

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 30th, 2023

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Christ is Risen! 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.

“Eastern Catholics are in [comm]union with Rome. We share the same faith and the same mysteries, however, our way of expressing them follows the same tradition as the Orthodox Churches.”

– Fr. Joseph Radvansky. *A Brief Explanation of the Eastern Catholic Churches, Introduction.*

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday & Saturday morning at 10:00am
Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

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

Cantor: Mary R

Sunday, April 30, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Tone 3

✦ The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

Vespers: James 1:1-12 • James 1:13-27 • James 2:1-13.

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

Acts 9:32-42. John 5:1-15.

8:15am Matins for Sunday

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

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

Cantors: Mary H; Cecilia

Reader: Vic J

intention of George Durisin, from Jane Semak (4-26)

+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathleen Mykeloff (4-28)

+Michael Camilleri, from Phyllis Humenik (4-29)

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

Discussion of Jonah in the small hall starting at 12:15pm.

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, May 1, 2023

The Holy Prophet Jeremiah. The Passing of Blessed Clement Sheptycky (1951).

Acts 10:1-16. John 6:56-69.

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

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

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

⊗ Our Holy Father Athanasius the Great (373).

Acts 10:21-33. John 7:1-13.

9:30am Third & Sixth Hour

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Mary R

+Michael Camilleri, from Phyllis Humenik

Wednesday, May 3, 2023



MID-PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Timothy and his Wife Maura (286).

✠ The Passing of our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Monastery of the Caves (1074).

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

Matins Gospel: Luke 6:17-23.

Acts 14:6b-18. John 7:14-30.

7:00am Matins

Cantor: Victor

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Dominique

intention of the hieromonk Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Pelagia (287).

Acts 10:34-43. John 8:12-20.

Friday, May 5, 2023



Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene.

Our Venerable Father Nicephor, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery (14th Century).

Acts 10:44-11:10. John 8:21-30.

7:00am Hours & Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Victor

intention of the hieromonk Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Cantor: Dominique

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering.

Acts 12:1-11. John 8:31-42a.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Dominique

the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron

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

Cantor: Mary R

Sunday, May 7, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Tone 4
⊗ The Appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius (357). The Holy Martyr Acacius (303).

7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10.

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. John 4:5-42.

8:15am Matins for Sunday

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

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

Cantors: Mary H; Cecilia

Reader: Daniel B

intention of the hieromonk Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (5-3)

intention of the hieromonk Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (5-5)

the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (5-6)

+Michael Camilleri, from Phyllis Humenik (5-2)

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. Final Day of ECF.

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

Monday, May 8, 2023

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. ⊕ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great (448).

Vespers: 1 John 3:21-4:6 • 1 John 4:11-16 • 1 John 4:20-5:5.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for John: 1 John 1:1-7. John 19: 25-27; 21:24-25.





for the day: Acts 12:12-17. John 8:42-51.

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

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

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)

Prayer List

Pray for the healing of Barb Barnes, Dorothy Brooks, Chris Lauffer, Edith Santo
And for the repose of +Michael Camilleri

Adult Eastern Christian Formation Opportunity:

Bible Discussion

After the Sunday Divine Liturgy, Kevin Perrotta is leading us on an exploration and discussion of Jonah. This is a rich story that speaks to us about love, faithfulness, and mercy. Studying it together and talking about our own lives in light of this text will be an opportunity to encounter God's word to us and deepen our relationship with each other.

after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 30th

St. Stephen Guild

St. Stephen Guild earned \$550 for our parish with their sale of paskas and butter lambs! Their next meeting will be after the Divine Liturgy on **May 21st**. Please feel free to join them!

Talent Show!

Some of our young parishioners came up with the idea that we could have a talent show at St. Stephen! The Sunday of All Saints (**June 4th**) seems like a good day to celebrate the many talents God has given us. Do you play an instrument? Sing? Perform? Show your hidden talents! Let Dominique Azcuy know what your act could be. If we get enough, we'll have a show!

Parish Picnic!

This year's parish picnic will coincide with our blessing of cars on **July 23rd**!
See Victor Azcuy to volunteer with set up, clean up, and donation.



Special Collections 2023

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

June 24-25, 2023 (*use envelopes dated Jun 18, 2023 & Jun 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 (*use envelopes dated Aug 27, 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.

WEDDING AT CANA

MARRIAGE: THE FORETASTE OF HEAVEN

PLUMBING THE DEPTHS OF THE SACRAMENTAL MYSTERY OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

506 East Main Street

Marblehead, Ohio

Saturday, May 20, 2023

All adults, young adults and older teenagers are invited to attend.

