



SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



you!

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Marton he will be happy to talk to you. Please join us for our potluck Agape in the Parish Hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Monday, October 20.

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

Friday, October 24.

6:00pm Confession

6:30pm Akathistos Hymn to the Theotokos

Saturday, October 25.

5:30pm Adult Catechism-Becoming a Byzantine

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Great Vespers for Sunday

Sunday, October 26., 20th Sunday after Pentecost., Tone 3

8:15AM Confessions

8:30AM Matins

9:30AM Divine Liturgy parishioners, founders, donors, & Potluck Agape in the hal

11:00AM ECF Classes

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES in Sacred Heart Livonia

Wednesday, October 22.

1:00-6:00pm Private prayer & visits to All Saints Shrine

No service this Wednesday!

Saturday, October 25.

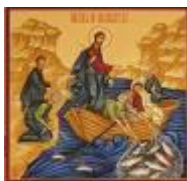
10:00am Divine Liturgy

11:00am-1:00pm Private prayer & visits to All Saints Shrine

Sunday, October 26., 20th Sunday after Pentecost., Tone 3

10:30AM E.C.F. classes

12:00AM Divine Liturgy & Potluck Agape in the hall



Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program: Today we begin our Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program! This program is beginning today in every Byzantine Catholic parish in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. God relies on generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monks, and nuns. The Church needs people like you to pray for and encourage them. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon "The Call of the Disciples" in your home for one week. You will be greatly blessed. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the parish hall on the table.

SAVE THE DATE

October 25th Trivia Night at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart will host a *Trivia Night* in the banquet hall. Have fun testing your knowledge on a variety of topics. Bring a friend. There will be food and non-alcoholic drinks served. Start time is 6 PM and the cost is only \$ 5 per person. It would be helpful if you signed up ahead of time, so that the appropriate amount of food can be provided. The money is part of the prize money. You can come even if you don't sign up. This event is suitable for Middle School through Senior Citizens.

October 26th, 56th Annual Holubky Stuffed Cabbage Dinner

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church 200 N. Van Buren St., Bay City Sunday, October 26, 2025, 11:30 am-4:00pm Take out dinner \$16.00 or 2 for \$30.00., 2lb.container \$16.00 Menu: Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Squash, Corn, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Bread & Dessert.

October 31st St. Stephen Trunk or Treat!

Celebrate Halloween Night with Us! Bring the whole family to our annual Trunk or Treat in the parish parking lot. Enjoy decorated trunks, safe trick-or-treating, candy, music, costumes, and a joyful community atmosphere.

When & Where: Friday, October 31, 2025 – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church Parking Lot

November 9th Parish Meeting

On November 9, after the Divine Liturgy, we will have a parish meeting in the hall. Everyone is warmly invited to join us as we discuss parish updates and plans.

Guild Pumpkin Pie Sale

The guild will be selling pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving. The cost of the pies will be \$15.00 each. Orders will be taken until Sunday, November 16. Pick up will be Sunday, November 23 after Liturgy. Please see Louise Dalbo to place your orders. These pies freeze very well so you might like to order some for Christmas as well.

December 13th Marriage Couples Retreat

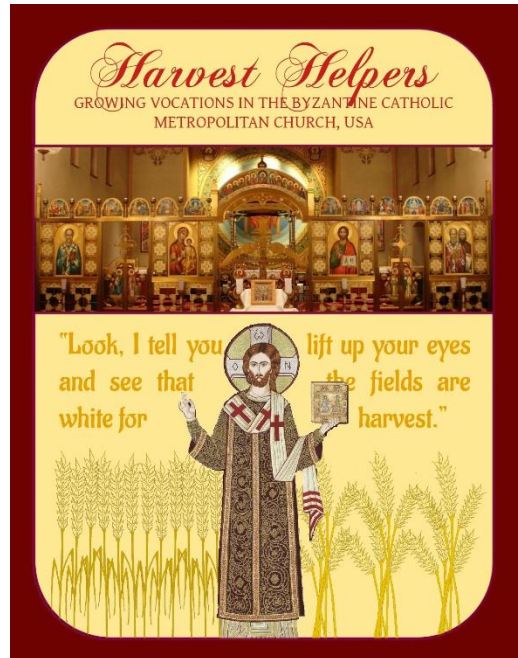
Join us on December 13 in Livonia for a special Retreat for Married Couples. Take this opportunity to renew your spiritual connection, strengthen your relationship, and share faith and fellowship with other couples. More details will be announced soon.

