



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 12th, 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 Kurt (Burnette) of Passaic is our apostolic administrator. 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 (Lach)

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, February 12, 2023

MEATFARE SUNDAY. The Sunday of the Last Judgment. Tone 3

Our Holy Father Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381).

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

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2. Matthew 25:31-46.

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 Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (2-8)

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (2-10)

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (2-11)

+Mary Theresa Smith, from Clyde W. Smith (2-7)

After Liturgy: Potluck in the hall and a PRESENTATION ON THE HOLY LAND. ECF.

7:00pm Vespers for Cheesefare Monday

Monday, February 13, 2023



Cheesefare Monday. Our Venerable Father Martinian (c. 398).

3 John 1:1-14. Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39.

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

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

Tuesday, February 14, 2023



Cheesefare Tuesday. Our Venerable Father Auxentius (5th Century).

Passing of our Venerable Fr. Constantine, whose monastic name is Cyril, Apostle of the Slavs.

The Venerable Maron, Hermit and Wonder-worker (c. 423).

Vespers Paramia: Wisdom 5:15-6:3 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-5:7.

Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9.

for Cyril: Hebrews 7:26-8:2. John 10:9-16.

for the day: Jude 1-10. Luke 22:39-42, 45b-23:1.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

 *Day of Alleluia – no anaphora*

Cheesefare Wednesday. The Holy Apostle Onesimus.

6th Hour: Joel 2:12-26. Vespers: Joel 4:12-21.

8:00am Matins – *with prostrations*

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

Cantor: Victor

special intention of Betty Baize

Thursday, February 16, 2023




Cheesefare Thursday. Holy Martyrs, the Presbyter Pamphilus, Porphyry, & their Companions.

Jude 1:11-25. Luke 23:2-34, 44-56.

6:30pm Parish Councils Meeting

Friday, February 17, 2023

 *Day of Alleluia – no anaphora*

Cheesefare Friday. ☩ The Holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit (306).

6th Hour: Zachariah 8:7-17. Vespers: Zachariah 8:19-23.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour – *with reading and prostrations*

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Cheesefare Saturday. Commemoration of Holy Ascetics. Holy Father Leo, Pope of Rome.

Romans 14:19-23; 16:25-27 & for the Holy Ascetics: Galatians 5:22-6:2.

Matthew 6:1-13 & for the Holy Ascetics: Matthew 11:27-30.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Katya

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, February 19, 2023



CHEESEFARE SUNDAY. The Sunday of Forgiveness. Tone 4. The Holy Apostle Archippus.

Vespers Paramia: Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1 • Malachi 3:1; Mark 1:2;
Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7, 12, 18, 17; 4:4-6 • Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-5:7

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

Romans 13:11b-14:4. Matthew 6:14-21.

8:15am Matins

9:30am First & Third Hour – *Reader Service*; **Confession** – *in the Sacristy*

10:00am Divine Liturgy - *for the people of the parish* Cantors: Mary H & Mary Woods

special intention of Betty Baize (2-15)

Reader: Debra

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (2-18)

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Meatless Potluck in the hall.

There is no ECF, so that all may attend:

12:30pm Forgiveness Vespers – *first service of the Great Fast*

Monday, February 20, 2023



first day of the Great Fast

CLEAN MONDAY. Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania (c. 787).

Our Holy Father Agathon, Pope of Rome.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 1:1-20. *Vespers:* Genesis 1:1-13 • Proverbs 1:1-20.

7:00pm Great Compline with the Great Canon

Tuesday, February 21, 2023



Venerable Fr. Timothy of Symbola (795). Holy Fr. Eustathius, Archbishop of Great Antioch.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 1:19-2:3. *Vespers:* Genesis 1:14-23 • Proverbs 1:20-33.

7:00pm Great Compline with the Great Canon

Wednesday, February 22, 2023



The Finding of the Venerable Relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 2:3-11. *Vespers:* Genesis 1:24-2:3 • Proverbs 2:1-22.

5:45pm Confessions

6:20pm Ninth Hour & Typika

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

9:00pm Great Compline with the Great Canon

Thursday, February 23, 2023



The Holy Martyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (c. 155).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 2:11-21. *Vespers:* Genesis 2:4-19 • Proverbs 3:1-18.

