



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 6th, 2022

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Cantor: Pani Mary Hendricks



Glory to Jesus Christ! 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 Milan (Lach) of Parma is our bishop. Archbishop William (Skurla) of Pittsburgh is our Metropolitan. We are in communion with our holy father Francis, the Pope of Rome.

“We are Catholics with the common heritage of our Orthodox brothers but in unity with the Holy Father in Rome.” – Bishop Milan

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday & Saturday morning at 10:00am

Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

4:00pm Great Vespers *for the Sunday of Orthodoxy – followed by Confessions*

Sunday, March 6, 2022



1st SUN. OF THE GREAT FAST. SUN. OF ORTHODOXY. THE HOLY PROPHETS. Tone 8
The Holy Forty-two Martyrs of Ammorium (848).

8th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18.

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2a. John 1:43-51.

8:15am Matins

9:45am Procession with Icons & Synodikon of Orthodoxy

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

Reader: Debra

intention of Br. Philip Blazkevych, from Melinda Dewitt (3-2)

in Thanksgiving for Faith Himick's 90th birthday, from Phyllis Humenik (3-5)

+Charles & +Mary Burja, from their daughters (3-4)

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes for All (Praying the Psalms with Jesus)

7:00pm Vespers *in Ann Arbor for 2nd Monday of the Great Fast*

Monday, March 7, 2022



Holy Martyrs & Bishops of Cherson: Basil, Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius & others (4th C).
Venerable Fr. Paul the Simple. Passing of the Martyred Priest-Exarch Leonid Feodorov (1935).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 4:2-5:6. Vespers: Genesis 3:21-4:7 • Proverbs 3:34-4:22.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club – online: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>

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

Tuesday, March 8, 2022



Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylact (845).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 5:7-16.

Vespers: Gen. 4:8-15 • Prov. 5:1-15 & for the Martyrs: Is. 43:9-14 • Wis. 3:1-9 • Wis. 5:15-6:3.

7:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

Wednesday, March 9, 2022



✦ The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste (320). The Holy Martyr Urpasianus of Nicomedia.

Matins Gospel: Luke 21:12-19.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 5:16-25.

Presanctified: Gen. 4:16-26 • Prov. 5:15-6:3 & *for the Martyrs:* Heb. 12:1-10. Matt. 20:1-16.

5:45pm *Confessions*

6:20pm Ninth Hour & Typika

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

+Rebecca Funni, from Emily Czupinski

Thursday, March 10, 2022



The Holy Martyr Codratus and his Companions (250).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 6:1-12. *Vespers:* Genesis 5:1-24 • Proverbs 6:3-20.

7:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

Friday, March 11, 2022



Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (644).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 7:1-14. *Vespers:* Genesis 5:32-6:8 • Proverbs 6:20-7:1.

5:45pm *Confessions*

6:20pm Ninth Hour & Typika

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt

followed by: **Parastas for All Souls**

Saturday, March 12, 2022



Second Saturday of the Great Fast. Soul Saturday.

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophane of the Sygrian Mountain (817).

Our Holy Father Gregory, Pope of Rome (604). Holy Father Symeon, the New Theologian.

Hebrews 3:12-16 & *for the departed:* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

Mark 1:35-44 & *for the departed:* John 5:24-30.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron

4:00pm Great Vespers *for Sunday— followed by Confessions*

Sunday, March 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. ST. GREGORY PALAMAS. Tone 1

The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Fr. Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople (846).

9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31.

Hebrews 1:10-2:3 & for St Gregory: Hebrews 7:26-8:2.

Mark 2:1-12 & for St Gregory: John 10:9-16.

8:15am Matins

9:30am Hours (*Reader Service*) & *Confessions*

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

Reader: Victor Azcuy

intention of Br. Tadey Kherovych, from Melinda Dewitt (3-11)

intention of the descendants of Melvyn & Sarah, from Sarah Marron (3-12)

+Rebecca Funni, from Emily Czupinski (3-9)

11:45am Eastern Christian Formation Classes for All (Praying the Psalms with Jesus)

7:00pm Vespers for 3rd Monday of the Great Fast

Monday, March 14, 2022

Our Venerable Father Benedict (550).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 8:13-9:7. Vespers: Genesis 6:9-22 • Proverbs 8:1-21.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club – online: <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

The Holy Martyr Agapius and his Companions (303).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 9:9-10:4. Vespers: Genesis 7:1-5 • Proverbs 8:32-9:11.

7:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

Wednesday, March 16, 2022



The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Papas (287).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 10:12-20. Vespers: Genesis 7:6-9 • Proverbs 9:12-18.

5:45pm Confessions

6:20pm Ninth Hour & Typika

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

for the health of Paul Baize, from Betty Baize

Thursday, March 17, 2022

 *St. Patrick's Day*

Our Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God (411).

Our Holy Father Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland.

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 11:10-12:2. *Vespers:* Genesis 7:11-8:4 • Proverbs 10:1-22.

7:00am First Hour & Terce-Sext

Friday, March 18, 2022



Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386).

Sixth Hour: Isaiah 13:2-13. *Vespers:* Genesis 8:4-21 • Proverbs 10:31-11:12.

5:45pm Confessions

6:20pm Ninth Hour & Typika

7:00pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy

+Evelyn Fecko, from George Fecko

followed by: **Parastas for All Souls**

Saturday, March 19, 2022

3rd Saturday of the Great Fast. Soul Saturday. Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus & Daria (c. 253).

Hebrews 10:32-38a & *for the departed:* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Mark 2:14-17 & *for the departed:* John 5:24-30.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

+Melvyn & +Josefa, from Sarah Marron

4:00pm Great Vespers *for Sunday – followed by Confessions*

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)



Special Collection for Ukrainians in Need

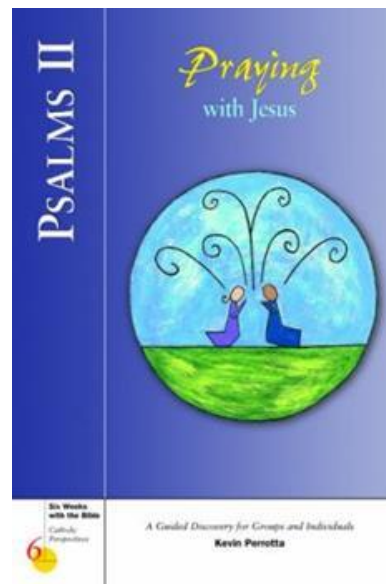
Pray for Ukraine and Donate to Help Support Ukrainians in Need

Bishop Milan Lach and the Eparchy of Parma express sincere compassion for the people of Ukraine, especially as they are now in the throes of war and are actively being attacked by Russia. Bishop Milan asks and encourages us to pray for the Ukrainian people and for the swift end of conflict upon them.

During the weeks of **March 13 and March 20, 2022**, a special collection will be taken by the Eparchy of Parma to help support the suffering people of Ukraine. The money we collect as an Eparchy will be given to Bishop Nil Lushchak, Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo in Ukraine, and he will distribute it to those in most need. You can use the envelope in this bulletin to donate to this cause. Or, you can mail a check made payable to "The Eparchy of Parma" to 5000 Rockside Road, Suite 310, Independence, Ohio 44131 with the memo: Ukrainians in Need. Thank you for your support of this collection for our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Praying the Psalms with Jesus – Adult ECF

After Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, March 6th**, we are going to begin exploring a few of the psalms that Jesus prayed, in order to understand and pray the psalms ourselves and to enter into Jesus' prayer. We will use a study guide that provides brief background and explanation about the psalms and how Jesus used them, along with questions that will help us explore the biblical texts and reflect on what these prayers mean for us. The format of our sessions will be mainly a moderated discussion led by Kevin Perrotta, who is also the author of the study guide. The study guide is *Psalms II: Praying with Jesus*. Chicago: Loyola Press, 2002.



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734-255-4178

Please be aware that these meetings have a limit of ten attendees per session, so they will be first come, first signed-up. In order to prepare for the meeting, please spend some time praying with and reflecting on the Beatitudes handout from today's bulletin.

