



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 11th, 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.

“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

Cantor: Mary R

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Mother's Day

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN. Tone 3

The Foundation of Constantinople (330). The Holy Priest-Martyr Mocius (250).

✙ Our Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs (9th Century).

The Blessed Martyr Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila (1976).

Vespers Paramia: Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 1:23; 15:4

• Proverbs 10:31-11:12 • Wisdom 4: 7-15.

4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.

Acts 9:32-42. John 5:1-15.

8:15am Matins for Sunday

9:30am Moleben for our Mothers

Cantor: Mary H

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

Cantors: Mary H, Cecilia

Reader: Cecilia

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. Adult Catechesis

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, May 12, 2025

Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403) and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Acts 10:1-16. John 6:56-69.

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

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Holy Martyr Glyceria (141).

Acts 10:21-33. John 7:1-13.

Wednesday, May 14, 2025



MID-PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Isidore (251).

Vespers Paramia: Micah 4:2-3, 5; 6:2-5, 8; 5:3 • Is 55:1; 12:3-4; 55:2-3, 6-13 • Prov 9:1-11.
Acts 14:6b-18. John 7:14-30.

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

6:30pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy for Thursday

Cantor: Mary R

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. ☧ Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great (346).

Our Venerable Father Isaiah the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Rostov (1090).

Acts 10:34-43. John 8:12-20.

6:30pm Parish Councils Meeting

Friday, May 16, 2025



Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Our Venerable Father Theodore the Consecrated, Disciple of our Venerable Father Pachomius (368).

The Holy Martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia.

The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Vladimir Bajrak at the Drohobych Prison (1946).

Acts 10:44-11:10. John 8:21-30.

7:00am First and Third Hour

6:30pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Apostle Andronicus and his Companions.

The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Ivan Ziatyk (1952).

Acts 12:1-11. John 8:31-42a.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Mary R

intention of descendants of Melyon & Sarah, from Sarah Marron

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

Cantor: Mary R

Sunday, May 18, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Tone 4
The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (303).

The Holy Martyrs Peter, Denis, and their Companions (250). The Holy Seven Virgins.

7th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10. Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. John 4:5-42.

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: Debra

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+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond (5-14)

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. Adult Catechesis

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)

Prayer List

Pray for the repose of +Carl Czupinski, +Irene Durisin

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

Save the Date **BYZANTINE ASSEMBLY** 2025

JULY | 16-20 | 2025
WHITING, INDIANA



The 4th Metropolitan Assembly will take place July 16-20, 2025 at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana. The theme for this event is
"Come let us worship and bow before Christ."

Keep an eye on the official website www.byzantineassembly.org
for further details as they become available. May this assembly be a time
of inspiration, fellowship, and deepening faith for all who attend!



2025 BYZANTINE ASSEMBLY

Come let us worship, and bow before Christ

JULY | 16-20 | 2025
IN WHITING, INDIANA

Looking for an opportunity to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded young adults, and enjoy a vibrant weekend of reflection, worship, and fun?

Join us for the 2025 Byzantine Assembly—an inspiring gathering that celebrates our enduring faith and commitment to God's presence. This is your chance to be part of a Synodal Church, where faith and fellowship come together, and spend some time with our bishops.

★ Special Housing Available! ★

Take advantage of Early Bird rates through May 15!

www.byzantineassembly.org/registration

COST:



- Early Bird Registration: \$250
- Registration (after May 15): \$300
 - Registration includes all food and activities Friday - Sunday!
 - Parish Sponsorship Opportunity: If cost is a concern, consider asking your parish for sponsorship or assistance. Many communities support participation in events that enrich faith and mission. Your presence matters—don't hesitate to inquire!

YOUNG ADULT HOUSING SPECIAL:

- \$150 flat fee for the entirety of your stay
 - Limited housing available @ The Illiana! Reserve your spot when you register
 - Each apartment features 4 twin beds, 2 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, living room, and kitchen
 - Can house up to 6 in each apartment if utilizing couches or bringing air mattresses for living room



2025 Byzantine Assembly; Attention Young Adults!

Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded young adults, and enjoy a vibrant weekend of Community, worship and faith filled fun? Join us for the 2025 Byzantine Assembly (July 17-20) in Whiting, Indiana—an inspiring gathering that celebrates our enduring faith and commitment to God's presence and a courageous faith in Christ! This is your chance to be part of a Synodal Church, where faith and fellowship come together, and spend some time with our bishops, priests and fellow Byzantine Catholics. Discounted registration rates and special housing available! See your pastor about a sponsorship! Visit us at ByzantineAssembly.org. See you in July!



EIGHTH MIRACLE OF MARIAPOCH GALA

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

6-9:30 P.M. VENUE 81 ELEVEN

ST. JOSEPH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

8111 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, BRECKSVILLE, OHIO

Small plate buffet; wine and beer included

Raffle baskets and silent auction

\$40 per person; \$220 table of six

For tickets call (216) 272-6790 or order online at

www.parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch

Proceeds benefit capital improvements at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio



*We are a center of prayer for peace in the world and in each life,
offering the healing refuge of Our Lady of Mariapoch.*

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 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.

Byzantine Book Club

The Book Club is reading *Bogoroditza* by Catherine Doherty

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.

Updates on Clergy Assignments & Appointments

A number of important changes to pastoral assignments will soon be happening within the Eparchy of Parma. These updates reflect our commitment to serving our communities with dedication and spiritual guidance according to Bishop Robert's teachings and his strategic vision. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who have served faithfully and welcome those who will be taking on new roles.

- Fr. Michael Lee relieved of assignment to St. Luke in Sugar Creek, Missouri and appointed rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Parma, Ohio (Dormition Parish, Cleveland) effective 1 July 2025.
- Fr. John Russell relieved of assignment to St. Stephen in Allen Park, Michigan and appointed pastor of St. Luke in Sugar Creek, Missouri and its outreaches effective 1 July 2025.
- Fr. Marton Egressy appointed to be in residence at St. Stephen Church in Allen Park, Michigan and to serve the faithful of St. Stephen Church in Allen Park effective 1 July 2025 and the faithful of Sacred Heart in Livonia, Michigan effective 1 August 2025.
- Fr. Joseph Marquis relieved of assignment to Sacred Heart in Livonia, Michigan and granted retirement effective 1 August 2025 with sincere thanks for his active priestly ministry.

Please read Bishop Robert's Teaching: [*Christ God, our Hope*](#).

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 the parish priest 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 Dcn. Lawrence (frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com) for more information.

Annual Stewardship Appeal

We have just one week left for promoting the 2024/25 Annual Stewardship Appeal. If you have not donated yet, please prayerfully consider how you can help the Eparchy financially this year. Visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> to donate. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Stephen's goal is \$10,650. So far, 29 of our 71 households have contributed \$9,227. 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.

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)
We donated \$154 to the Catholic Home Missions*

Since our last contributions,

for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138.

for Peter's Pence, we have collected \$10

for the Churches in Eastern Europe, we collected \$85

Building Fund

Building Fund Balance: \$34,090

April 2025 Building Fund Donations: \$160

May 2025 Building Fund Donations: \$60

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on May 4th was **53**. 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 May 4th was **\$1,375.36** Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,030.85**

Sunday: \$540; Holy Day: \$5; Online: \$678.36; Candles: \$42; Fuel: \$10;

Donation in Memory of Irene Durisin: \$100

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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