



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI September 15th, 2024

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Priest: Rev. John R.P. Russell, M.Div.
412-378-0308
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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

Hall Manager: Blaise Northop
(313-637-4555 or 24thecrystalballroom@gmail.com)



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 – followed by Confessions

Sunday, September 22, 2024

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1

The Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope (103). The Holy Prophet Jonah.

Venerable Fr. Jonah the Priest, Father of Theophane the Hymnographer & Theodore the Artist.

Today we also commemorate the Holy Apostle Quadratus, because of the Leavetaking yesterday.

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

2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Luke 5:1-11.

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

Cantors: Mary H & Cecilia

Reader: Mary R

+Mary Novak, from Sue & Jeff Kreft (9-18)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (9-21)

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

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 23, 2024

⊗. The Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John.

for John: Galatians 4:22-31. Luke 1:5-25.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Philippians 1:1-7. Luke 4:37-44.

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

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

9:00pm Compline for Tuesday

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

⊗ The Holy Protomartyr among Women, and Equal to the Apostles, Thecla (51).
Philippians 1:8-14. Luke 5:12-16.

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyna (479).
Philippians 1:12-20a. Luke 5:33-39.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour & Typika

5:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Great Vespers &

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for *✠ The Passing of John*
+Paul J. Seehover, from Harry Veryser

Cantors: Rinju & Lance

Thursday, September 26, 2024

✠ The Passing of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

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 4:12-19. John 19:25-27; 21:24-25.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): *Philippians 1:20b-27a. Luke 6:12-19.*

Friday, September 27, 2024

The Holy Martyr Callistratus and his Companions (304).

Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.

Our Holy Father Vincent de Paul.

Philippians 1:27-2:4. Luke 6:17-23a.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:30pm Confessions

7:00pm Great Vespers for *✠ Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton*

Saturday, September 28, 2024

✠ Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton (362). St. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. Holy Prophet Baruch. Passing of our Blessed Father and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka. Synaxis of the Holy Frs. of the Pecherskaya Lavra who repose near the Venerable Anthony.

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

Matins Gospel: Matthew 4:25-5:12.

for Chariton: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Luke 6:17-23.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3. Luke 5:17-26.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Mary R

for the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, September 29, 2024

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

⊗ Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite (557).

8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18.

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. Luke 6:31-36.

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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)

2024-2025 Catechetical Year



Last Sunday, our students and teachers received special blessings as they embarked on a new step in their journey toward Heaven. Keep them in your prayers, encourage the students and their parents in their studies, and ask God's enlightenment upon them and those who accepted the responsibility to teach them the Way of Our Lord through lessons, activities and example.

Now it's your turn! What are you doing to increase your knowledge of our beautiful faith? There are many resources available at our parish including Matins, our Bible Discussion, and Byzantine Book Club. You can also visit www.Godwithusbooks.org for books, videos, and study guides to help you on your journey of faith!



www.godwithusonline.org

**WE ARE STEWARDS
OF GOD'S CREATION**

Bible Discussion Group

Deepen your faith in Christ by exploring St. Paul's letter to the Galatians! The parish Bible discussion group is reading and talking about this dynamite epistle **on Sundays at 5pm**. 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.

An Eparchy on the Move

A New Cathedral and an Evangelizing Eparchy

Listening Sessions with Bishop Robert M. Pipta

Tuesday, 1 October 2024; St. Nicholas Church in Clinton Township, Michigan
Divine Liturgy at 6 PM followed by listening session with Bishop Robert.

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
Knights of Columbus Council # 17509**

Faithful

JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE OUR
FINAL HOLY
DIVINE LITURGY



Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
1900 Carlton Rd, Parma, OH 44134

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2024
2:00 PM

All clergy and faithful of the Eparchy of Parma are invited to this very solemn occasion as we mark the closing of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist with a final Holy Divine Liturgy at the Carlton Rd. location. This will be followed by a reception at Holy Spirit Party Center.

RSVP

Please send an email to rayokovichs@stmarybyzantine.com or call 216-749-7980 by October 1st. so we are prepared for liturgy and the reception. Thank you!

Holy Spirit parish will be the site of the new Cathedral for our Eparchy of Parma. If you missed the announcement for the New Cathedral Project by Fr. Thomas J. Loya, Director of Missions and Outreach, visit: <https://www.parma.org>

To Celebrate the Second Anniversary of the Permanent *Othonia* Exhibit on the Shroud of Turin at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in AA



St Thomas Parish is hosting

“Carbon Dating and Image Formation on the Shroud of Turin”

By Robert A. Rucker, MS, PE, PE

St. Thomas Parish Hall, Sunday October 6, 2024 from 2:30 to 5:30pm

530 Elizabeth St Ann Arbor, MI 48104 - Light refreshments will be served



Robert A. Rucker, MS, PE, PE



**With the participation of
Dr. Marco V. Ginatta**



Bob earned BS and MS degrees in nuclear engineering from the University of Michigan, and obtained Professional Engineering (PE) certificates in nuclear engineering and in mechanical engineering. His many papers on the Shroud are available on the research page of his website <https://www.shroudresearch.net/research.html>. His recent appearance on “Truth Matters” with SJ Thomason is on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oen0VAX_Quk

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2024 WORKSHOP ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN

“Carbon Dating And Image Formation On The Shroud Of Turin”

By Robert A. Rucker

Michigan Union - **Pendleton Room** - Second Floor
530 S. State St, Ann Arbor, MI, 48109

October 7th, 2024 Starting at 6:00pm till 9pm

Light Refreshments will be served

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Eparchial Events 2024

New Horizons – This Event has been cancelled.

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

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.

*“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

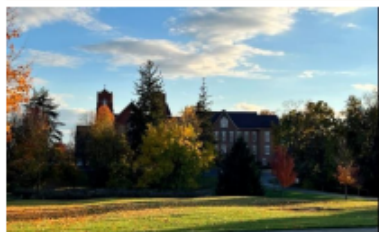
@ 216-337-2673 or

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:

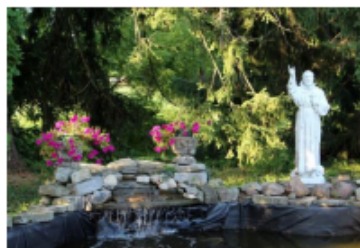
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Spiritual Leader:

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

Special Collections 2024

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) for more information.

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: \$53,398.27
Building Fund Running Total 2024: \$3,200.00

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on September 15th was **59**. 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 15th was **\$1,275.07**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,255.35**

Sunday: \$638; Holy Day: \$130; Online: \$357.17; Candles: \$24.90; Fuel: \$125

“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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