Survey for Synodal Process

As a part of the Synodal Process in the Eparchy of Parma, we are utilizing a survey tool provided to us by the Catholic Leadership Institute. This survey tool is open to all our parishioners and is an anonymous way for you to share with Bishop Milan Lach and your parish priest your assessment of your faith life, your parish, and the Eparchy. More information about the survey is available at <https://parma.org/>

Event Tonight at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ann Arbor:

Young Adults join us for

Lent in the Byzantine Catholic Tradition



Sunday, March 6

5:30 p.m. Dinner & Talk by Fr. John (in P.A.C.)

7 p.m. Vespers according to the Byzantine Rite (in church)

Join us for a Lenten dinner and a talk by Fr. John of St. Stephen Byzantine Parish in Allen Park as he discusses the Lenten fasting customs according to the Byzantine tradition. Afterwards, we'll head to the church and join our Byzantine Catholic brothers and sisters in praying evening Vespers.

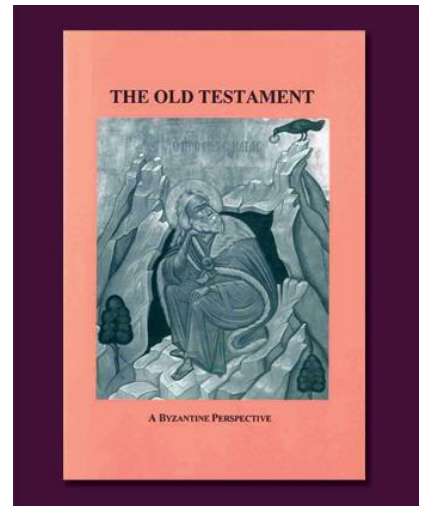
RSVP for Dinner @ stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms

Byzantine Book Club

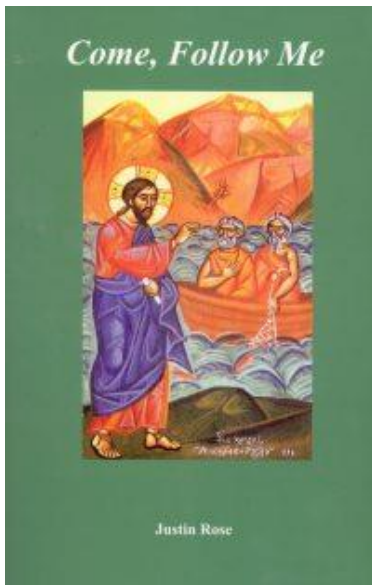
Next meeting: **Monday, March 7th at 7pm**

The Byzantine Book club is reading *The Old Testament: A Byzantine perspective*. For more than 1500 years, the Old Testament has been studied, prayed over and proclaimed liturgically by Christians of the Byzantine Tradition. The Old Testament has nourished the artistry of our iconographers, church architects and hymnographers. In its pages our preachers and teachers have found foreshadowings of the the New Covenant, moral and ethical challenges, and models for pious living.

We are meeting @ the Hendricks Homestead (8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198) or online through Google Meet @ <https://meet.google.com/eyn-qwkv-vrh>.



Invitation to Come, Follow Me



Jesus called his closest followers and apostles to "Come, follow me." We, too, are called to be disciples of Jesus, but this call is often drowned out by the "noise" of our lives. This is an opportunity to reconsider our call to discipleship. We will begin by finding a time/place to meet regularly, to examine our lives, to make choices for the Gospel, and to hold one another accountable for our choices. In time, we will form smaller groups (if our numbers make that appropriate) for discussion, prayer, and support. Finally, we will be given the challenge to share what we are learning with our friends, family, and fellow parishioners.

This 160 page book by Father Justin Rose contains a 20-week program of parish renewal and scripture study for discipleship. Illustrated with weekly exercises and homework.

If you would like to investigate this opportunity, contact Fr. Deacon Lawrence at (734) 255-4099 or frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com



The ByziKids Homeschool Co-op meets monthly at different parishes of the region.
Email Pani Katie Russell at katierrussll@gmail.com
for more information and to join us.

Make Pysanki!



Come and learn the ancient Slavic art of wax-resist egg decoration. These are a wonderful and traditional way to beautify your Easter baskets for Pascha! Learn both Rusyn & Ukrainian techniques. The egg represents the tomb of Christ, from which new life comes.