7:00pm Great Compline with the Great Canon

Friday, February 24, 2023



✦ The First and Second Finding of the Head of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 3:1-14. *Vespers:* Genesis 2:20-3:20 • Proverbs 3:19-34.

for the Forerunner: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Matthew 11:2-15.

5:45pm *Confessions*

6:20pm Ninth Hour & Typika

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 25, 2023



First Saturday of the Great Fast. The Miracle of St. Theodore the Recruit.

Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806).

Hebrews 1:1-12 & *for Theodore:* 2 Timothy 2:1-10.

Mark 2:23-3:5 & *for Theodore:* John 15:17-16:2.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Dominique

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron

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

LEGEND

- ⊕ Great Feast
- ✦ Feast with an All-night Vigil
- ✦ Feast with the Polyelos 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)

Rides to Church

Victor Jiomkowski 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 Jiomkowski (313-930-0801 / v.jiomkowski1111@att.net) so he can help make the arrangements. The St. Nicholas Apostolate is still 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 Jiomkowski or Father John.



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, February 13th, 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>

For more information you may contact Fr. Deacon Lawrence
at (734) 255- 4099 or frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com

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

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church, 4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, Michigan 48101

The Guild of St. Stephen

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

Happy St. Valentine's Day!



Daniel Gordon Dozier

2 hrs · 



After 30 years of marriage this year, I think I'm finally figuring out the keyword that unlocks a happy marriage: Kindness.

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

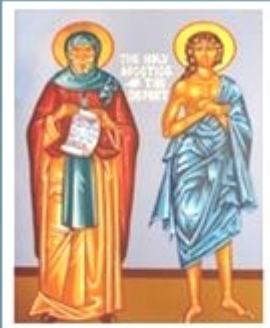
February 24, 2023 - February 26, 2023

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.

The Second Annual MEN's Retreat SAVE THE DATE



THE GIFT OF PRAYER

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
Fremont, Ohio

March 10, 2023 - March 12, 2023

Retreat Master
Father Cyril Pinchak, SJ

Contact Karl Busam for further information
karl.busam.77@gmail.com
1-419-626-6811

Further details will follow

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Father Cyril Pinchak, SJ

Father Cyril Pinchak, SJ was born and raised in the Eparchy of Parma. He is a Byzantine Jesuit priest. He holds advanced degrees from Loyola University Chicago, Regis College - University of Toronto, and the Pontifical Oriental Institute (Rome). Father Cyril taught theology at Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio. He has also had training and experience offering spiritual direction. Father Cyril is currently studying in Rome.

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THE GIFT OF PRAYER

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
Fremont, Ohio



Friday, March 10, 2023 -
Sunday, March 12, 2023

Retreat Master
Fr. Cyril Pinchak, SJ

SPONSORED BY:

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
506 E. Main Street
Marblehead, OH 43440

WHEN: March 10th - 12th, 2023

WERE: Our Lady of the Pines
Retreat Center
1250 Tiffin Street
Fremont, OH 43420

FEE: \$260.00 - Single

\$290.00 - Single w/ Private Bath
(Limited availability - email request
before sending payment)

DUE: February 20th, 2023

Do not hesitate to register for this special retreat.
Space is limited.

Checks payable to
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
Please send your registration payment to:

Karl Busam
409 N. Beverly Dr.
Sandusky, OH 44870
419-626-6811
karl.busam.77@gmail.com

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
1250 Tiffin Street
Fremont, OH 43420
419-332-6522

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 Solianyuk
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

“SHROUD ENCOUNTER”

