When: Sunday, January 29, 2023, 10am

Where: Dormition of the Mother of God, 4600 State Road, Cleveland, OH 44109

Liturgy will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person.

Parish social with Bishop Kurt will be held immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Farewell Liturgy for Bishop Milan Lach, SJ

When: Sunday, February 5, 2023, 3pm

Where: Dormition of the Mother of God, 4600 State Road, Cleveland, OH 44109

Liturgy will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person.

Farewell Dinner for Bishop Milan Lach, SJ

When: Sunday, February 5, 2023, 5pm

Where: Social Hall of Holy Spirit, 5500 W. 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129

We kindly ask that you RSVP for the dinner by Tuesday, January 31, so that we can make proper arrangements for food. RSVP to chancery@parma.org

Adult Eastern Christian Formation Opportunities

PREPARE FOR THE GREAT FAST WITH A PRESENTATION ON THE LAND THAT JESUS WALKED

In our Eastern Christian tradition, Lent, or the Great Fast, begins on Clean Monday - February 20th. To help prepare for this season, join us for a special event on Meatfare Sunday – **February 12th** – which is the last Sunday that we eat meat until Pascha/Easter Sunday, April 9.

This year, Meatfare Sunday is marked by a presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lauffer: “The Land that Jesus walked.” This presentation is based on their work in archaeology in Israel. It will reveal places highlighting Roman influence upon cities and government in Galilee and Judea. It will show actual places where Jesus taught, performed miracles, was tried, crucified, and rose again in the holy city of Jerusalem. It will be capped off with time for questions and answers.

“The Land that Jesus Walked” will begin shortly after the Divine Liturgy and will be in the Crystal Room. Worship begins that morning in church with Matins at 8:15 a.m., followed by the Hours and an opportunity for Confession. Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00am. The meal and presentation will begin at about **11:30 a.m.** and last until 1 p.m.

A potluck meal will be provided for all with an offering requested. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for you to let us know if you’re coming, how many, and what you’re bringing to share. (Hopefully, there will be plenty of meat!) Drop off all your food items in the hall before Liturgy. The Guild has graciously agreed to keep warm or cool items as needed. If you choose not to bring a dish, please make a monetary donation on the day of the event. Please let us know if you’re coming so we’re prepared with enough food and materials to hand out.

Everyone is invited. This will be a great opportunity for all adults. Classes for children will also be available. We encourage everyone to bring family and friends to this event.

For information:

contact the church office by phone: 313-382-5901 or email: ststephen@parma.org

or contact Dan Lauffer by phone: 248-309-1552 or email: carsonlauffer0903@comcast.net

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The Guild of St. Stephen

The next Guild meeting is **Sunday, March 12th** after the Divine Liturgy in the small hall.

SAVE THE DATE

The Tenth Annual Women's Retreat

**From Fallen Passions to Apatheia:
Pursuing the Virtuous Life**

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
Fremont, Ohio

February 24, 2023 - February 26, 2023

Retreat Master
Father Thomas J Loya, STB, MA.

Contact Joan Washburn for further information
865-696-7809

Further details will follow

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Father Thomas J Loya, STB, MA.

Fr. Thomas J Loya, is currently the pastor of Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish in Homer Glen, IL. He is also the host of the long running radio program, "Light of the East" which can be heard in more than 60 cities across the United States on several Catholic radio networks including EWTN Radio. He is also a regular guest on the Dr. Gregory Popcak radio show.

Before entering the seminary Fr. Loya earned a degree from the Cleveland Institute of Art and pursued a career in commercial art and design. He later completed his studies for the priesthood in both Pennsylvania and Rome where he attended the North American College earning an STB from the Angelicum University. During his time in Rome, Fr. Loya first heard St. Pope John Paul II's monumental teaching on the human person when he attended his weekly audiences about The Theology of the Body. Fr. Loya was ordained in 1982 and later added to his Bachelor of Fine Arts by earning a Masters in Counseling and Human Services in 1993. He has directed many retreats and has been a guest speaker at several conventions including World Youth Day 2002. Using his background in art, counseling, and Eastern Catholic spirituality, Fr. Loya applies the principles of The Theology of the Body and Liturgy to the mystical understanding of the human experience.

Stational Vespers

On the Sunday Evenings of the Great Fast

For the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate

On each Sunday evening of the Great Fast at 4:00 pm, we will celebrate Vespers at a different parish of the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate. A different priest will serve and preach a brief sermon at each Vespers after the Great Prokeimenon. Meanwhile, other priests will be available for confession. The hosting parish will provide a simple meatless Lenten meal of soup and bread after Vespers. All our parishioners are encouraged to participate. In addition to being an opportunity for prayer and repentance during the Great Fast, this is also a chance for us to visit the other parishes of our region and for us to all be together and get to know each other better.

