

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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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

**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)

Cantor: Mary H

**Confessions** – in the Sacristy

**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*

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Monday, April 28, 2025

The Holy Apostles Jason and Sospater. Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus, and Quintillian.

Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov (c. 1182).

*Acts 3:19-26. John 2:1-11.*

**9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Cantor: TBD

*+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff*

*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, April 29, 2025

The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice. Venerable Fr. Memnon the Wonder-worker (c. 250).

*Acts 4:1-10. John 3:16-21.*

**10:00am Panachida for Our Holy Father Francis**

## Wednesday, April 30, 2025

✦ The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

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

*Matins Gospel:* John 21:15-25.

*for James:* Acts 12:1-11. Luke 5:1-11.

*for the day (not read at Liturgy):* Acts 4:13-22. John 5:17b-24.

**7:00am First and Third Hour**

6:30pm *Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers** – Reader Service

Cantor: Lance

## Thursday, May 1, 2025

The Holy Prophet Jeremiah. The Passing of Blessed Clement Sheptyckyj (1951).

Acts 4:23-31. John 5:24-30.

## Friday, May 2, 2025

⊗ Our Holy Father Athanasius the Great (373).

Acts 5:1-11. John 5:30b-6:2.

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

Cantor: TBD

*+Irene Durisin, from Jane & Bob Semak*

6:30pm *Confessions*

**7:00pm Vespers**

## Saturday, May 3, 2025

The Holy Martyr Timothy and his Wife Maura (286).

✦ The Passing of our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Monastery of the Caves (1074).

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

*Matins Gospel:* Luke 6:17-23.

*for Theodosius:* Hebrews 13:7-16. Luke 6:17-23.

*for the day (not read at Liturgy):* Acts 5:21-33. John 6:14-27.

**10:00am Third Hour, Sixth Hour, Typika** – Reader Service Cantors: Lance, Mary R

**7:00pm Great Vespers** for Sunday – Reader Service

Cantors: Lance, Mary R

# Sunday, May 4, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. Tone 2

The Holy Martyr Pelagia (287).

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

Acts 6:1-7. Mark 15:43-16:8.

**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

Cantor: Mary H

Reader: Lance






+Manouk Mykeloff, from Kathy Mykeloff (4-28)

+Irene Durisin, from Jane & Bob Semak (5-2)

*After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. Guild Meeting. ECF Classes. Adult Catechesis*

## 7:00pm Vespers

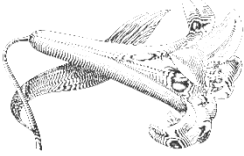
### LEGEND

⊕	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 Evanuiik

*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, Sarah 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  
the Gabasy Family  
+Bertha Grega  
+John Grega

+Joseph Humenik  
the Humenik Family  
+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](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).

## **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](mailto: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.

# Jubilee Celebration

## of the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma



### Who is invited?

- The faithful of all the Byzantine Catholic Parishes of the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate, with the focus on **youth, young-adults, ECF participants and families!**

### When and where?

- Saturday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**,  
**St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic**  
**Parish, Clinton Twp, MI**



### Program!!!

- 9<sup>50</sup> – Registration / Breakfast
- 10<sup>20</sup> – **Moleben for the Jubilee Year**
- 11<sup>00</sup> – Work in groups\*. 1<sup>st</sup> Session:  
*“Teenagers, young-adults, young families and Church: realities and challenges”*
- 12<sup>00</sup> – Lunch
- 12<sup>40</sup> – **Presentation:**  
*“Blessed Peter Paul Oros”*
- 1<sup>15</sup> – Work in groups\*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Session:  
*“Your future in the Byzantine Catholic Church: ideas, expectations, plans, dreams”*
- 2<sup>00</sup> – Conference\*: Presentation of each group
- 4<sup>00</sup> – **Hierarchical D. Liturgy with Bishop Robert**
- 5<sup>30</sup> – Dinner / Certificates / Free discussion



\*- kids will have their own program:  
egg hunting, different games,  
pysanka/icon workshop...



LITANY OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP  
ON ZOOM

BEGINNING 9-10 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 6<sup>th</sup>

From its beginning, the Church of Jesus Christ has been under attack by Satan, his demons, and even by governments. Trying to ignore that reality has only distracted Christianity from its primary evangelical calling. We are all to pray for and witness God's extraordinary grace so that we and others may find peace. We do that at every liturgy but are taught to pray without ceasing. This Church has taught me much about this, but now it is time to move beyond the walls of our church building. The opportunity begins with prayer.

Pentecost is the story of God's movement upon the world through prayer. It was prompted by the Holy Spirit (See Romans 8:26), and through obedience, the 120 prayed in the upper room in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit came with the sound of "a mighty rushing wind" and with "tongues of fire" and miraculous speech (See Acts of the Apostles chapters 2-4). Pascha is fulfilled with the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 p.m., after the children and grandchildren are in bed, we will launch our Litany of Peace Prayer group on Zoom.

First, you will need a pomyannyk, which the parish will provide. This is a booklet for keeping the names of those for whom you are praying.

Second, you will need a copy of *The Pillars of St. Stephen*, a prayerbook to the saints recently published in commemoration of 70 years of our parish serving Allen Park.

These will be available in the Narthex on Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m.

Please consider an offering to defray expenses.

Third, you will need a copy of the book by Carson D Lauffer, *The Healing of a Soul*. Please consider an offering for these, or you may purchase a copy for \$12.99 from Amazon.

God, the Holy Spirit, speaks to everyone. Some need a prayer and a witness from those who recognize Him. Let us learn to pray for them without ceasing,

Don't hesitate to contact Carson Daniel Lauffer for further information. You can find me at Church, or you may contact me through email:

CarsonLauffer0903@comcast.net or by phone: 248-309-1552.

Carson Daniel Lauffer

## 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.



# 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 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: \$110

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

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on April 20<sup>th</sup> was **93**. 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 20<sup>th</sup> was **\$2,566.36**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,044.43**

Sun: \$696; Pascha: \$941; Holy Day: \$360; Online: \$378.36; Candles: \$146; Flowers: \$10; Literature: \$5;  
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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