





# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Glory to Jesus Christ! Dicsőség Jézus Krisztusnak! Слава Ісусу Христу!**

**Welcome to St. Stephen!**

You are welcome here. Join us in prayer and worship  
of almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES**

### **Monday, August 18, 2025**

*Post-festive Day of the Dormition.*

*The Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus (2nd Century).*

*2 Corinthians 2:3b-15a. Matthew 23:13-22.*

**7:00pm Byzantine Book Club – online: [meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia](https://meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia)**

### **Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

*Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Samuel.*

*The Holy King Stephen of Hungary.*

*2 Corinthians 3:4-11. Matthew 23:29-39.*

**6:00pm Confessions**

**6:30pm Divine Liturgy**

## **Friday, August 22, 2025**

*Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Agathonikus and his Companions.  
The Passing of the Blessed Confessor Simeon Lukac, secret Bishop (1964).*

2 Corinthians 4:13-18. Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51.

**6:30PM Confessions**

**7:00PM Vespers and Victuals**

## **Saturday, August 23, 2025**

*Leave-taking of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Lupus (306). The Holy Martyr Irenaeus,  
Bishop of Lyons (202).*

1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Matthew 19:3-12.

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

**6:00pm Confessions**

**6:30pm Great Vespers for Sunday**

## **Sunday, August 24, 2025**

*ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2 The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eutyches, Disciple of St. John the  
Theologian. The Blessed Martyr and Priest-Monk Dominic Methodius Trcka*

*11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.*

1 Corinthians 9:2b-12. Matthew 18:23-35.

**8:30am-Confessions**

**9:00am- Matins for Sunday**

**10:00am- Divine Liturgy**

*Join us after the Holy Liturgy for Agape meal in the church hall.*

### **Prayer Intentions: For the Sick**

*"Prayer is the gentle embrace of those who suffer, even from afar." (Pope Francis)*

Please remember the following members of our parish in your prayers:

*Chris Lauffer, Dan Lauffer, Victor Jlompkowski, Deacon Laurence Hendricks, Abigel  
Egressy, Gregory Hendricks, Nancy Patterson, Remisoski Lance Michael*

### ATTENDANCE

*Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on August 10<sup>th</sup> was **58** *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 August 10<sup>th</sup> was **\$1,679.23** *“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).*

## Events

### New monthly event – MOTHERS' PRAYER

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to announce a new event in our parish: On the last Saturday of every month, we warmly invite mothers, grandmothers and godmothers to join in prayer. First gathering: **August 30, 2025, 11:15 AM**. Let us come together to ask God's blessing upon our families, children, and grandchildren. All mothers and grandmothers are warmly welcome!

### 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary Donald & Theresa Butella

Dear Parishioners,

On August 30, **Donald and Theresa Butella** will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary. At the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, we will offer special prayers for them, asking God's continued blessings upon their life together.

### Agape meal -Sunday, August 31st

Dear Parishioners,

Everyone is invited to join in the hall after Divine Liturgy on Sunday August 31 to welcome Fr. Marton and family to St. Stephen. A lunch will be provided for all.

### Parish Workday — Saturday, September 6th

Dear Parishioners,

As our parish is preparing to celebrate our 70th anniversary, your time and energy is needed to make our church building (our temple) shine! We need your help to make this parish workday successful! We'll be gathering on **Saturday, September 6th at 11:30 AM**, right after Divine Liturgy, for a hands-on workday. Nothing too heavy: replacing light bulbs, touching up the bathrooms, getting the hall ready for the celebration, and general building care. This is a good chance to serve God, pray, lend a hand, get to know your fellow parishioners, and make sure the church is looking its best for the big day. No experience is required: just your good work! Hope to see you there.

## **70th Anniversary of Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church**

Dear Parishioners,

With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we invite you to join us in celebrating a truly momentous occasion — the **70th Anniversary of Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church!** For seven decades, Saint Stephen has been a spiritual home, a place of prayer, fellowship, and service, where faith has been nurtured and traditions have been cherished. This milestone is not only a celebration of our past but also a joyful affirmation of the community we share today and the blessings yet to come.

Our celebration will begin with Hierarchial Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Grace, the **Most Reverend Robert M. Pipta**, Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma. Followed by a Celebratory Banquet in our Crystal Ballroom. We would be deeply honored by your presence at this historic event. Your prayers, friendship, and support have been an important part of our journey, and we look forward to sharing this special day with you.

Please RSVP by **9/10/2025** to St. Stephen Parish Office 313-382-5901, [saintstephenbyzantine@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephenbyzantine@gmail.com)

May God grant you many blessings, and may He continue to guide Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church for many years to come.

**Note:** It has been decided that there will be NO CHARGE to attend the celebration. Anyone who bought tickets in advance, please see Victor Jiomplowski for a refund. Thank you!

### **Celebration Details**

2:00 PM – Divine Liturgy

3:30 PM – Festive Dinner Location: Crystal Ballroom, St. Stephen Community Hall

Catering: Veronica's Catering (Please inform us in advance of any special dietary needs!)

Festive Greeting by Fr. Mykhailo Solianyk

Prayer and Blessing of the Meal led by Bishop Robert

- Musical Performance by the Woods Family A heartfelt and festive musical presentation

-Presentation by His Excellency, Bishop Robert M. Pipta

-Sharing Memories and Stories Looking back on the past 70 years – parishioners share experiences and testimonies (Some attendees will have the opportunity to speak in person.)

-Closing Thoughts and Blessing

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Let's Help the Russell Family Join the Celebration!**

We are filled with joy and anticipation as we look forward to welcoming Fr. John Russell and his family to the **70th Anniversary Celebration of St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church on September 21, 2025**. This occasion is especially meaningful to them, as they wish to join their former parish community, friends, and faithful in giving thanks and celebrating together. Unfortunately, the cost of traveling from Kansas City, Missouri, to Michigan is significant. We invite anyone who is able to help contribute toward the family's airfare and travel expenses.

Donations can be made through the following link:

 **[www.gofundme.com/f/bring-the-russel-family-to-70th-celebration](https://www.gofundme.com/f/bring-the-russel-family-to-70th-celebration)**

Every contribution—no matter the amount—brings the family one step closer to being with us on this special day.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Presentation by  
*His Grace, the Most Reverend*  
**ROBERT M.  
PIPTA**



**Saint Stephen**  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY *Celebration*

In Celebration of 70 years of serving Allen Park, join us at St. Stephen's  
for a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Grace, the Most  
Reverend Robert M. Pipta, Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma

**Followed by a Celebratory Banquet featuring:**

- Festive Greeting from Fr. Mykhailo Solianyuk
- Meal Prayer & Blessing led by Bishop Robert
- Musical Presentation by The Woods Family
  - Presentation by Bishop Robert
- Sharing Memories of the past 70 years
- Closing Thoughts and Blessing by Bishop Robert

**Hosted by:**

  
*The Crystal Ballroom*  
— WEDDING & EVENT VENUE —  
(251.051)

**Catered by:**



Sunday, September **21<sup>ST</sup>** | Liturgy **2:00 PM**  
| Banquet **3:30 PM**

**FOR MORE INFO ON EVENT:**

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