



# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

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

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Deacon: Rev. Deacon Lawrence Hendricks

Cantors: Daniel Barillas, Guillermo Barillas, Cecilia  
Hendricks, Pani Mary Hendricks, Lance Remisoski,  
Pani Katie Russell, Mary Russell, David Woods,  
Mary Woods



## **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 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

Cantor: Mary R

## Sunday, July 21, 2024

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and his fellow Ascetic John. Holy Prophet Ezekiel.

*9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* John 20:19-31.

1 Corinthians 3:9-17. Matthew 14:22-34.

**8:15am Matins** for Sunday

Cantor: Lance

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

**10:00am Divine Liturgy** – for the people of the parish Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia, Chris, Mary W

*followed by the blessing of cars*

Reader: Mary R

+Mary Novak, from Michelle & Diane Odrobina (7-15)

+James Smith, from Harry Veryser (7-17)

+Melvyn & Josefa, from Sarah Marron (7-20)

*After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. Adult Catechesis – Becoming Byzantine*

*5:00pm – Bible Discussion Group – Joseph – via Zoom:*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89868111655?pwd=a8EeyCdUVW2zo6PIBoLflPw8vutasO.1>

**7:00pm Vespers** for Monday

## Monday, July 22, 2024

⊗ The Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdelene, Equal to the Apostles.

The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop-Martyr Phocas (13th Century).

1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Matthew 21:18-22.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

Cantor: TBD

+Noah Patrick Semak, from Bob & Jane Semak

*7:00pm Byzantine Book Club - online: [meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia](https://meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia)*

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

**9:00pm Compline**

## Tuesday, July 23, 2024

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus, and their Companions (4th Century).  
The Holy Martyrs Appolinaris and Vitalis, Bishops of Ravenna.  
Holy Father Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila. Holy Father Sharbel (Joseph) Makhluuf.  
1 Corinthians 15:29-38. Matthew 21:23-27.

## Wednesday, July 24, 2024

The Holy Great Martyr Christine (c. 300).  
✦ The Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David (1015).  
*Vespers:* Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.  
*Matins Gospel:* Luke 21:12-19.  
*for Boris & Gleb:* Romans 8:28-39. John 15:17-16:2.  
*for the day (not read at Liturgy):* 1 Corinthians 16:4-12. Matthew 21:28-32.  
**10:00am Third & Sixth Hour**

6:00pm Confessions

**6:30pm Great Vespers &**

**7:00pm Divine Liturgy for ✦ Dormition of Anna**

Cantors: Mary R & Lance

+Mary Novak, from Mitchell & Diane Odrobina

## Thursday, July 25, 2024

✦ The Dormition of the Holy Anna, Mother of the Theotokos.  
Holy Women Olympiada and Euphraxia. Comemmmoration of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council.  
*for the Dormition:* Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 8:16-21.  
*for the day (not read at Liturgy):* 2 Corinthians 1:1-7. Matthew 21:43-46.

## Friday, July 26, 2024

Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus & his Companions. Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskeva.  
Our Venerable Father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves.  
2 Corinthians 1:12-20. Matthew 22:23-33.

**7:00am First & Third Hour**

6:30pm Confessions

**7:00pm Office of Holy Oil for the Anointing of the Sick**

Cantors: Cecilia & Mary R

*followed by Great Vespers for ✦ the Holy Panteleimon*

Cantors: Cecilia & Lance

# Saturday, July 27, 2024

✦ The Holy Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon (304).

Our Holy Father Clement, the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Ohrid (916).

*Vespers:* Isaiah 43:9-13 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 5:15-6:3.

*Matins Gospel:* Luke 21:12-19.

*for Panteleimon:* 2 Timothy 2:1-10. John 15:17-16:2.

*for the day (not read at Liturgy):* Romans 15:30-33. Matthew 17:24-18:4.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy** for ✧ the Holy Prophet Elijah Cantors: Mary R & Lance  
*for the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron*

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

# Sunday, July 28, 2024

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

The Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas.

Our Blessed Mother Alphonsa Muttathupadathu of Kerala.

*10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* John 21:1-14.

1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Matthew 17:14-23a.

**8:15am Matins** for Sunday

Cantors: Guillermo & Lance

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

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

Cantors: Cecilia & Mary R

Reader: Daniel B

*for the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (7-27)*

*+Noah Patrick Semak, from Bob & Jane Semak (7-22)*

*+Mary Novak, from Michell & Diane Odrobina (7-24)*

*After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. Adult Catechesis – Becoming Byzantine*

**7:00pm Vespers** for Monday

## 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)

## Stay Connected with Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

Did you know that our eparchy offers a weekly e-blast—a convenient way to stay informed about upcoming events, spiritual reflections, and community news? Whether you're a long-time member or new to our parish, we encourage you to sign up via our homepage at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org).

