



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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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 Robert (Pipta) is our Bishop. 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.”  
– our former pastor Fr. Joseph Radvansky in *A Brief Explanation of the Eastern Catholic Churches*.

# 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, April 21, 2024**

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Tone 3

Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius and his Companions (305). Holy Martyr Theodore of Perga.

*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

Cantor: Mary H & Cecilia

Reader: Debra

+Michael Gambon, from Harry Veryser (4-17)

+Melwyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (4-20)

*After Liturgy: Panachida. Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. ECF Classes & Adult Catechesis.*

*5pm Discussion of Joseph and his brothers in Genesis via Zoom:*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89868111655?pwd=a8EeyCdUVW2zo6PIBoLfiPw8vutasO.1>

**7:00pm Vespers**

**Monday, April 22, 2024**

Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sykiot (c. 613).

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

**6:00pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for ☩ Holy Great Martyr George Cantors: Mary H & Victor

+Manouk (Mike) Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

☩ THE HOLY AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER.

*Vespers Paramia: Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.*

*Matins Gospel: Luke 12:2-12.*

*for St. George: Acts 12:1-11. John 15:17-16:2.*

*for the day: Acts 10:21-33. John 7:1-13.*

## Wednesday, April 24, 2024

MID-PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Sabbas the General (272).

*Vespers Paramia:* Micah 4:2-3, 5; 6:2-5, 8; 5:3 • Is. 55:1; 12:3-4; 55:2-3, 6-13 • Prov. 9:1-11. Acts 14:6b-18. John 7:14-30.

**10:00am Third & Sixth Hour**

**6:00pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy** for †Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark Cantor: Mary R  
for the health of Wally Maire, from the Richardson Family & Lance

## Thursday, April 25, 2024

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. † The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

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

*Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.

for St. Mark: 1 Peter 5:6-14. Mark 6:7-13.

for the day: Acts 10:34-43. John 8:12-20.

7:00am Coffee with Fr. John – a casual meetup on Zoom (now on Thursdays!)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83054002720?pwd=QzZNMS9GUE9KTlkxU01DdVdCeTRLZz09>

## Friday, April 26, 2024

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (322).

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

**7:00am Matins**

6:30pm Confessions

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Saturday, April 27, 2024

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. ☩ The Holy Bishop-Martyr Simeon, Relative of our Lord. Our Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia (1094).

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

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

Cantor: Katie & Mary R

for George Durisin, from Bob & Jane Semak

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

# Sunday, April 28, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Tone 4  
The Holy Apostles Jason and Sospater. Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus, and Quintillian.  
Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov (c. 1182).

*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 First & Third Hour** – *Reader Service; Confessions* – in Sacristy

**10:00am Divine Liturgy** – *for the people of the parish*      Cantors: Mary H & Cecilia  
Reader: Cecilia

*for the health of Wally Maire, from the Richardson Family (4-24)*  
*for George Durisin, from Bob & Jane Semak (4-27)*  
*+Manouk (Mike) Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff (4-22)*





*After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. ECF Classes & Adult Catechesis.*

*5pm Discussion of Joseph and his brothers in Genesis via Zoom:*

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

## LEGEND

⊕	Great Feast		by tradition, a strict fast day (no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil)
⊕	Feast with an All-night Vigil		by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)
+	Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins		by tradition, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, or eggs)
⊕	Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins		by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)
⊕	Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers		

## Prayer List

*Pray for the healing of* John Aral, Agustin Azcuy, Barb Barnes,  
Don & Theresa Butella, Pat Carlson, Emily Czupinski, Lawrence Thomas Dion,  
Chris Lauffer, Michael Mykeloff, Judith Ng,  
Ron Ostrowsky, & Edith Santo

## **Bible Discussion Group**

Our Bible discussion is focusing on two biblical figures of the same name: Joseph, one of Jacob's twelve sons (Genesis 37—50), and Joseph, husband of Mary (Matthew 1—2). We will look closely at each man's life and explore the connections between them. Their stories provoke reflection on many aspects of life as we all experience it: conflicts within the family, parental favoritism, sibling envy, compassion and reconciliation, acceptance of God's plans, trust and obedience, and the personal vocation.

