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Christ is Born! - Glorify Him! Krisztus Születik! - Dicsőítsétek!



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!

Schedule of Services

December 29 - January 4, 2025/26

Monday, December 29. *Holy Innocents Martyrs, Heb 8,7-13, Mk 10,46-52*

6:30pm *Divine Liturgy in St. Stephen for + Robert Dubensky*

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

Wednesday, December 31. *Melany Venerable, Heb 10,1-18, Mk 11,23-26*

10:00am *Divine Liturgy (St Basil) for The Circumcision & St Basil* in St. Stephen

4:00pm *Divine Liturgy (St Basil) for The Circumcision & St Basil* in Sacred Heart

Becoming Byzantine

Come and see.

“Taste and see that the Lord is good.” (Psalm 34:8)

Discover the Beauty of the Byzantine Catholic Faith

Have you ever wondered what it means to be **Byzantine Catholic**?

The Byzantine Catholic Church is fully Catholic and in communion with Rome, while living the ancient Christian tradition of the East. Our spirituality, worship, and theology are deeply rooted in the early Church and expressed through rich liturgy, sacred chant, icons, and a strong sense of community.

What Does It Mean to Be Byzantine?

- **Worship** centered on the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- **Prayer with the whole Church** – body, mind, and soul
- **Theology sung, not just spoken**
- **Icons as windows into heaven**
- **A lived faith** passed down through tradition and daily prayer

Who Is This For?

- Those curious about the Byzantine Catholic Church
- Anyone seeking to grow in faith and understanding of the early Church

What You Will Learn

- The history and identity of the Byzantine Catholic Church
- The Divine Liturgy and the Sacraments
- Eastern Christian spirituality and prayer
- How to become Byzantine Catholic (canonical transfer, if applicable)



Classes from January



Contact: 419-269-7585

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,

Dear Brothers and Sisters! In the **Byzantine tradition**, it is customary around the Feast of **Theophany** to bless our homes. During this holy season, we ask God's blessing upon our houses and families, praying for peace, health, and protection throughout the coming year. We warmly invite those who wish to have their homes blessed to **please sign up** on the designated list / in the sacristy. Kindly register in advance so that visits may be scheduled accordingly. May the blessing of the Lord remain upon your homes and families.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 11 Parish meeting in Sacred Heart

Sunday, January 18 the *Ladies* will meet after the Social

Saturday, February 7, Charity Ball in Sacred Heart, beginning at 4:00 PM with Divine Liturgy. Details will be posted soon!

January 30 - February 1 5th Annual *Men's Retreat* to be held at the Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Road, Parma, Ohio. Deadline to register is January 9. Retreat Master is Fr. Jan Maturkanic. Contact Karl Busam at karl.busam77@gmail.com for brochure and schedule.

February 20-22 13th Annual *Women's Retreat* to be held at Maria Stein Retreat Center 2365 St Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH 45860 The Retreat Master is Fr. Joseph Loya, OSA, PhD. Details to follow when announced. contact Joan Washburn at stmarymbhdwomensretreat@gmail.com

Saturday, January 3. Saturday Before the Theophany, 1 TIM 3,13-16 & 4,1-5, Mt 3,1-6

10:00am *Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart*

4:00pm *Vespers for Sunday in St. Stephen*

Sunday, January 4. Sunday before the Theophany, Synaxis of the seventy Disciples – Father Theoktistos, 2 Timothy 4,5-8, Mark 1, 1-8

8:30am *Confession*

8:40am 3rd Hour

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

11:30am *Divine Liturgy* for the parishioners, founders, donors., & Agape in the hall in Sacred Heart

This Sunday's Hymns and Propers - Tone 4

Sunday After the Nativity, Commemorations of Saints Joseph, David the King, and James - Tone 4. A summary of the prescribed liturgical hymns is on Pages 302-305 in the teal pew book. Specific instructions and printed music are as follows:

First and Second Antiphons - Top of Page 289. **Post-festive Third Antiphon** - Top of Page 295.

The priest intones, "Wisdom Be Attentive!" Respond with the following series of hymns, without pausing:

Post-festive Entrance Hymn - Middle of Page 295

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 4 - Top of Page 141

Troparion of Nativity, Tone 4 - Top of Page 290

Troparion [of Saints], Tone 2 - Middle of Page 303

Glory...Now and Ever..., Tone 3 - Middle of Page 136 (or follow cantor)

Kontakion [of Saints], Tone 3 - Bottom of Page 303

Prokeimenon - Middle of Page 142 with verse, then Prokeimenon - Middle of Page 304

Alleluia - Middle of Page 304 with verses.

Tradition After Gospel: Troparion of Nativity, Tone 4 - Top of Page 290

Cherubic Hymn - Middle of Page 292. Note: Melody same as carol "Wondrous News to All the Earth..." After Words of Institution after priest intones, "Offering you your own, from your own, always and everywhere," sing Anamnesis Acclimation - Top of Page 293. Note: Same melody as above carol. **Instead of "It is Truly Proper..."** - Middle of Page 293: Magnification (Extol...) and Irmos



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 **December 21th was 58 in St. Stephen**

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

COLLECTION

Collection for **December 21th** was \$ 4,330 in **St. Stephen**

Collection for **December 21th was \$ 7,018.13 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)*