

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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website: [saintstephenbyzantine.church](http://saintstephenbyzantine.church)

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

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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 – followed by Confessions

## Sunday, October 20, 2024

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5

☩ The Holy Great Martyr Artemius (392).

*11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.*

Galatians 6:11-18. Luke 16:19-31.

**8:15am Matins** for Sunday

**9:30am First & Third Hour** – Reader Service

Cantors: Mary H

**Confessions** – in the Sacristy

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

Cantor: Mary H & Mary W

Reader: Dan L

*for Malina & John Michael, from Sarah Marron (10-19)*

*+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (10-16)*

*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, October 21, 2024

☩ Our Venerable Father Hilary the Great (372).

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5. Luke 10:22-24.

## Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Holy Bishop Abercius of Hieropolis, Equal to the Apostles, Wonder-worker (2nd Century).

The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. Our Holy Father John Paul II, Pope of Rome.

1 Thessalonians 1:6-10. Luke 11:1-10.

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 

⊗. The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God.  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8. Luke 11:9-13.

**7:00pm Vespers** for Thursday – Reader Service

Cantor: Lance

Thursday, October 24, 2024

The Holy Martyr Arethas and his Companions (523).  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-14a. Luke 11:14-23.

Friday, October 25, 2024 

Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius (355). Holy and Just Tabitha the Merciful.  
1 Thessalonians 2:14-19. Luke 11:23-26.

**7:00pm Great Vespers** for ⊕ Holy Great-Martyr Demetrius – Reader Service

Cantors: Erin & Lance

Saturday, October 26, 2024

⊕ The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius (305).

The Commemoration of the Great and Fearful Earthquake at Constantinople (740).

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

*Matins Gospel:* Matthew 10:16-22.

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

*for the day (not read at Liturgy):* 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Luke 8:16-21.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

Cantor: Mary R

+Ruth Humenik, from Jim Humenik

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

# Sunday, October 27, 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6

The Holy Martyr Nestor (306). Holy Martyr Capitolina and her Servant Erotheïdes (c. 304).

*1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20.*

Ephesians 2:4-10. Luke 8:26-39.

**8:15am Matins** *for Sunday*

**9:30am First & Third Hour** – *Reader Service*

**Confessions** – *in the Sacristy*

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

Cantor: Lance  
Reader: Mary R

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*Adult Catechesis – Becoming Byzantine*

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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)

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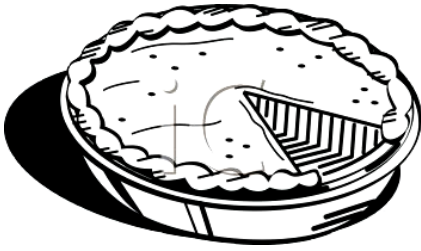
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## Eparchial Events 2024

**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



## PUMPKIN PIES!

The Guild will be baking and selling pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving! These will sell for \$15 per pie. Please place your orders with Louise Dalbo (313-382-6788 or [louisedalbo@gmail.com](mailto:louisedalbo@gmail.com)).

**Place your orders by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Pies can be picked up in the hall on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** after Liturgy. They will be fresh and great for Thanksgiving. Buy two or more and freeze some for Christmas!

## 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!

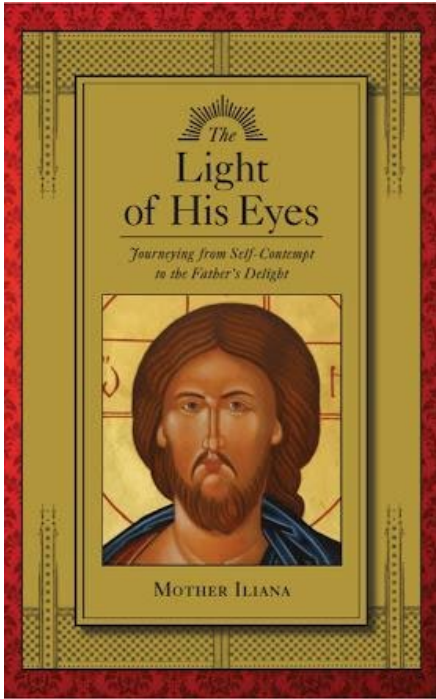
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## Stay Connected with Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

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).



## **Byzantine Book Club**

The Book Club is reading

*The Light of His Eyes: Journeying from Self-Contempt  
to the Father's Delight*

By Mother Iliana

Meeting **Mondays at 7pm**

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).

Join us at Saint Stephen for  
our 5<sup>th</sup> annual



October 31<sup>st</sup> 6-8pm (setup at 5pm)

- ~ Free event for the whole family
- ~ Visit with old friends and new
- ~ Free Chili, Cider, & Soul Cakes
- ~ Donations welcome!
- ~ Sign up to assist or donate items

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**4141 Laurence Avenue Allen Park, MI 48101**  
**(In the Parish Office Lot)**

*“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:

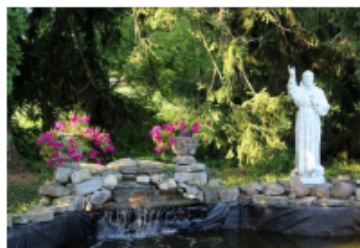
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**Spiritual Leader:**

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](http://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](http://byzantineassembly.org)

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*+William C Skurla*

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](mailto:frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com)) for more information.

## Prayer List

*Pray for the healing of* Anonymous, John Aral, Barb Barnes, Don & Theresa Butella, Pat Carlson, Emily Czupinski, Elizabeth Czupinski, Virginia Dalbo 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, Debra Warila, Helen Wood

## 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: \$3,423.60

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

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on October 13<sup>th</sup> was **57**. 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 October 13<sup>th</sup> was **\$901.67**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,229.85**

Sunday: \$507; Holy Day: \$10; Online: \$307.17; Candles: \$27.50; Building Fund: \$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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