





# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

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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, November 3, 2024** *Daylight Saving Time Ends*

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 7

Holy Martyrs Acepimas, the Bishop; Joseph, the Priest; and Aeithalas, the Deacon (4th C.).

Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his precious body is entombed.

*2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:* Mark 16:1-8.

Ephesians 2:14-22. Luke 8:41-56.

**8:15am Matins** for Sunday

**9:30am Akathist** – Reader Service

Cantor: Mary H

**Confessions** – in the Sacristy

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

Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia  
Reader: Erin

*for the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (11-2)*

*+Mary Ream, from Harry Veryser (10-30)*

*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, November 4, 2024**

Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great (846). The Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra.  
The Priest Hermas.

2 Thessalonians 1:1-10. Luke 12:13-15, 22b-31.

*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

## Tuesday, November 5, 2024

The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme (253).

The Passing of the Blessed Martyr Gregory Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl (1950).

2 Thessalonians 1:10b-2:2. Luke 12:42-48.

**11:45am Divine Liturgy** – *with the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders of St Frances Cabrini Grade School*

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## Wednesday, November 6, 2024

⊗ Our Holy Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (351).

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. Luke 12:48b-59

**10:00am Third Hour & Divine Liturgy**

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*6:30pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers** *for Thursday*

## Thursday, November 7, 2024

The Holy Thirty-three Martyrs at Melitene (298).

Venerable Fr. Lazarus, the Wonder-worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee (11th Century).

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5. Luke 13:1-9.

**6:30pm Great Vespers &**

**Divine Liturgy** *for the Holy Angels*

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## Friday, November 8, 2024

⊕ THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELIC POWERS.

*Vespers:* Joshua 5:13-15 • Judges 6:7, 11-24 • Isaiah 14:6-20.

*Matins Gospel:* Matthew 13:24-30, 36b-43.

*for the Angels:* Hebrews 2:2-10. Luke 10:16-22.

*for the day (not read at Liturgy):* 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18. Luke 13:31-35.

*6:30pm Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers** *for Saturday*

# Saturday, November 9, 2024

Our Venerable Mother Matrona (492). The Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos (881).

Galatians 1:3-10. Luke 9:37-43a.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

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*6:30pm Confessions*

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

# Sunday, November 10, 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 8

The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rhodion, and their Companions.

*3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20.*

Ephesians 4:1-6. Luke 10:25-37.

**8:15am Matins** for Sunday

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

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Reader: Lance

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**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)



## 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!

## 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-s-ia](https://meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-s-ia)

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).

## 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--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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**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,

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 Jiompkowski (313-930-0801 / v.jiompkowski1111@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 Jiompkowski 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: \$3,513.60

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

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on October 27<sup>th</sup> was **43**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **59**

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 27<sup>th</sup> was **\$2,907.17**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,155.23**

Sunday: \$2441; Online: \$307.17; Building Fund: \$50; Candles: \$36; Fuel: \$25; Horizon: \$48

“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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