### 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.

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>

Meeting ID: 898 6811 1655

Passcode: 564524

### Byzantine Book Club

The Book Club is reading

*It is the Day of Resurrection: the Forty Days of Pascha* by Jack Custer

Meet online: [meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia](https://meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia)

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

Contact Fr. Deacon Lawrence with any questions

at (734) 255-4099 or [frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com).

### Save the Date! Focus on Life Dinner

Wednesday, September 18

Grecian Center, Southgate

Speaker: **Steve Ray**, author,  
speaker and travel guide; *Swimming  
Upstream: Living a Christian Life in a  
Pagan World*

Also speaking will be the winner of the  
Downriver High School Oratory Contest

Invite your friends and family.

Buy a Table of 8 for \$320 before August 5; or \$360 after.

Individual tickets are \$45 before August 5 and \$50 after  
[focusonlifedownriver.com](http://focusonlifedownriver.com) or 734-282-6100



*“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

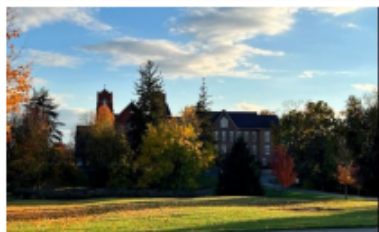
@ 216-337-2673 or

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:

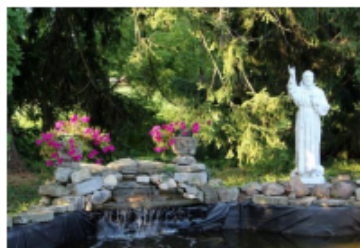
**@Kim Kocuba**



**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.



## Eparchial Events 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NW Indiana Bishop's Golf Classic – August 5, 2024 – Lost Marsh Golf Course, Hammond, Indiana

**Family and Cantor Camp 2024: Liturgy and Life.** Join Byzantine Catholic families from across the Eparchy of Parma from August 11th through August 16th in Cedar Lakes, IN to have some faith-focused, family-friendly fun! This year's camp will feature Fr. Andrew Summerson and special guests, who will lead a Cantor Camp for both children and adults. Cantor Camp will bring families together to build up our rich tradition of Byzantine Catholic worship and enrich the spiritual lives of our families through singing. Alongside Cantor Camp, there will be daily Liturgy and community prayer, as well as plenty of outdoor activities. This year's camp will be hosted at Cedar Lakes Ministries, which has an abundance of on-site facilities for families to have fun together outdoors, including a private beach, playground, campfire sites, and multiple fields and courts for sports. Find out more and register at <https://parma.org/family-camp>.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Bishop's Golf Classic – August 12, 2024 - Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, Brecksville, Ohio

Pilgrimage to Shrine of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio – August 17-18, 2024

New Horizons – September 28, 2024 – Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois

Jubilee Weekend Celebration of Metropolitan Church - October 12-13, 2024 – Washington DC and Annandale, Virginia

Evening of Hope - October 19, 2024 – Holiday Inn, Independence, Ohio

Eparchial Clergy and Staff Conference – October 21-25, 2024 – St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, Detroit, Michigan

Eparchial Women's Renewal – October 25-27, 2024 – St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin, Ohio

## Special Collections 2024

### September 14-15, 2024 - 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 7-8, 2024 – Retirement Fund for 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.

## 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.



## 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, John Marron, Shirley Mead, Michael Mykeloff, Judith Ng, Ron Ostrowsky, Edith Santo, Rex & Ann Marie Stein

## 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.

## 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)*

We donated \$144 to Peter's Pence.

*Since our last contributions,*

for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$225.

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

For Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$100

### *An Easy Way to help Fish and Loaves:*

Google the Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry

Click on Instructions on linking your Kroger Card to Fish and Loaves

A portion of your total will go to Fish and Loaves at NO cost to you.

You can also click on Meijer Simply Give and help that way as well.

Building Expenses Running Total: \$49,949.27

Building Fund Running Total: \$2,900.00

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

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on July 14<sup>th</sup> was **53**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **61**

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 June 14<sup>th</sup> was **\$5160.67**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,282.01**

Sunday: \$2,412; Holy Day: \$10; Online: \$577.17; Candles: \$31.50; Fuel: \$130; Building Fund: \$2,000

“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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