Everyone is welcome to join in the reading and discussion. The meetings are now taking place on Sunday evenings at five o'clock on Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89868111655?pwd=a8EeyCdUVW2zo6PIBoLfiPw8vutasO.1>

We will be using a short book in the Six Weeks with the Bible series: *Genesis 37—50: Joseph the Dreamer*, as well as a portion of a book on St. Joseph. Ask Kevin Perrotta for a free copy of *Joseph the Dreamer* if you're interested in taking part.

## **Byzantine Book Club**

*The Book Club will begin a new book on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>:  
It is the Day of Resurrection: the Forty Days of Pascha* by Jack Custer  
Contact Fr. Deacon Lawrence with any questions  
at (734) 255-4099 or [frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com).

## **Meal Support for the Azcuys**

Agustin Azcuy has at last come home from the neonatal unit at the hospital! We churched him on Saturday. His parents still benefit from our support. It seems that gift cards to restaurants are the best way to go. Their suggestions are: Fresh food with low carbs or Restaurant gift cards from: Chili's, Logan's, Red Robin, BJ's restaurant and Brewhouse, Red Lobster, Longhorn, Outback. People may also bring meals to them: 13108 Peach Street Southgate MI or put meals in the fridge at the church hall (and, of course, let them know the food is there). For contact information for Victor, please see Mary Hendricks.



# The Seventh **MIRACLE OF MARIAPOCH GALA**

**SATURDAY, May 25, 2024**

**6-9:30 P.M. VENUE 81 ELEVEN**

**ST. JOSEPH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**8111 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, BRECKSVILLE, OHIO**

Small plate buffet; wine and beer included

Raffle baskets and silent auction

\$40 per person; \$220 table of six

Call (216) 272-6790, or order online at:

[www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch](http://www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch)

Proceeds benefit capital improvements at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio



*We are a center of prayer for peace in the world and in each life,  
offering the healing refuge of Our Lady of Mariapoch.*

## **Raffle Baskets for the Mariapoch Gala.**

The Guild is collecting items for Raffle Baskets for the Mariapoch Gala.

Next week, there will be a box in the narthex for these non-perishable donations.

*“Come to me, all  
you who labor and  
are burdened, and  
I will give you  
rest.”*

Annual Byzantine  
Eparchial Women’s  
Renewal



The Eparchy of Parma and  
Dormition of the Mother of  
God Byzantine Catholic  
Church are proud to sponsor  
a women’s renewal.

*A weekend of rest, prayer,  
reflection, creation and  
community.*

**When:**

**October 25-27, 2024**

*Reserve your space by  
September 25, 2024 for  
discounted rate.*

**Early fee by Sept 25 = \$200**

After Sept 25 fee = \$225

**For questions:**

Kim Kocuba

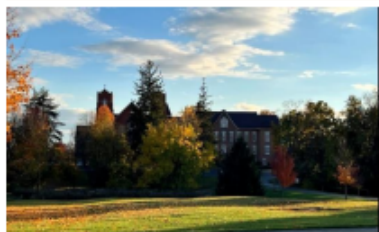
@ 216-337-2673 or

kimkocuba@ameritech.net

**Where:**

New location!