Pani Katie will lead pysanki classes on:

Saturday, March 12th from 11:30am to 1:30pm

Saturday April 9th from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

The materials for making pysanki will continue to be available in the hall each Sunday of the Great Fast after the Divine Liturgy.



VEGAN BLACK BEAN CHILI

This Vegan Black Bean Chili takes just 15 minutes to make and is filled with all your favorite flavors along with [black beans](#) and [split red lentils](#). It's loaded with over 50% of your daily fiber in each serving and filled with fresh flavors. This chili will fill you up and fuel you through your busy day!

- **Prep Time:** 10 minutes
- **Cook Time:** 5 minutes
- **Total Time:** 15 minutes
- **Yield:** 8 servings
- **Category:** Soup
- **Method:** Stovetop
- **Cuisine:** Mexican
- **Diet:** Vegan

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon [olive oil](#)
- 1 red onion, diced
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon [chili powder](#)
- 1 tablespoon [cumin](#)
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 (14.5-ounce) [can diced tomatoes](#)
- 2 teaspoons diced [chipotles in adobo](#)
- (3) 15-ounce can [black beans](#), drained and rinsed
- 1 cup uncooked [split red lentils](#)
- (2) 15-ounce [cans tomato sauce](#)
- 2-3 cups [vegetable broth](#)
- juice of 1 lime
- [Kosher salt](#)
- fresh cracked pepper

Garnish:

Fritos
vegan sour cream
fresh chopped cilantro
sliced jalapeno

Instructions

1. Heat [olive oil](#) in a [large pot](#) over medium heat. Add onion along with a large pinch of salt and pepper. Cook 4-5 minutes, stirring frequently.
2. Add garlic, [chili powder](#), [cumin](#), and sugar and cook for another minute, stirring frequently.
3. Stir in [diced tomatoes](#), [chipotles in adobo](#), [black beans](#), [lentils](#), and a large pinch of salt and pepper.
4. Then add tomato sauce and 2 cups [vegetable broth](#).
5. Cover, turn heat to medium-high and bring to a simmer.
6. Reduce heat and simmer over medium-low for 5-7 minutes or until lentils are tender, stirring frequently. Add remaining cup of broth if desired.
7. Stir in the juice of 1 lime and season to taste with salt and pepper.
8. Garnish with Fritos, sour cream, and fresh chopped cilantro.

HOLY BISHOP MARTYR THEODORE ROMZHA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LECTURES

Join us for the first annual “Holy Bishop Martyr Theodore Romzha Religious Freedom Lecture.” Bishop Theodore’s courage stands in a long line of Christians who have freely given their lives for the love of Christ and the world that starts with the first martyr of the Christian Church, St. Stephen.

The Religious Freedom Lecture will be on **September 25, 2022** in the Crystal Room at St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church..

The inaugural lecture in that series will be presented by Dame Juliana Taimoorazy who with much of her family fled Iran in 1989 and has founded the Iraqi Christian Relief Council. Through the council’s efforts thousands of suffering Christians in Iraq (Assyria) have been saved and given assistance. Moreover, Juliana has testified before the US Congress and has visited many countries with families who have needed their help. In 2021 she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. You can learn more about her and also see the work of the Relief council here:

<https://iraqichristianrelief.org/>

You can be part of this exciting event through sponsorship, advertising, and offering. Here is how:

1. **Sponsorship:** We need several people and Churches to step forward with gifts of \$100-\$249 (Silver); or \$250-\$499 (Gold); or \$500 and above (Diamond). Diamond Sponsors receive four free registrations; Gold and Silver receive two free registrations. All donors may be recognized by name in the program, if they would like.
2. **Advertisement:** If you have a business or you are acquainted with people who have a business you or they will be able to place an advertisement in the program. 1/8 page for \$100-\$249; ¼ page for \$250-499; ½ page for \$500 and above. If you know people who wish to include an ad please ask them if we might call them and please contact the Church office or Carson Daniel Lauffer 248-309-1552 or Carsonlauffer0903@comcast.net
3. A **donation** of \$25.00 for each participant will pay for lunch, and the expenses for our guest lecturer.

