



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 20th, 2025

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Mary Woods

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Christ is risen! 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

4:00pm Paschal Vigil with Baptism & Chrismations Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia,
Mary R
Readers: Lance, Mary W, Cecilia

Sunday, April 20, 2025

⊕ PASCHA!

Acts 1:1-8. John 1:1-17.

9:00am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy *for Pascha!* Reader: Dan L
Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia, Mary W
followed by the blessing of Easter baskets in the hall and fellowship! (no classes)

7:00pm Agape Vespers

Monday, April 21, 2025

BRIGHT MONDAY.

Agape Vespers Gospel: John 20:19-25. Acts 1:12-17, 21-26. John 1:18-28.

10:00am Paschal Hour & Divine Liturgy - *with procession* Cantor: Mary R
+deceased members of the Marron & Alvarado Families, from Sarah Marron

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

BRIGHT TUESDAY.

Acts 2:14-21. Luke 24:12-35.

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 *no fasting!*

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY.

✚ THE HOLY AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER

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

Matins Gospel: Luke 12:2-12.

Acts 2:22-36 & for *St. George:* Acts 12:1-11.

John 1:35-51 & for *St. George:* John 15:17-16:2.

9:00am Resurrection Matins

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Mary R

+Joann Humenik, from Maryalice Lukas

6:30pm Confessions

7:00pm Agape Vespers

Thursday, April 24, 2025

BRIGHT THURSDAY. The Holy Martyr Sabbas the General (272).

Acts 2:38-43. John 3:1-15.

Friday, April 25, 2025 *no fasting!*

BRIGHT FRIDAY. ✚ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

Vespers: James 1:1-12 • James 1:13-27 • James 2:1-13.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

Acts 3:1-8. John 2:12-22.

7:00am Resurrection Matins

6:30pm Confessions

7:00pm Agape Vespers

Saturday, April 26, 2025

BRIGHT SATURDAY. The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (322).

Acts 3:11-16. John 3:22-33.

10:00am Paschal Hour & Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Mary R

+Irene Durisin, from Jane & Bob Semak

7:00pm Great Vespers for *Thomas Sunday* – followed by *Confessions* Cantor: Mary R

Sunday, April 27, 2025

THOMAS SUNDAY. ☩ The Holy Bishop-Martyr Simeon, Relative of our Lord.
Our Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia (1094).

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

Acts 5:12-20. John 20:19-31.

8:15am Matins *for Thomas Sunday*

9:30am First & Third Hour *(Reader Service)*

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

Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia

Reader: Mary R

+deceased members of the Marron & Alvarado Families, from Sarah Marron (4-21)

+Joann Humenik, from Maryalice Lukas (4-23)

+Irene Durisin, from Jane & Bob Semak (4-26)

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. Easter Egg Hunt! ECF Classes. Adult Catechesis

4:00pm Vespers

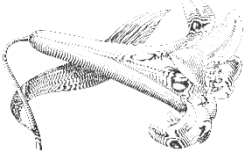
LEGEND

⊕	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	🍷	

Prayer List

Pray for the repose of +Irene Durisin & +Peter Evanuk

Pray for the healing of John Aral, Betty Baise, Barb Barnes, Don & Theresa Butella, Pat Carlson, James Chroman, Phyllis Croskey, Lawrence Thomas Dion, Maria Frendo, Julia Frendo, Gregory Hendricks, Fr. Deacon Lawrence Hendricks, Chris Lauffer, Maryalice Lukas, Brandon Macias, John Marron, Shirley Mead, Kathy Mykeloff, Michael Mykeloff, Judith Ng, Ron Ostrowsky, Edith Santo, Rex Stein, Debra Warila, Helen Wood



Paschal Flowers have been offered in memory of

+Charles & +Mary Burja
+Burja & +Rosen Family
+Anthony, +Irene, & +Jack Bonacor
+Bertha Grega
+John Grega

+Joseph Humenik
+Helen Kowalchik
+Russell Kowalchik
+Mary Polifko
+Andrew Yatcko
+Helen Yatcko

Byzantine Book Club

The Book Club is reading *Bogoroditza* by Catherine Doherty

Catherine Doherty presents Mary as someone close to us, more able than anyone to teach us about her Son. Spouse of the Holy Spirit, mother of Jesus and of all men and women, she is both ordinary and sublime, someone we can emulate and one whose praises we sing. She shows us what it is to be fully human. Just as God came to us through her, she opens for us the way that is Jesus, back to the Father.

All are welcome to join the Byzantine Book Club
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.

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!

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. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Victor Jiompkowski or Father John.

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.

Annual Stewardship Appeal

Christ is Risen! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Stewardship Appeal to date. Your generosity is deeply appreciated! A blessed Pascha to all!

Please contribute to the Appeal today. You may visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through the website.

St. Stephen's goal is \$10,650. So far, 26 households have contributed \$7,723. Let's make that all 71 households! 45 more households have yet to make their offering. Each household should be able to give something. 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.

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 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

Building Fund Balance: \$34,090

April 2025 Building Fund Donations: \$70

Guild Pascha Bread & Butter Lamb Sales: \$350

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on April 13th was **80**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **61**

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 April 13th was **\$3,754.36**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,035.99**

Sun: \$2848; Pascha: \$80; Holy Day: \$270; *Special Donation in Memory of Irene Durisin*: \$50;

Online: \$428.36; Candles: \$48; Fuel: \$20; Initial Offering: \$10

Our weekly operating expenses average out to about \$3,500.

“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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