**St. Francis  
Spirituality Center  
200 St Francis Ave.  
Tiffin, OH 44883**



**Registration:**

**Online registration form  
available**

<https://www.parma.org/retreats>

**Send registration and checks:**

Women’s Renewal

4600 State Rd,

Cleveland, OH 44109

**Make checks payable to:**

Dormition of the Mother of God  
Byzantine Catholic Church

**Venmo** link for online payment:

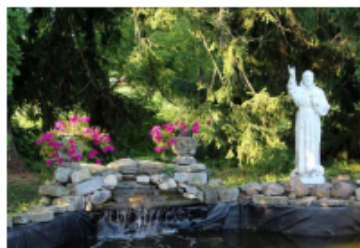
**@Kim\_Kocuba**



**Spiritual Leader:**

Rev. Jerome Wolbert, OFM

Fr Jerome Wolbert, OFM, is a  
Byzantine Catholic priest,  
Franciscan friar, and native of the  
Eparchy of Parma (St Michael’s in  
Flushing, MI). He is a National  
Spiritual Assistant to the Secular  
Franciscan Order in addition to  
serving at the Franciscan Monastery  
of the Holy Land in Washington, DC,  
where he lives ([myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org)),  
and at Epiphany Byzantine Catholic  
Mission in Gaithersburg, MD.



# Pre Cana Weekend

Preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite

**Sat. & Sun. May 4 & 5, 2024**  
**12:30pm - 5:00pm**

**St. John Byzantine Catholic Church**  
**36125 Aurora Rd - Solon, OH 44139**



## **Ways to register:**

On-line at [taborlife.org](http://taborlife.org)

Scan the QR with your mobile device

Call Catherine at 708-653-8344

Email us at [infotaborlife@gmail.com](mailto:infotaborlife@gmail.com)



**Registration Fee: \$200/couple**

*Sponsored by the Marriage and Family ministry of the Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma  
in cooperation with the Tabor Life Institute*



## **St. Nicholas Apostolate**

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 the Image of God Pregnancy Center and 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 "give to the one who asks" (Matt 5:42) is through monetary donations. A donation box next to an icon of St. Nicholas has been 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 he deems appropriate. All donations are tax deductible. We also hope to organize volunteer opportunities 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).

Contact Fr Deacon Lawrence ([frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com)) for more information.

## **St Stephen's needs our working men!**

St Stephen's is your spiritual home. Just like your own home, the parish facility requires regular maintenance to glorify God and cultivate a place of worship and prayer for your parish family. The parish Maintenance Council has organized 1-3 hour work session on a Saturday morning once a month. Do not be discouraged if you are not a handyman! Many maintenance items require the expertise of professionals, which we will contract to perform, but there are many tasks that demand merely time, attention, and a helping hand. Please prayerfully consider joining the men of the parish for a workday at St Stephen's to support your parish, get to know your fellow parishioners, and spend time in holy work. It is an act of love. Please contact Daniel Barillas at [danbar@zohomail.com](mailto:danbar@zohomail.com) or in person at the parish to be added to the communication list for the next workday.

## **Rides to Church**

If you need a ride or would like to offer a ride to others, please contact Victor Jiomkowski (313-930-0801 / v.jiomkowski1111@att.net) so he can help make the arrangements. We are 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.

## **Church Cleaning**

Please sign up in the narthex to clean our church. Sign up for any week you're available to clean and clean the church on any day of that week. Thank you to Betty and LeAnn for cleaning!

## **Annual Stewardship Appeal**

We have just one week left for promoting the 2023/24 Annual Stewardship Appeal. If you have not donated yet, please prayerfully consider how you can help the Eparchy financially this year. Visit [parma.org](http://parma.org) to donate. Thank you for your generosity!

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St. Stephen's goal this year is \$7,300.

So far, 27 contributors have donated \$6,216, which is about 85% of our goal.

## **CHARITABLE GIVING**

### ***from St. Stephen Parish***

*Through our St. Nicholas Apostolate, we donate \$50 per month  
to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry  
and to the Image of God Pregnancy Center (4151 Seminole St., Detroit).*

*Since our last contributions,*

for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$105.

for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138.

for Peter's Pence, we have collected \$40.

for Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$40.

**ATTENDANCE** – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on April 14<sup>th</sup> was **71**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **60**

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 14<sup>th</sup> was **\$2,118.92**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,167.47**

Sunday: \$1656.25; Easter: \$50; Online: \$377.17; Candles: \$35.50

“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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