



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 25, 2025

& The Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew. The Holy Apostle Titus.

2 Corinthians 5:10-15. Mark 1:9-15.

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

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie. Our Holy Mother Mary of Jesus Crucified (Mariam Baouardy).

2 Corinthians 5:15-21. Mark 1:16-22.

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Our Venerable Father Moses the Ethiopian. Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo

2 Corinthians 7:1b-10a. Mark 1:29-35.

6:00pm Confession

**6:30pm Vespers and Matins for THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FOREUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.**

Friday, August 29, 2025

⊕ THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET,
FOREUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 14:1-13. for the Beheading: Acts 13:25-33. Mark 6:14-29.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Post-festive Day of the Beheading of the Holy Baptist John.

*Our Holy Fathers Alexander (340), John (595), and Paul the Younger (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople.
1 Corinthians 1:26-29. Matthew 20:29-34.*

10:00am Divine Liturgy

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Great Vespers for Sunday

Sunday, August 24, 2025

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

✙ *The Deposition of the Venerable Sash of the Theotokos in Calcoprateia (942).*

Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17 • Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 • Proverbs 9:1-11. Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56. 1st Resurrectional

Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20.

for the Deposition: Hebrews 9:1-7. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

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, Abigail

Egressy, Gregory Hendricks, Nancy Patterson, Remisoski Lance Michael

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for praying with us.

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on August 17th was **79** *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 17th was **\$7,021.52** *“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!

68th 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.

Back to School-Sunday, August 31st

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a fruitful and grace-filled school year we invite all teachers, parents, and students with their backpacks, to Divine Liturgy next week for a special blessing at the end of the service. After the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Marton will offer a special blessing for our teachers, parents, and students, along with their backpacks and school supplies, as they prepare to begin the new academic year with God's grace and guidance!

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.


Cantors' Gathering-Saturday, September 6th

Dear Parishioners,

All cantors are warmly invited to a gathering of fellowship, sharing of experiences, and an overview of our liturgical chant tradition.

 **Date:** Saturday, September 6, 2025  **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

 **Location:** *Saint Basil Byzantine Catholic Church, 4700 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.*  **A shared lunch will also be provided.**

 A beautiful and enriching opportunity to strengthen our common ministry!

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 Hierarchical 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](tel:313-382-5901), 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**

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!

St. Stephen's
Mothers of Mercy
A Mother's Prayer Group



This month, we will be starting up a mother's group, that will meet on the last Saturday of every month

We welcome all mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers to join us in asking for God's blessing upon our families

Saturday
Aug 30th
11:15AM

Address
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BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

AS WE BEGIN A FRUITFUL AND GRACE-FILLED SCHOOL YEAR
WE INVITE ALL TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS WITH THEIR BACKPACKS, TO DIVINE LITURGY NEXT WEEK FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING AT THE END OF THE SERVICE

SUNDAY, AUG 31ST @ 10:00 AM

ST. STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Presentation by
His Grace, the Most Reverend
ROBERT M. PIPTA



Saint Stephen
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
70TH 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 Solianyk
- 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
ENTERTAINMENT VENUE
414101

Catered by:



Sunday, September **21ST** Liturgy **2:00 PM**
Banquet **3:30 PM**

FOR MORE INFO ON EVENT:
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EVENT ADDRESS:
ST.STEPHEN/CRYSTAL BALLROOM
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