

# SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



## WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

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## LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

### Monday, November 17.

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

### Thursday, November 20.

6:00pm Vespers for the feast Entrance of the Theotokos

### Friday, November 21.

6:30pm Divine Liturgy for the feast Entrance of the Theotokos

### Saturday, November 22.

5:00pm Mothers prayer

5:30pm Adult Catechism-Becoming a Byzantine

6:00pm Confession

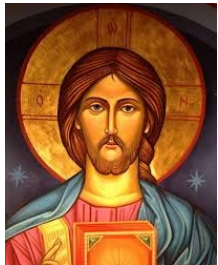
6:30pm Vespers for Sunday

### Sunday, November 23., 2th<sup>d</sup> Sunday after Pentecost., Tone 7

8:00am Matins

9:00am Divine Liturgy for the parishioners, founders, donors., & Agape in the hall

10:30am E.C.F. classes



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## ***This Sunday's Hymns and Proper's – Tone 6***

The minimum proper's (required changeable parts) for Tone 6 are found on Pages 152–153 of the teal pew book. Per the approved *Typicon*, a prescribed Marian Kontakion—called a Theotokion—may be added. Each tone has its own approved Theotokion, and it is traditionally included when the proper's are not complex, such as on many Sundays after Pentecost. **For Tones 5–7, the appointed Theotokion is “Steadfast Protectress,” Tone 6 (Page 426). Therefore, for today we sing:**

- **Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6 – top of Page 152**
- **Glory..., Tone 6 – top of Page 153 (or follow the cantor; exclude *Now and Ever*)**
- **Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone 6 – bottom of Page 152**
- **Now and Ever..., Tone 6 – near the top of Page 153 (or follow the cantor)**
- **Theotokion, Tone 6 (“Steadfast Protectress”) – top of Page 426**
- **Prokeimenon, Tone 6 – middle of Page 153., Alleluia, Tone 6 – bottom of Page 153**
- **Communion Hymn – For Sunday (*Psalms* 148:1) Page 78**

**Note:** Some Byzantine Catholic parishes, including Sacred Heart, observe certain minor liturgical adjustments during the period of preparation for the Nativity of Christ, beginning after the Feast of St. Philip (November 14). This period is commonly known as Philip's Fast. Any such changes will be announced individually by the cantor.

## **LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES**

### **Wednesday, November 19.**

**8:30am** *Confession*

**9:00am** *Divine Liturgy*

**1:00-4:00pm** *Private prayer & visits to All Saints Shrine*

### **Friday, November 21. Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos**

**10:00am** *Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos*

### **Saturday, November 22.**

**9:30am** *Confession*

**10:00am** *Divine Liturgy*

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

### **Sunday, November 23, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost., Tone 7**

**10:00am** *E.C.F. Classes*

**11:30am** *Divine Liturgy & Potluck Agape in the hall*

### ***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.

### ***The Sacred Heart choir***

If you would like to be part of the choir, but cannot be due to timing conflicts, please talk to Michael Nagrant about other times during the week, as rehearsal patterns may need to shift due to the changed liturgy time. Our focus at present is learning English translations of Byzantine-Ruthenian Christmas carols (koljádÿ).

### ***Calling visually gifted individuals***

If you would like to design cover art for the Sacred Heart choir binders, please talk to Michael Nagrant. The design should fill an 8.5 x 11 page.

## *Request a Divine Liturgy for Your Intentions*

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)

## *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

## *Adopt a Family This Christmas!*

We are adopting a family this year — and you can help make their Christmas bright!

### **How to participate:**

1. Pick an ornament from the tree.
2. Purchase the listed gift item.
3. Wrap the gift and tape the ornament on top.
4. Return your gift to the table by December 7.

### **You can also help by donating non-perishable items such as:**

- Canned vegetables, pasta, rice, and other pantry goods
- Household items (tissues, dish soap, paper towels, etc.)
- Personal care products (toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.)

Boxes for these donations are in the under the table.

💛 Every gift, large or small, helps bring joy and hope to a family in need.

Thank you for your generosity!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### *November 22<sup>nd</sup> A Mother's Prayer in St. Stephen*

We welcome all mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers to join us in asking for God's blessing upon our families in St. Stephens on **November 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00pm.**

### *St. Stephen Pumpkin Pie Sale*

St. Stephen parish 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 sign up to place your orders. These pies freeze very well so you might like to order some for Christmas as well.

### *Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Coffee Social in Sacred Heart*

Join us for a warm Thanksgiving Coffee Social! We'll gather for fellowship, coffee, and good food as we give thanks together. **Turkey will be provided** —If you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert, feel free! **All are welcome!** Come share in gratitude, community, and joy.

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Ladies' Meeting in Sacred Heart.** The Ladies will meet after the Social

**Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting in Sacred Heart.** Time TBD — please stay tuned for details

### *December 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Schedule: 10:00 AM — Breakfast & Welcome 11:00 AM — Conferences & Spiritual Reflections 4:00 PM — Divine Liturgy 5:30 PM — Romantic Dinner. Retreat Master: Very Rev. Fr. Mykhailo Solianyuk. Cost: \$35 per person

### *December 21<sup>st</sup> Cookie Sale in Sacred Heart*

On December 21, during the coffee social, Ladies of Sacred Heart will be holding a Cookie Sale/Walk. Each lady of the parish is asked to bake and donate 3 dozen homemade cookies. They are to be packaged in groups of 6. The cookies must be baked home. (If any of the men want to bake cookies for the sale, they are welcome to do so.)

### *December 27<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Stephen and Koljadki Evening in St. Stephen*

Join us on **December 27** at **St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church** as we celebrate the **Feast of St. Stephen the Deacon**, the heavenly patron of our parish! We warmly invite everyone to this special celebration, which will begin with a **Festal Divine Liturgy**, followed by our joyful **Koljadki Evening** — a time of **traditional carols, fellowship, and festive treats** as we continue the joy of the Christmas season. **All are warmly welcome.** More details will be announced soon.

## ✿ Kids' Korner – Getting Ready for Jesus! ✿

### Bible Verse of the Week:

*"Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight." (Mark 1:3)*

### What Is Philip's Fast?



It begins the day after the **Feast of St. Philip** (November 15).



It helps us **get our hearts ready for Christmas** — for the birth of Jesus!



We do this by: **Praying more. Helping others. Being thankful. Eating simply** and remembering those who have less!

### Bible Word Search – "Getting Ready for Jesus"

Find these words: **Jesus, Pray, Fast, Help, Love, Christmas, Kind, Light, Joy, Peace**

J E S U S P R A Y L O  
V E F A S T K I N D P  
E A C E L I G H T J O  
Y H E L P C H R I S T  
M A S G O D L O V E S

### Prayer for Children:

Dear Jesus, help me get ready for Your birthday. Teach me to pray, to share, and to be kind to others. Come into my heart this Christmas. In the name of the Father and the Son and a 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, Nella*

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 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **November 9<sup>th</sup> was 48 in St. Stephen**

*Devote yourselves "to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers"*  
(Acts 2:42).

### **COLLECTION**

Collection for **November 9<sup>th</sup> was \$ 1,374.24 in St. Stephen**

Collection for **November 9<sup>th</sup> was \$2,202 in Sacred Heart**

*"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).*