Tickets \$25.00/Student tickets \$15.00

Registration at 8:00 am

Conference 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Continental breakfast and lunch are included.

Speaker

Father Thomas J. Loya

Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church

Homer Glen, Illinois

The event concludes at 3:00 pm with a panel discussion with

Father Thomas J. Loya and three married couples.

Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm. An opportunity!

Deadline to register Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Call 419-626-0375

Please leave name and number.

FAMILY & CANTOR CAMP



EPARCHY
OF PARMA

*Come with your spouse and children and join us for
a weekend of fellowship, prayer and spiritual
formation in the Byzantine Catholic Tradition.*

JULY 16-20, 2023

EASTON, KS



Marriage is designed to be the closest possible relation of increasing intimacy and growing interdependence. We have to keep working on our marriage to stay closely connected. At our Family Camp, parents will have time for themselves to nurture their marriage relationship... all while our team will take care of your children at the Cantor Camp.

At the Cantor Camp, led by Fr. Andrew Summerson, children divided into age groups will learn about the beauty of our tradition of chant in a very interactive and playful manner. We witness in our parishes how children cherish singing from early childhood; it's no wonder so many Byzantine Catholics are great singers from early on.

COME AND JOIN US FOR FAMILY AND CANTOR CAMP! www.parma.org/family-camp



www.parma.org/WYD2023

Upcoming Retreat Opportunities

Parma's Byzanteens may be interested in the Third Annual Young Adult Retreat: Becoming "Fools for Christ's Sake" scheduled to take place **July 27-30** in Marblehead, OH. Youth will come together for a weekend of service, socializing and spirituality.

Women within our Eparchy are invited to attend the 2023 Eparchial Women's Renewal: "The Courage to be Myrrh-bearers" scheduled to take place **November 10-11** in Whitehouse, OH. Join us as we find our courage in God and learn how to take the steps to share our gifts with others.

We encourage you to check back for more opportunities! <https://www.parma.org/retreats>

<p>.....</p> <p>The Eparchy of Parma and Dormition of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church are proud to sponsor a women's renewal.</p> <p>A weekend of empowerment, spiritual reflection and community fellowship.</p> <p>Registration</p>	<p>When: November 10-12, 2023 Reserve your space by October 1, 2023</p> <p>Early fee by Sept 1 = \$200 After Sept 1 fee = \$225</p> <p><i>Registration is first come first served. If needed, we will start a waiting list.</i></p> <p>For questions & online registration: Kim Kocuba kimkocuba@ameritech.net 216-337-2673</p>	
<p>Send registration and checks: Women's Renewal 4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109</p> <p>Make checks payable to: Dormition of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church</p> <p>Venmo link for online payment: @Kim-Kocuba</p> <p>If you are paying online via Venmo, please email your registration information to kimkocuba@ameritech.net</p> <p>Registration is first come first served!</p>	<p>Where:</p> <p>The Lial Retreat Center 5908 Davis Rd, Whitehouse, OH 43571</p> 	<p>THE COURAGE TO BE MYRRH BEARERS</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Parma Eparchial Women's Renewal 2023</p>



METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY



Art | History | Presentations | Prayer | Dancing

NOVEMBER 2 - 5, 2023

**LIVING OUR FAITH
Moving Forward
Appreciating Our Past**

- \$250 per person
- \$400 per family
- Young Adult (18-35)*
*registration underwritten by
The Maria Theresa Foundation



**St. Mary Byzantine
Catholic Church,
Hillsborough, NJ**

Assembly Coordinators

Fr. Edward Cimbala 212-677-0516 | Fr. Yuriy Oros 609-394-5004

Email: byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com | **Web:** byzantineassembly2023.org

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:

313-382-5901

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI 48101

ststephen@parma.org

Rides to Church

If you need a ride or are willing to offer a ride to others, please contact Victor Jiompkowski (313-930-0801 / v.jiompkowski1111@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 Jiompkowski or Father John.

Stewardship Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Eparchy with their ***time, talent, and treasure***. Your participation has allowed our Eparchy of Parma to continue to provide funds to support four important needs in the Eparchy: Development of Parishes; Vocations and Seminarian Education; Works of the Apostolate; and Retired Priests. God Bless you!

Gifts to the Stewardship Appeal may continue to be made through the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2022. Visit parma.org to make your donation.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$6,900. So far, 29 donors from St. Stephen have donated \$5944, putting us at roughly 86% 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.

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

We donate \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry

Since our last contributions,

For the Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$20.

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 April 23rd was **61**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **55**

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 April 23rd was **\$2,480.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,960.33**

Sunday: \$2111.00; Pascha: \$50; Online: \$144.35; Candles: \$70; Fuel: \$105

“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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