A LIVE Presentation of

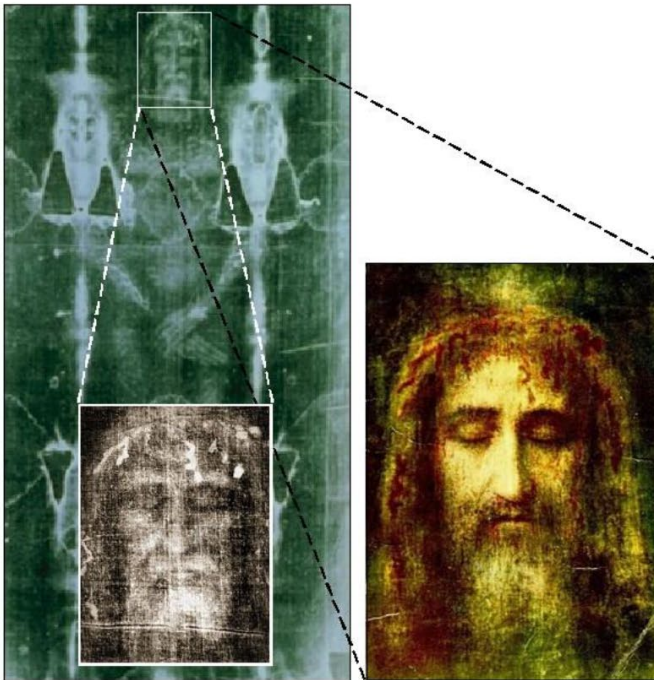
Russ Breault

President of Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc.

1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 26, 2023

Sacred Heart Church Banquet Center

29125 Six Mile Road (East of Middlebelt Road) - Livonia – MI 48152



General Admission Seating

(Sold at Door Only)

- \$10 Per Adult (18 years and up)
- \$5 per Young Attendee (6 to 17 years of age)
- FREE Admission (5 years and below)

Eparchial Events 2023

- Family Camp – July 13-16, 2023 – *location TBD*
- Teen Camp in Slovakia and World Youth Day – July 20-August 8, 2023
- Bishop’s Golf Classic – August 14, 2023 - Ohio
- Pilgrimage to Shrine of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio – August 20, 2023 (*tentative date*)
- Priest Convocation – October 16-20, 2023 - Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma, Ohio
- Evening of Hope – October 21, 2023, Independence, Ohio
- Eparchial Women’s Renewal – November 10-12, 2023 at Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, Ohio

Special Collections 2023

This year we are grouping the collections so that they happen on one weekend each quarter.

March 25-26, 2023 - The Church in Central and Eastern Europe / Holy Land

- Church in Central and Eastern Europe: This collection supports the training of seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media in Eastern and Central Europe. Our Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Churches in Europe directly benefit from this USCCB Collection.
- Holy Land: This is a Pontifical collection that supports the Holy Places as well as the pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of our Christian brethren and of the local communities.

June 24-25, 2023 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal / Peter’s Pence

- Catholic Home Missions: The Eparchy of Parma benefits from this USCCB Collection through the financial support of our Chancery, and Eparchial Offices; support for our parishes, missions, Shrine, and religious education programs.
- Peter’s Pence: This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

September 23-24, 2023 - Catholic Communication Campaign

- Catholic Communication Campaign: The Eparchy of Parma directly benefits from this USCCB Collection as 50% of the funds collected in our churches remain in the Eparchy to support Horizons and other media communications of the Eparchy. The Eparchy of Parma also benefits from the other 50% that goes to the USCCB, as we receive grants from them which financially assist us in our communication efforts within the Eparchy.

December 9-10, 2023 – Retirement Fund for Religious

- Retirement Fund for the Religious: The Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Uniontown benefit directly from this USCCB Collection for their retired nuns. As they were active and provided ministry to our Eparchy in the past, we wish to help them by participating in this collection. This collection is not for our retired priests but will only benefit the retired nuns of the community of St. Basil the Great.



To all the clergy and faithful of the Eparchy of Passaic, the Eparchy of Parma, the Eparchy of Phoenix, and the Exarchy of Toronto:

Mark your calendar for the Metropolitan Assembly of 2023.

Your Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla is calling you to assemble.

When: November 2-5

November 2-3, Thursday through Friday evening especially for clergy

November 3-4-5, Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday especially for laity

Where: St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

Hillsboro, New Jersey

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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4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI 48101

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Prayer List

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

Stewardship Appeal

The 2022/23 Annual Stewardship Appeal continues. We are halfway through this year's campaign. If you have not already made your pledge or donation, please visit parma.org and consider a monthly donation to the Eparchy to help financially with the many needs and expenses we face. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$6,900. So far, 23 donors from St. Stephen have donated \$4710, putting us at roughly 68% 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. Thank you to Ashley & Nick for cleaning last week. Betty Sutyak & LeAnn Osentoski 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.

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on February 5th was **63**. 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 February 5th was **\$2,403.60**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,966.60**

Sunday: \$1794.25; Holy Day: \$35; Online: \$487.35; Candles: \$47; Fuel: \$10; Initial Offering: \$30

“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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