



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 27.

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

Friday, October 31.

8:00pm *Panachida*

Saturday, November 1.

5:30pm *Adult Catechism-Becoming a Byzantine*

6:00pm *Confessions*

6:30pm *Parastas*

Sunday, November 2., 21st Sunday after Pentecost., Tone 4

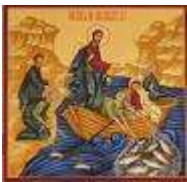
8:15AM *Confessions*

8:30AM *Matins*

9:30AM *Divine Liturgy parishioners, founders, donors, & Agape in the hall*

11:00AM *E.C.F Classes*

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program:



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.

Request a Divine Liturgy for Your Intentions

The Divine Liturgy is the Church's most sacred prayer offered for the faithful. You may request a Liturgy for: **The living** (for health, thanksgiving, or guidance), **the sick.**, **the departed.** Please feel free to contact Fr. Marton if you would like a Liturgy offered for a special intention. *"Pray for one another, that you may be healed."* (James 5,16)

Help Wanted – Church Caretaker & Sacristan

Dear Parishioners,

Our church is looking for a **caretaker and sacristan** to help with the daily care, maintenance, and preparation of our parish facilities and liturgical services.

Responsibilities may include:

- Keeping the church and grounds clean and orderly
- Performing minor maintenance tasks
- Preparing the church for liturgies and sacraments
- Assisting with liturgical items, vestments, and altar arrangements
- Supporting parish events and activities

If you are interested in serving in this important role, please contact the **parish office** at 313-382-5901. Thank you for helping to support our church community!

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

Saturday, November 1 – 6:30 pm. Commemoration of the Departed

You are warmly invited to join us in prayer and remembrance for our departed loved ones. On this day, we will celebrate a **Parastas (Memorial Service)** in the church. Please write down the names of the departed **before the service** so they may be included in the prayers. *“The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.” (Wisdom 3,1)*

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

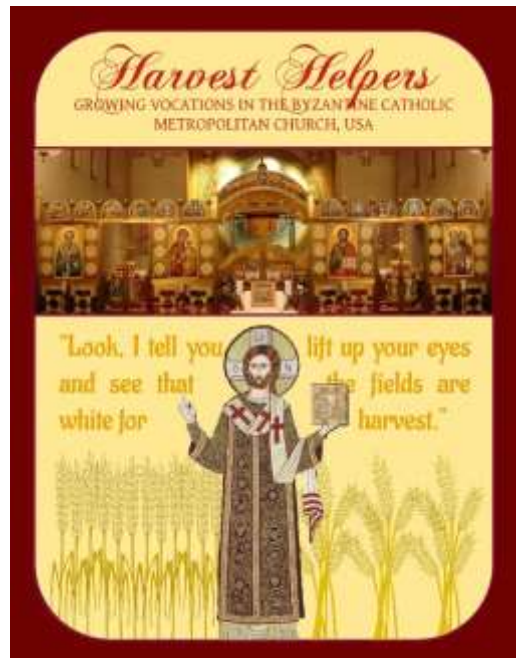
Join us on December 13 in Livonia for a special Retreat for Married Couples. Take this opportunity to renew your spiritual connection, strengthen your relationship, and share faith and fellowship with other couples. More details will be announced soon.

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' Korner – Shine for Jesus! ✦

Bible Verse of the Week:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8,12

Bible Word Search – "Light of the World"

Find these words: **Jesus, Light, World, Follow, Life, Shine, Love, Faith, Hope, Pray**

J E S U S L I G H T L O
F O L L O W H O P E
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Prayer for Children:

Dear Jesus, thank You for being my light.
Help me to shine Your love and kindness everywhere I go. 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, Abigel Egressy, Gregory Hendricks, Nancy Patterson, Paul and Betty Baise, 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 19th** was **55**. 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 19th** was **\$3,124.28**. “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).