



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 8th, 2024

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Mary Woods

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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 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

7:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday (note new time) – followed by Confessions

Sunday, September 8, 2024

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. Tone 7

⊕ THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17 • Ezechiel 43:27-44:4 • Proverbs 9:1-11.

Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56.

for the Cross: Galatians 6:11-18 & *for the Nativity:* Philippians 2:5-11.

for the Cross: John 3:13-17 & *for the Nativity:* Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

8:15am Matins for Sunday

9:30am First & Third Hour – Reader Service

Cantor: Mary H

Confessions – in the Sacristy

10:00am Divine Liturgy – for the people of the parish
with the Baptism of Elizabeth Czupinski

Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia
Reader: Cecilia

for the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (9-7)

+Sidney, Bennie, Mary, & John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (9-4)

+Mary Novak, from Sue & Jeff Kreft (9-6)

After Liturgy: Guild Meeting, Fellowship & Potluck in the hall.

Adult Catechesis – Becoming Byzantine

5:00pm Bible Discussion – Galatians – via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84569257502?pwd=UVeGgiYPLjE5FsqNitcgE72LHB4bxP.1>

Meeting ID: 845 6925 7502

Passcode: 025083

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, September 9, 2024

Post-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

⊗ Synaxis of the Holy & Just Grandparents of God Joachim & Anna. Holy Martyr Severian.

Ephesians 1:22-2:3. Mark 10:46-52.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club - online: meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia

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

9:00pm Compline

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Postfeast of Nativity of the Theotokos. Holy Martyrs Menodora, Mitrodora & Nymphodora.
Ephesians 2:19-3:7. Mark 11:11-23.

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Post-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria.
Today we also remember St. Autonomous, because of the leave-taking tomorrow.
Ephesians 3:8-21. Mark 11:22b-26.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour & Typika

Cantor: Lance

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for Thursday

+Mary Novak, from Sue & Jeff Kreft

Cantor: Lance

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Autonomus (c. 300).
Ephesians 4:14-19. Mark 11:27-33.

Friday, September 13, 2024

⊗. Pre-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cornelius.
Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord in Jerusalem.
Vespers: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 • Proverbs 3:19-34 • Proverbs 9:1-11.
for the Cross: Hebrews 3:1-4. Matthew 16:13-18.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Ephesians 4:17-25a. Mark 12:1-12.

7:00am First Hour & Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Mary R

+John Lyons, from Harry Veryser

6:30pm Confessions

7:00pm All-Night Vigil for ⊕ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Cantors: Mary H,
Lance

Saturday, September 14, 2024



⊕ THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

The Passing of our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Vespers: Exodus 15:22-16:1 • Proverbs 3:11-18 • Isaiah 60:11-16.

Matins Gospel: John 12:28-36.

for the Cross: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. John 19:6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): 1 Corinthians 14:20-25. Matthew 25:1-13.

10:00am Divine Liturgy for ⊕ *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross* Cantor: Mary R
for Malina & John Michael from Sarah Marron

7:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – followed by Confessions Cantor: Lance

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Catechetical Sunday

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

The Holy Great Martyr Nicetas (372). Venerable Father Symeon, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

6th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53.

for the Cross: Galatians 2:16-20. Mark 8:34-9:1.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): 2 Corinthians 6:16b-7:1. Matthew 15:21-28.

8:15am Matins for Sunday Cantor: Lance

9:30am First & Third Hour – Reader Service Cantor: Mary H

Confessions – in the Sacristy

10:00am Divine Liturgy – for the people of the parish Cantors: Mary W, Mary H
with blessing of Catechists & Students Reader: Erin H

for Malina & John Michael from Sarah Marron (9-14)

+Mary Novak, from Sue & Jeff Kreft (9-11)

+John Lyons, from Harry Veryser (9-13)

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. Eastern Christin Formation Classes.

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7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Cantor: Lance

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		

Bible Discussion Group

Deepen your faith in Christ by exploring St. Paul's letter to the Galatians! The parish Bible discussion group will be reading and talking about this dynamite epistle **beginning today on September 8**. The biggest crisis in the early church came to a head in the Christian community in Galatia, and Paul confronted it in his letter to them--a letter that blazes with intensity and shines a bright light on the deepest level of life in Christ. Grasping Paul's message can be as life-changing today as it was in the first century.