Here is the schedule:

Date	Sunday of the Great Fast	Parish	Celebrant & Preacher
19-Feb	Cheesefare Sunday	<i>Each parish to have its own Forgiveness Vespers</i>	
26-Feb	Sunday of Orthodoxy	St. Michael, Oregon	Fr. Bob Stash
5-Mar	Sunday of our Holy Fr. Gregory Palamas	St. Stephen, Allen Park	Fr. Mykhailo Solianykh
12-Mar	Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross	Sacred Heart, Livonia	Fr. Mychail Rozmarynowycz
19-Mar	Sunday of our Holy Fr. John Climacus	St. Nicholas, Clinton Township	Fr. John Russell
26-Mar	Sunday of our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt	St. Basil, Sterling Heights	Fr. Joseph Marquis
2-Apr	Palm Sunday Flowery Sunday	St. Michael, Flushing	Fr. Jim Batcha

St. Nicholas Apostolate

The St Nicholas Apostolate had several successful meetings, and we welcome all parishioners interested to attend future meetings! A monthly meeting will be held every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Email Fr Deacon Lawrence at frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com.

The St. Nicholas Apostolate is a means for members in our parish to practice Christian love through giving charitable donations and volunteering. The St. Nicholas Apostolate is facilitating donations from the parish for three funds modeled after the three purses of St. Nicholas. He was a wealthy man before he became a priest and bishop, and he chose to use his wealth to save three impoverished women from slavery by giving each of them a sack of gold coins for a dowry. St. Nicholas is often shown holding three purses or three coins. The three purses of the St. Nicholas Apostolate will be used to support the following:

- 1) charitable organizations
(such as Day House, Image of God Pregnancy Center, & Fish & Loaves)
- 2) fellow parishioners in need
- 3) neighbors and strangers who come to the parish seeking help.

One way that parishioners are encouraged to practice Christ's command to "help those that ask" is through monetary donations. Someday soon, a basket next to an icon of St. Nicholas will be placed in the narthex with envelopes for parishioners to donate to a purse of their choosing or simply to make an unrestricted gift. Donations for the first purse, charitable organizations, are given directly to the organizations. Donations for the second and third purses, our parishioners and our neighbors, are distributed by Fr. John Russell as seen fit. All donations are tax deductible. In the near future, volunteer opportunities will also be organized for the parish to participate in.

The St. Nicholas Apostolate is not a philanthropic club, but rather is a vehicle for the parish community to respond to God's commandment to love our neighbor, especially our neighbors in need.

"On the subject of mutual charity you have no need for anyone to write you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.... Nevertheless, we urge you... to progress even more." (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10).

Synodal Process

From the survey and the conversations with parishioners in the context of reflections on the Beatitudes, we have formulated some goals for St. Stephen's.

*** Develop opportunities for adult religious education**

In the survey, parishioners expressed some reservations about their readiness to share the Christian faith with others. It seems that further education would be helpful. In order to develop something that will best meet parishioners needs, we need to ask more specific questions to discover areas in which they would most like to learn and formats they would find most helpful.

Action: we will create some ways of inquiring into educational needs in the parish during the fall. In the new year we will begin to present new educational opportunities.

Our goal is to involve at least 20 percent of the active adults in the parish in new educational experiences by Pascha next year.

*** Encourage and help parishioners to go on retreats**

Most parishioners report that they do not often or ever go on retreats. Taking retreat time is a normal practice in Christian life. While retreats in the eparchy are routinely brought to parishioners' attention, more could be done to encourage and help them.

Action: we will give more attention to helping parishioners see the value of taking retreats and will work to identify and promote retreats and help people attend them (transportation, etc.).

We would like to see 10 percent of the active adults in the parish attend a retreat by the end of 2023.

*** Develop outreach opportunities**

In conversation over the Beatitudes, parishioners expressed the need for ways of serving neighbors in need and also for deepening community life within the parish. Developing outreach opportunities in a way that also deepens parishioners relationships with each other would help to meet this need.

Action: We will revive the long defunct St. Nicholas Apostolate as a way of involving parishioners in service to needy neighbors—and to each other in the parish. The apostolate will encourage donations for help to individuals outside and inside the church and will help parishioners learn about, support, and participate in selected local nonprofit organizations.

Our goal is to involve at least 20 percent of the active adults in the parish in this apostolate.

Please continue to let us know your thoughts about the parish and about these initiatives in particular. You may always call or write:

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Prayer List

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

Stewardship Appeal

Have you considered your pledge to this year's Stewardship Appeal? The Eparchy of Parma relies on your continued support to provide for our various programs and outreaches. Please make your pledge today! An online donation may be made at parma.org. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$6,900. So far, 21 donors from St. Stephen have donated \$4015, putting us at roughly 58% 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 exceed 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.

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. Ceil, Char, & Phyllis are 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 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.

Rides to Church

Victor Jiompkowski has kindly agreed to help coordinate rides to church. If you need a ride or are willing to offer a ride to others, please contact Victor Jiompkowski so he can help make the arrangements. The St. Nicholas Apostolate is looking for a second person to help coordinate rides to church for people having trouble getting to services. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Victor Jiompkowski or Father John.

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on January 22nd was **39**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **54**

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 January 22nd was **\$540.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,998.29**

Sun.: \$315; Online: \$209.35; Candles: \$16

“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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