

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

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 you!

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Monday, December 1. *Nahum Prophet, 1 Tim 1,1-7., Lk 19,37-44*

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

Saturday, December 6. *Nicholas of Myra Archbishop., Heb 13,17-21., Lk 6,17-23*

6:00pm Confession

6:30pm Divine Liturgy for Saint Nicholas of Myra

Sunday, December 7. *26th Sunday after Pentecost., Tone 1., Holy father Ambros., Eph 5,9-19., Lk 17,12-19*

8:00am Matins

9:00am Divine Liturgy for the parishioners, founders, donors., Saint Nicholas visiting us

10:30am Agape in the hall

Kids' Korner – Saint Nicholas of Myra!

(Holy Wonderworker & Archbishop)

Bible Verse of the Week:

"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree... planted in the house of the Lord." (Psalm 92:12–13)

🧐 Who Was Saint Nicholas?

🌟 He was the **Archbishop of Myra**

👏 He helped the poor **secretly**, leaving gifts for people in need

🏛️ He loved Jesus with his whole heart

👦 He is the protector of **children, sailors, and the poor**

Word Search – "Saint Nicholas"

Find these words: **Nicholas, Bishop, Myra, Gift, Love, Saint, Help, Kind, God, Miracle**

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G I F T K I N D H E L
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Prayer for Children:

Saint Nicholas, thank you for your kindness and love for Jesus. Help me to share, to be generous, and to care for others in need. Teach me to give with a joyful heart. 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, James Wilkins

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 6th Advent Ladies Tea

On Saturday, December 6, the Ladies of Sacred Heart will be hosting an Advent Tea after the 10:00 Liturgy. A brunch will be served, and Fr. Marton will give a talk. There is no cost for this event. The ladies of St. Stephen are invited to attend.

December 7th CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL RETREAT in Sacred Heart– During the Liturgy

We warmly invite everyone to join us for a **Christmas Spiritual Retreat**, led by **Fr. Barnabas G Kiss. Confession Available** Fr. Barnabas will hear confessions and offer the homily during the Divine Liturgy. At the end of the Liturgy, St. Nicholas will visit and share gifts with the children. We will conclude the celebration with a delicious communal lunch in the parish hall. **Let us come together and prepare our hearts for the Feast.**

December 13th Marriage Couples Retreat

Join us on December 13 in Sterling Heights St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church 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 Solianyk. Cost: \$35 per person

December 21st 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 21st GUILD COOKIE SALE in St. Stephen

On December 21, during the coffee social, Guild of St. Stephen will be holding a Cookie Sale/Walk. Cost is \$20.00 a container. The guild is asking anyone who can bake, please bake to add to the cookie sale.

December 27th Feast of St. Stephen and Koljadky 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 at **2:00pm** with a **Festal Divine Liturgy**, followed by our joyful **Koljadky Evening** — a time of **traditional carols, fellowship, and festive treats** as we continue the joy of the Christmas season. Please sign up for the event!



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This Sunday's Hymns and Proper's – Tone 8

The minimum propers (required changeable parts) for Tone 8 are on Pages 161-163 of the teal pew book.

Per the approved TYPICON, a prescribed Marian Kontakion can be added, called a Theotokion. Each tone has an approved Theotokion. Tradition at Sacred Heart and other parishes is to add it when the content of the propers is not complex, such as during many Sundays after Pentecost. Thus for today we sing:

Troparion of Resurrection, Tone 8 - middle of Page 161

Glory... (exclude Now and Ever), Tone 8 - middle of Page 162 (or follow cantor)

Kontakion of Resurrection, Tone 8 - top of Page 162

Now and Ever..., Tone 8 - near middle of Page 162 (or follow cantor)

Kontakion of Annunciation (as Theotokion), Tone 8 - bottom of Page 329

Prokeimenon, Tone 8 - bottom of Page 162; Alleluia, Tone 8 - top of Page 163

Communion Hymn - For Sunday (Psalm 148:1) - middle of Page 78.

Also for this Sunday, which is in the Phillip's Fast period before Christmas, instead of the three Sunday Antiphons we will sing the first and second Typical Psalm, simple form, on pages 16 and 17, and the Beatitudes on page 23.

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday, December 3. *Zephaniah prophet., 1Tim 1,18-20&2,8-15., Lk 20,1-8*

8:30am *Confession*

9:00am *Divine Liturgy*

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

Saturday, December 6. *Nicholas of Myra Archbishop., Heb 13,17-21., Lk 6,17-23*

9:30am *Confession*

10:00am *Divine Liturgy*

11:00am **Advent Ladies Tea**

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

Sunday, December 7. *26th Sunday after Pentecost., Tone 1., Holy father Ambros., Eph 5,9-19., Lk 17,12-19*

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

11:00am *Confession by Fr. Barnabas G. Kiss*

11:30am **CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL RETREAT with Fr. Barnabas G. Kiss, Divine Liturgy**

12:30pm *Saint Nicholas visiting us*

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).

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

Sacred Heart raffle tickets

Sacred Heart is currently holding a raffle to raise funds for the parish. Each family has received \$100.00 worth of tickets. However, we would like each family to sell an extra \$100.00. The raffle will be for \$2,500.00. In the event enough money is not realized, the raffle will revert to a 50/50 drawing. The drawing will take place on December 28 at a dinner after the liturgy. Any unsold tickets must be returned.

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 under the table.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS:

SACRAMENT of CONFESSIONS: on Weekdays, Sundays and Feast Days: 30 min. before Divine

Liturgy and other days, by appointment

HOLY COMNIUNION; 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 23rd was 61 in St. Stephen**

evote yourselves “to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers”

(Acts 2:42).

COLLECTION

Collection for **November 23rd was \$ 1,816.86 in St. Stephen**

Collection for **November 23rd was \$ 1,500 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).