December 27th Koljadki Evening

Join us on December 27 at St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church for a joyful Koljadki Evening! Come celebrate the Christmas season with traditional carols, fellowship, and festive treats. Everyone is warmly welcome! More details will be announced soon.

Harvest Helpers, Growing vocations in the Byzantine Metropolitan Church

This program is now running in every Byzantine Catholic parish in the United States! Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. God relies on generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monks, and nuns. The Church needs people like you to pray for and encourage them. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon "The Call of the Disciples" in your home for one week. You will be greatly blessed. For more information, reach out to your pastor or parish coordinator. <https://byzantinecatholicvocation.com/>



Prayer for Vocations

O Lord Jesus Christ, instill in the hearts of men and women a willingness to joyfully give their lives for the sake of souls, and call them to your service. Hear my prayer and the prayers of your Church: send us good, faithful, and holy priests, deacons, monks, and nuns to lead your people to their eternal happiness. Amen.

ABOUT HARVEST HELPERS

Vocations are every Christian's business! By incorporating the "Harvest Helpers" vocations program in existing parish committees and organizations, a vehicle can be established for the *scouting* of men and women perceived as having Church vocations, and for *inviting* them to think seriously about exploring the possibilities of devoted life in the Church.

Without a concerted effort in *promoting* Church vocations, it can be assumed that most young adults in the parish will never be asked to consider this sacrificial level of commitment to their faith and Christian life.

Faithful Byzantine Catholics who care about vocations should never attempt to create a vocation – only God can do that. However, a few hard-working parishioners can, through prayer and well-planned programs, make the whole parish community more "vocations conscious." They can act as a leaven for vocations in the parish and the greater community. They can also be first among those who are *supporting* the men and women called to service in the Church.

The "Harvest Helpers" program in the parish will open many new opportunities by which God can call workers to the harvest.

God's voice is heard through the Church, and the Church is heard in the words of the clergy, those in monastic life, and the faithful of the parish. It may be a surprise to learn just how many fellow parishioners are interested in becoming more involved in *fostering* vocations to the monastic life and to holy orders.



Kids' Corner – Growing with God!

Bible Verse of the Week:

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:13

Bible Word Search: Noah's Ark – God Keeps His Promises

Find these words in the puzzle: **Noah, Ark, Rain, Dove, Rainbow, Flood, God, Animals, Water, Promise**

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W P R O M I S E D O V E

Prayer for Children:

Dear God, thank You for keeping Your promises.
Help me to trust You even when I'm scared, just like Noah did. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

"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, Donald and Theresa Butellai, Deacon Laurence Hendricks, Abigail Egressy, Gregory Hendricks, Nancy Patterson, Remisoski Lance Michael, Luella

Please pray also for all our benefactors, friends, neighbors and anyone we may have forgotten. Please let Fr. Marton know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS:

SACRAMENT of CONFESSIONS: on Weekdays, Sundays and Feast Days: 30 min. before Divine Liturgy and other days, by appointment

HOLY COMMUNION; for the sick, by appointment, anytime.

BAPTISMS - by appointment.

MARRIAGES - by appointment, at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS - by appointment.

ANOINTING of the sick, hospital visits - by appointment, anytime.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for praying with us.

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **October 12th was 66**. 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 **October 12th was \$ 2,257.86**. “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).