



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 19th, 2025

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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, January 19, 2025

THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2

☩ Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (390).

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

1 Timothy 1:15-17. Luke 18:35-43

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: Cecilia

for health of Nancy Patterson, from the Richardson Family (1-18)

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (1-15)

+Anne Stein (1-16)

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

7:00pm Great Vespers for ☩ Our Venerable Fr. Euthymius the Great

Monday, January 20, 2025

☩ Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great (473).

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

Matins Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30.

for Euthymius: Hebrews 13: 17-21. Luke 6:17-23.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31. Mark 9:42-10:1.

10:00am Divine Liturgy & Panachida

Cantor: Mary R

for +Joann Humenik on the 40th day of her passing

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

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

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (c. 620). Holy Martyr Neophyte (4th Century). Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila. Holy Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome. Hebrews 12:25-26, 13:22-25. Mark 10:2-12.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

The Holy Apostle Timothy. The Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). James 1:1-18. Mark 10:11b-16.

10:00am Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

for the health of Wally Maire, from the Richardson Family

6:30pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Thursday, January 23, 2025

The Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra (c. 296). The Holy Martyr Agathangel (c. 296). Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council.

James 1:19-27. Mark 10:17-27.

Friday, January 24, 2025

Our Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome. Our Holy Mother Xenia of St. Petersburg. The Holy Martyrs in Pidlashia, the Blessed Vincent Lewoniuk and his companions.

James 2:1-13. Mark 10:23b-32a.

7:00am First & Third Hour

6:30pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, January 25, 2025

✦ Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389).

Vespers Paramia: Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 32, 34, 4, 12, 14 17, 5-9; 1:23 •

Proverbs 10:31-11:12 • Wisdom 4: 7-15

Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9.

for Gregory: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. John 10:9-16.

for the day (not read at Liturgy): Colossians 1:3-6. Luke 16:10-15.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Mary R

+Melvyn & Josefa, from Sarah Marron

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

Sunday, January 26, 2025

THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

Venerable Fr. Xenophon & his Wife Mary (520). Holy Fr. Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

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

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1. Matthew 15:21-28

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*

Cantors: Mary H & Cecilia

Reader: Lance

for the health of Wally Maire, from the Richardson Family (1-22)

+Joann Humenik (1-20)

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron (1-25)

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





5:00pm Bible Discussion – Gospel of John – via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 845 6925 7502 Passcode: 025083

7:00pm Great Vespers *for the Relics of our Holy Fr. John Chrysostom*

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		

Byzantine Book Club

The Byzantine 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.

Prayer List

Pray for the repose of Joann Humenik

Pray also for the healing of Anonymous, John Aral, Barb Barnes,

*Don & Theresa Butella, Pat Carlson, Phyllis Croskey, Elizabeth Czupinski,
Lawrence Thomas Dion, Maria Frendo, Julia Frendo, Gregory Hendricks,
Fr. Deacon Lawrence Hendricks, Chris Lauffer, John Marron, Shirley Mead,
Kathy Mykeloff, Michael Mykeloff, Judith Ng, Ron Ostrowsky, Edith Santo,
Rex Stein, Debra Warila, Helen Wood*

Upcoming Retreat Opportunities

We encourage you to check for more opportunities!

<https://www.parma.org/retreats>

12th Annual Women's Retreat

March 7, 2025 - March 9, 2025

Location: [Our Lady of the Pines
Retreat Center - Fremont, OH](#)

Our Lord Jesus Christ -
The Path to the Father

Retreat Master: Fr. Jan Maturkanic

Contact Joan Washburn for further

information 865-696-7809 or stmarymbhdwomensretreat@gmail.com



4th Annual Men's Retreat



March 14, 2025 - March 16, 2025

Location: [Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center - Fremont, OH](#)

The Beatitudes: The Way of Life

Retreat Master: Fr. Lukas Mitro

Contact Karl Busam for further information 419-626-6811

or karl.busam.77@gmail.com

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.

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. 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!

Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Stewardship Appeal campaign goal is \$320,000. This year's Annual Stewardship Appeal will support the following important needs in the Eparchy: Support of Mission & Outreach; Development of Parishes; Retreats, Renewals and Family Camp; Works of the Apostolate; Clergy Benevolence Fund; and Support of our Retired and Active Priests.

Visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

St. Stephen's goal is \$10,650. So far, 11 households have contributed \$3,804. Let's make that all 71 households! Give what you can. Thank you for your generosity!

Special Collections

Mark your calendars and plan accordingly for the following Special Collections in 2025.

Please see <https://parma.org/specialcollections> for more information.

March 8-9, 2025 – The Church in Central & Eastern Europe

April 19-20, 2025 – The Holy Land & Our Christian Brethren

April 26-27, 2025 – The Catholic Home Missions

May 31-June 1, 2025 – Catholic Communication Campaign

June 28-29, 2025 – Peter's Pence

December 13-14, 2025 – Retirement Fund for Religious

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 Peter's Pence, we have collected \$10

Building Fund

2024 Building Expenses: \$53,398.27

Building Fund Running Total: \$6,063.60

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on January 12th was **50**. 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 January 12th was **\$2,101.31**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,145.39**
Sunday: \$1566; Holy Day: \$140; Online: \$255.81; Building: \$50; Candles: \$49.50; Fuel: \$40
“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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