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Christ is Risen! -Indeed, He is Risen! Feltámadt Krisztus! -Valóban Feltámadt!

Христос Воскресе! -Воістину Воскресе!

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!



Fourth Paschal Sunday; Sunday of the Paralytic Man

The prescribed changeable parts (propers) are listed on Pages 181-183 of the teal pew book. Specifically for today:

Troparion of Resurrection: Tone 3, Top of Page 181. **Glory...** (without Now and Ever...), Tone 3, Top of Page 137, or Follow Cantor. **Kontakion (of Paralytic)**, Tone 3, Middle of Page 181.

Now and Ever...., Tone 8, Middle of Page 162, or Follow Cantor.

Kontakion (of Pascha), Tone 8, Top of Page 182.

Prokeimenon: Middle of Page 182 with verse. **Alleluia:** Bottom of Page 182 with verses.

Instead of "It is Truly Proper...": "The Angel Exclaimed...Shine in Splendor...": Page 167.

Our Father: Melody from Resurrection Matins - Follow cantor.

Communion Hymns: Of Pascha: Middle of Page 168; Of Sunday, Page 78.

Short Responses at Dismissal: Middle of Page 177, follow cantor.

Kids' Corner

Dear Children,

Christ is Risen! Welcome to our Kids' Corner. We are happy you are here today.

This Sunday's Gospel

Today we hear about **the Paralytic Man**. A man had been sick for many years and could not walk. He was lying near the pool, hoping to be healed. Jesus saw him and asked: **"Do you want to be made well?"** Then Jesus said to him: **"Rise, take up your bed, and walk."** At once, the man was healed! He stood up, carried his bed, and walked. Jesus showed His great love and power. He cares for us when we are sick, sad, or struggling.

Word Search Challenge

Can you find these words?

JESUS, HEAL, WALK, POOL, BED, FAITH, JOY, RISE, LOVE, HOPE, MERCY

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

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for loving and helping people. Heal my heart, help me trust You, and teach me to help others. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Good Deed Challenge

This week try to:

- Help someone who is tired or sad
- Pray for someone who is sick
- Be patient and kind
- Thank Jesus every day

Schedule of Services

April 27- May 3, 2026

Monday, April 27., *Simeon Bishop-Martyr, Acts 10,1-16, Jn6,56-69*

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

Wednesday, April 28., *Mid-Pentecost, Acts 14,6-18, Jn7,1-13*

1:00pm-4:00pm *Silent Prayer & Visit the Shrine in Sacred Heart*

Saturday, May 2, *Athanasius the Great Patriarch, Acts 12,1-11, Jn8,31*

9:30am Confession

10:00am Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart

11:00am-12:00pm *Silent Prayer & Visit the Shrine in Sacred Heart*

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, *May 3., Acts11,19-26&29-30., Jn4,5-42*

8:00am - *Resurrection Matins in St. Stephen*

8:30am - *Divine Liturgy in St. Stephen*

10:00am *E.C.F. Classes in Sacred Heart*

11:30am - *Divine Liturgy & Fellowship in the hall in Sacred Heart*

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)

Pray for Peace and Our Church's Future

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us join in prayer **for peace in the world**, especially for countries affected by war, that peace may come swiftly. We also ask the Holy Spirit to guide **our Church and parish in the days ahead**, strengthening our faith and unity. These intentions will be included in every Divine Liturgy, so that we may all share in God's mercy and guidance.

Stewardship 2025-2026: This year's Stewardship Appeal officially runs through May 31, 2026.

All parishioners within the Eparchy of Parma should have received Stewardship Appeal information in the mail by now. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact Fr. Marton so that he can provide you with the pertinent information, and confirm that your address information is listed correctly with the Eparchy. This year's Stewardship Appeal will support the following important needs in the Eparchy: Sustaining our Parishes; Caring for our Clergy; Nurturing Vocations; Preserving our Faith for the Future; and Extending Christ's Love and Renewal as we continue our Lord's mission. Please visit parma.org/stewardship-appeal for more information and to make secure, one-, or monthly donations through the website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign. Bishop Robert's goal is 100% household participation.

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:

Living and Sick: 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, Betty, Julia, Marielies, George, Sugars, Richard and Elaine Baranko, Guillermo, Christine, Rosario, Nicodemus, Mary Alice, Virginia Thome Weber, Debra Grega.

Deceased + Paul Sugars +Helen Moehler, +Edith Santo + David Hindenburg

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

May 2-3, 2026, Spring Pre-Cana Program (marriage preparation): *There is still space available for our Spring Pre-Cana that will take place May 2-3, 2026, at St. John Parish in Solon, OH! Please visit taborlife.org/spring-pre-cana/ for more information.*

Sunday, May 3rd., 8:30 am Divine Liturgy in St. Stephen and parish meeting

Thursday, May 7th, *National Day of Prayer. Join us at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church as we unite with Christians across the nation for the National Day of Prayer. We will celebrate the Akathist Service at 6:30 PM as we lift our hearts to God in prayer. Our prayers will be especially offered for peace in the world, in our communities, and in our families. All are warmly invited to come and pray with us.*

Sunday, May 10th *Mother's Day, we will pray for the mothers at the Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, May 16th 6-9:30pm 9th Annual Miracle of Mariapoch Gala

Sunday, May 17th 11:30am Divine Liturgy in St. Stephen and parish meeting

Friday, May 22nd 6:30pm Vespers and Victuals (Young Adults) in Sacred Heart

Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26, 20256. Dates have been set for the Sacred Heart Church Rummage Sale!

All parishioners are encouraged to help with the sale.

We need men, women, and teens to help:

- set up and take down tables and tents
- help with checkout / take money
- straighten and organize items on tables
- help customers carry heavy items to their car
- answer questions and assist customers
- keep an eye on things during the sale

Donations from parishioners will be accepted on **Sundays, beginning May 3.** Only CLEAN items in good condition, please. NO CLOTHING. Please contact Jane Watters with questions. 248-982-3713.

July 9-12, 2026, Byzantine Youth Rally will take place at John Carroll University in Cleveland, OH:

The Byzantine Youth Rally provides Eastern Catholic faith formation and fraternity for all teens (ages 13-18) growing up in the Byzantine Catholic tradition. This is an opportunity to make new friends, form lasting relationships, pray, grow spiritually, listen to inspiring talks from our Byzantine Catholic leaders, support one another in the Faith, and just have fun! The cost to attend the rally is \$380/person, although there are sibling and early bird registration discounts. There are also volunteer and chaperone opportunities for parents and others that want to help. For more information, including registration details, please check out the Eparchial website: parma.org/byzan&ne-youth-rally.

October 19-22, 2026, Eparchial Assembly in Columbus, Ohio:

The formal Assembly will be held October 19-22, 2026, but attendance will be by invitation only. Pre-assembly October 17-19, all are invited.

Sunday of the Paralytic

Jn5,1-15

The fourth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Byzantine Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5,1-15.



Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic

The icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic depicts the biblical story of the Christ healing the paralytic. Our Lord, accompanied by His disciples, is shown blessing the paralytic. The man has risen and taken up his bed as commanded by Christ. The paralytic is bowing toward the Lord in reverence and in gratitude for the great miracle that has been done. In the background of the icon is the pool where the infirmed came for healing.

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 **April 19th was 32 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **April 19th was 55 in St. Sacred Heart**

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

COLLECTION

Weekly Donation **was \$ 885.19 in St. Stephen**

Weekly Donation **was \$ 1,112.3 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)