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**Christ is Risen! -Indeed, He is Risen! Feltámadt Krisztus! -Valóban Feltámadt!  
Христос Воскресе! -Воистину 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!

### Fifth Paschal Sunday; Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The prescribed changeable parts (propers) are listed on Pages 186-188 of the teal pew book. Specifically for today:

**Troparion of Resurrection**, Tone 4, Top of Page 186. **Troparion of Mid-Pentecost**, Tone 8, Middle of Page 186. **Glory** (only)...., Tone 8: Middle of Page 162, or Follow Cantor.

**Kontakion of Samaritan Woman**, Tone 8, Top of Page 187. **Now and Ever....**, Tone 4, Near top of Page 142, or Follow Cantor. **Kontakion of Mid-Pentecost**, Tone 4, Middle of Page 187.

**Prokeimenon**: Top of Page 188. **Alleluia**: Middle of Page 188.

**Instead of "It is Truly Proper..."**: Magnification and Irmos, Top and middle of Page 167.

**Our Father**: Resurrection Matins Melody - Follow Cantor.

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



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# 2025-2026

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## Schedule of Services

May 4-10, 2026

Monday, May 4. *5<sup>th</sup> Paschal Week, Pelagia Martyr, Acts 12,12-17, Jn 8,42-51*

10:00am Divine Liturgy in St. Stephen (+ Mike Mykeloff)

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

Wednesday, May 6. *Job Venerable, Acts 13,13-24, Jn6,5-14*

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

6:30pm Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart

Thursday, May 7. *National Day of Prayer, Appearance of the Sign of the Cross, Acts 14,20-15,4, Jn9,39-10,9*

6:30pm Akathist in Sacred Heart

Saturday, May 9. *Translation of the Relics of Nicholas of Myra, Acts 15,35-41, Jn10,27-38*

9:30am Confession

10:00am Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart

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

3:30pm Confession in St. Stephen

4:00pm Vespers in St. Stephen

Sunday of the Man born blind. *May 10., Mother's Day, Acts 16,16-34, Jn9,1-38*

8:30am – *Moleben for Mother's Day*

9:00am - *Divine Liturgy and Agape in the Hall in St. Stephen*

11:30am - *Divine Liturgy & Moleben for Mother's Day & Agape 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](http://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, John Michalski, Sarah Maron*

*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

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. *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 10<sup>th</sup> *Mother's Day, we will pray for the mothers at the Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> *6-9:30pm 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Miracle of Mariapoch Gala*

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** 11:30am Divine Liturgy in St. Stephen and parish meeting

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart and the baptism of Charles Gabriel Woods

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** 6:30pm Vespers and Victuals (Young Adults) in Sacred Heart

**Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26, 2026**, 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](http://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 Samaritan Woman**

**John 4:5-42**



The fifth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Byzantine Church as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint John 4:5-42.

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ,

bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king. When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed. Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> was 44 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **April 26<sup>th</sup> was 70 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 **\$ 2,668.53 in St. Stephen**

Weekly Donation was **\$ 3,232.3 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)*