No particular background in Scripture is needed to take part in the discussions, and everyone is able to make a positive contribution. The discussions take place online in Zoom on Sunday afternoons from five to six o'clock. Please join us!

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Byzantine Book Club

The Book Club is reading

Theotokos: Mary, Mother of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

by Archbishop Joseph Raya

Meeting Mondays at 7pm

online: 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.

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.

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.

Eparchial Events 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

Annual Traditional Eastern European Dinner

Saturday October 5th

5-7 PM

\$ 15 per meal

Meal includes

- Polish and Ukrainian Sausage
 - Pierogi
 - Sauerkraut
 - Cabbage rolls
 - Dessert

**St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church
2333 Elms Road, Flushing Michigan**

Questions Call: 810-659-4887



**Sponsored by Blessed Paul Gojdič
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*“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),
and at Epiphany Byzantine Catholic
Mission in Gaithersburg, MD.





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Assembly 2025 – Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh

July, 10, 2024

Preparations are underway for our Church – Bishops, Clergy, Monastics, Religious, and Laity - to come together in Assembly next year - from July 16-20, 2025. The gathering will convene at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana under the name and calling, “Come let us worship and bow before Christ”

Worship of the Lord includes our personal prayer and our liturgical prayer life. It is reflected in our relationships with each other and in the ways we live our faith as Byzantine Catholics of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh.

The goal of the Assembly is to together discern ways to live our worship of Christ today in a real and practical manner while learning from the past and looking to the future. The Assembly will include formal presentations, interviews, panel discussion and round table exercises.

Special emphasis will be given to the distinctive contributions Byzantine Catholic have made to their Metropolitan Church.

The Assembly is a time to celebrate the unique contributions of each region and Eparchy while at the same time acknowledging the unity of the Byzantine Catholic Church in North America.

More information will appear in your parish bulletins and online at the Assembly website: byzantineassembly.org

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D. D.

Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh

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) for more information.

2024-2025 Catechetical Year



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WE ARE STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION

"(You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands..." - Psalm 104:24

Next Sunday, an important event will take place in our parish. The importance of religious instruction will be emphasized. Special prayers for the beginning of the school year will be included during the Divine Liturgy. We will give authority to our catechists and implore God's Wisdom upon them and their students, for whom we will also pray and bless. All teachers and students are asked to be present.

THREE VOLUMES IN ONE!



LIGHT FOR LIFE

THE MYSTERY OF GOD WITH US
BELIEVED, CELEBRATED & LIVED



GOD
WITH US

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ABOUT "LIGHT FOR LIFE"

Commissioned by the Eastern Catholic Bishops of the United States, *Light for Life* presents an overview of the faith, worship, and spiritual life of Byzantine Catholics. Drawing on all the forms of Holy Tradition, *Light For Life* expresses the historic proclamation of the Gospel in **one volume** with three parts:

Part One: The Mystery Believed sketches this mystery of the God who loves us and reveals Himself to us. We are called to make our own the Church's understanding of what God has shown us of Himself and what He has done to unite ourselves with Him.

Part Two: The Mystery Celebrated looks at the liturgical tradition by which our Churches encounter the Spirit of God. When believers gather, we experience the Kingdom in our midst where God acts to make us the "community of the Holy Spirit."

Part Three: The Mystery Lived attempts to show that the world is not outside our realm as Christians. Rather our mission is to the whole world, to call it to be transformed by Christ, as all of life is now meant to be through the power of the Holy Spirit.



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Prayer List

Pray for the healing of John Aral, Barb Barnes, Don & Theresa Butella, Pat Carlson, Emily Czupinski, Elizabeth Czupinski, Lawrence Thomas Dion, Julia Frendo
Fr. Dcn. Lawrence Hendricks, Gregory Hendricks, JoAnn Humenik,
Chris Lauffer, John Marron, Shirley Mead, Kathy Mykeloff, 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. Thank you to all who clean!

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 \$225.
for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138.
For Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$100
For the Retirement Fund for Religious: \$455

Building Fund

Building Expenses Running Total 2024: \$52,911.27
Building Fund Running Total 2024: \$3,200.00

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on September 1st was **54**. 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 September 1st was **\$1,149.57**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,235.55**

Sunday: \$2084; Holy Day: \$70; Online: \$622.17; Candles: \$58; Stewardship Rebate: \$1092

“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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