All donations, sponsorships, and advertisements should be sent to the Church office. Make checks payable to St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church with reference “religious freedom lectures”. You may also donate online at <https://saintstephenbyzantine.church/donations/>

*Click the green button that says “Give to St. Stephen”
select “Religious Freedom Lectures” from the drop-down menu.*

For answers to questions contact

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CHRIST – OUR PASCHA

Part One

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

III. WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND IN OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, AND IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE

A. The Creator and His Creation

For Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim praise you.

Around you stand the Seraphim...

(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)

2. The Visible and Invisible World

- 113 The Symbol of Faith points to two different dimensions of the world created by God, the visible and the invisible. Saint Maximus the Confessor teaches about the union of everything visible and invisible in creation. Basing himself on the words of Saint Paul that *everything* was created by Christ and for Christ (see *Col* 1:16-17), Maximus understands the word *everything* to mean the earthly visible and the heavenly invisible, the human visible and the angelic invisible. Having become incarnate, Christ has inseparably united himself with creation in the “body and blood” of his human nature.⁸⁸ All creation, visible and invisible, exists not by virtue of its own nature, but by virtue of the action of God’s Son.
- 114 Angels, the heavenly incorporeal beings (spirits)⁸⁹ “have their being by the will of the Father, [they] are brought into being by the work of the Son, and are perfected by the presence of the Spirit.”⁹⁰ God, as the highest Intelligence, fashioned the angelic intellects. He made them partakers of his inexpressible glory and formed their incorruptible essence. The angels are beacons, who reflect the Light of God. Since they have received eternal life from the Origin of Life, and because they contemplate the eternal Glory and Wisdom, they are like mirrors filled with light.⁹¹

⁸⁸ See Maximus the Confessor, *Questions to Thalassios*, 35: PG 90, 104.

⁸⁹ Prayerbook *П р и й д і т е п о к л о н і м с я* [Come, Let Us Bow in Worship], Prayers for Every Day, Sunday: Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity (translated from Ukrainian).

⁹⁰ Basil the Great, *On the Holy Spirit*, 16, 38: PG 32, 136.

⁹¹ See *Octoechos*, Tone 1, Monday Matins Canon, Troparia for Canticles 7, 8.

New Furnace

The furnace on the south side of the church was no longer functioning, having been damaged by an internal leak and it had to be replaced. It was twenty years old. The new furnace cost the parish \$4,565. Please consider a special donation to help defray this significant expense.

Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the eparchy including seminarian formation and education, active and retired priests, and youth ministry. Please respond with your pledge and payments today! You may use the forms mailed to you in December or visit us online at parma.org to make your one-time or monthly donation.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$6,600.

So far, 22 parishioners have donated a total of \$4100.87,
putting us at over 62% of our goal. Thank you!



Church Cleaning

Please sign up to clean our church. Sign up for any week you're available to clean and clean the church on any day of that week. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Thank you to Phyllis, Char, & Ceil for cleaning last week.

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

St. Stephen Parish donates \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry

Since our last contributions,

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

for the Churches in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$150

for the Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$125

for the Religious Freedom Lecture (Iraqi Christian Relief): we have collected \$865

Image of God Pregnancy Center

Our parish helps to support Image of God Pregnancy Center (4151 Seminole St., Detroit), a place of hope for disadvantaged women on the city's east side for the past 11 years. Their facility provides vital resources at no cost to current and expecting mothers, from pregnancy testing to professional counseling, in Detroit's most underserved area.

We can currently assist them by providing the following donations: **diapers** (sizes 4-6), **Pull-Ups** (2T-3T, 4T-5T), **baby wipes**, **baby lotion**, **baby shampoo**, **baby powder** (no talc), **pacifiers/teethers**, and **diaper bags**. Please bring donations to the basket in the narthex. To volunteer in this capacity, contact Ryan Coffey-Burns at (847) 477-6624 or rmsijburns@gmail.com for more information. You can also contact the center directly at (313) 923-8018.

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on February 27th was **58**. Average Sunday attendance \approx **47**

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 February 27th was **\$1,798.35**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$1,806.96**

Sunday: \$1384; Online: \$379.35; Candles: \$25; Fuel: \$10

“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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