Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church

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Christ is Born! - Glorify Him!

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 22. *Anastasia Great Martyr, Heb 8,7-13, Mk 10,46-52*

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

Wednesday, December 24. *Christmas Eve, Eugenia Martyr, Heb1,1-12, Lk 2,1-20*

6:00pm Great Compline for Nativity of Our Lord with Litija
7:00pm Holy Supper with Koljadky

Thursday, December 25. *Christmas-Birth of Our Lord, Gal 4,4-7, Mt 2,1-12*

8:45am Kolydaky in the Church
9:00am Divine Liturgy for Nativity of Our Lord

Saturday, December 27. *Stephen Protomartyr Patron of our Church, Acts 6,8-7,5 & 47-60, Mt 21,33-42*

2:00pm Divine Liturgy for St. Stephen Protomartyr
3:30pm Koljadky evening in the hall

Sunday, December 28, *Sunday after Christmas-David, Joseph and James, Gal, 1,11-19, Mt 2,13-23*

9:00am ***Divine Liturgy*** *for the parishioners, founders, donors.,*
10:30am *Agape in the hall*

December 27 – Feast of St. Stephen & Koljadky Evening

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church

Join us on Saturday, December 27 as we joyfully celebrate the Feast of St. Stephen the Deacon, the heavenly patron of our parish!

2:00 PM – Festal Divine Liturgy

A solemn and beautiful celebration in honor of our patron saint.

Koljadky Evening (following the Liturgy)

- Traditional Christmas carols (Koljadky)
- Warm fellowship and community
- Festive treats as we continue the joy of the Nativity season

Everyone is warmly invited!

Please register by December 21 so we can prepare for the celebration.

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SAVE THE DATE

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!

December 27th Mothers prayer in St. Stephen

We welcome all mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers to join us in asking for God's blessing upon our families on **December 27th at 1:00pm.**

January 30, 2026-February 1, 5th Annual Men's Retreat in Jesuit Retreat Center.
More information please visit: https://parma.org/events/5th-annual-mens-retreat

February 20-22, 2026, 13thAnnual Women's Retreat in Maria Stein Retreat Center https://www.parma.org/events/13thannualwomensretreat

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, David, Alice, +Stephen, Dr. John***

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.

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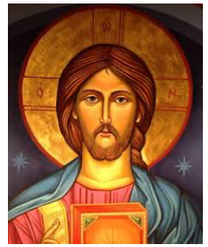
Troparion — Tone 4

"Your Nativity, O Christ our God, / has shone to the world the Light of knowledge; / for by it, those who worshipped the stars / were taught by a star to adore You, / the Sun of Righteousness,1 / and to know You, the Dayspring2 from on High. / O Lord, glory to You!" Dear Parishiners! May the joy of the newborn Christ fill your hearts with peace, love, and hope. Wishing all our faithful a blessed and joyful Christmas!



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This Sunday's Hymns and Proper's – Tone 3

The propers (required changeable parts) for Tone 3 are on Pages 135 -137 of the teal pew book. Music for the prescribed combination of these with the Sunday of the Ancestors is as follows:

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 3 - Bottom of Page 135

Troparion of the Sunday of the Ancestors, Tone 2 - Middle of Page 285

Troparion of the Pre-feast, Tone 4 - Middle of Page 283

Glory...Now and Ever..., Tone 2 - Top of Page 131 (or follow cantor)

Kontakion of the Pre-Feast, Tone 2 - Bottom of Page 284

Prokeimenon: Middle of Page 287; **Alleluia:** Near Bottom of Page 287.

Communion Hymns: For Sunday, Psalm 148:1 (Page 78); and for Ancestors, Psalm 32:1 (Top of Page 283).

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 24. *Christmas Eve, Eugenia Martyr, Heb1,1-12, Lk 2,1-20*

4:00pm Great Compline for Nativity of Our Lord with Litija

Thursday, December 25. *Christmas-Birth of Our Lord, Gal 4,4-7, Mt 2,1-12*

11:*30am Divine Liturgy for Nativity of Our Lord*

Friday, December 26. *Synaxis of the Theotokos, Heb 2,11-18, Mt 2,13-23*

9:00*am Divine Liturgy for Synaxis of the Theotokos*

Saturday, December 27. *Stephen Protomartyr, Acts 6,8-7,5 & 47-60, Mt 21,33-42*

9:00am Divine Liturgy for +John Orlyk &Lawrence Carzon

2:00pm Divine Liturgy for St. Stephen Protomartyr in St. Stepehen Allen Park

3:30pm Koljadky evening in Allen Park

Sunday, December 28, *Sunday after Christmas-David, Joseph and James, Gal, 1,11-19, Mt 2,13-23*

11:30am *Divine Liturgy* *for the parishioners, founders, donors.,*

12:30pm *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 (koljádŷ).

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.

Death notice in the Sacred Heart

Dianne Rosalind Pierson, longtime parishioner of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church passed away on November 30, 2025 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Michael (Mike) Pierson. She is preceded in death by her daughter, René Marie Pierson, and son, Eric John Pierson. May her memory be eternal. A private funeral was held.

Now enrolling! St. Anselm Catholic School

We are a small close-knit community and offer a faith-based education for students in Preschool to 8th grade. With individualized attention in our core and special subjects, our students are well-prepared to attend any of the top high schools in the area. Our school is committed to maintaining a strong Catholic identity with weekly all school mass, and a comprehensive religious education program to prepare students for sacraments during school hours.

To schedule a building tour for your family, and a shadow day for your student, please call our main office at 313-563-3430 or email Principal Brian Owens at bowens@saintanselmschool.org

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 **December 14th was 64 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 **December 14th** was **$ 1,909.79 in St. Stephen**

Collection for **December 14th** was **$ 2,146.05 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)