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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!

Sixth Paschal Sunday; Sunday of the Man Born Blind & Feast of Apostle Simon

The prescribed propers for the Man Born Blind are listed on Pages 189-191 of the teal pew book. Totally for today:

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5, Top of Page 189; **Troparion of Apostle Simon**, Tone 3, Middle of Page 368; **Glory** (only)..., Tone 4: Top of Page 142, or Follow Cantor;

Kontakion of the Man Born Blind, Tone 4, Middle of Page 189; **Now and Ever....**, Tone 8: Middle of Page 162, or Follow Cantor; **Kontakion of Pascha**, Tone 8, Bottom of Page 189;

Prokeimenon: Middle of Page 190 with verse, then Middle of Page 369 without verse;

Alleluia: Near Bottom of Page 190 with verses, then Bottom of Page 369 with verses;

Instead of "It is Truly Proper...": Magnification (The Angel) and Irmos (Shine in Splendor), Top and middle of Page 167; **Our Father**: Melody from Resurrection Matins, Follow Cantor;

Communion Hymns: of Pascha, Middle of Page 168; of Sunday, Middle of Page 78; and of Apostle Simon, Top of Page 370; **Short Hymns at Dismissal**: Middle of Page 177, follow cantor.



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The Byzantine Catholic
Eparchy of Parma Foundation
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June 14 Parish Celebration

Parish Feast Day & Graduate Picnic

Join us for a joyful and solemn celebration as we honor our Parish Feast Day, while also recognizing our graduates.

DIVINE LITURGY – 11:00 AM
Followed by a
PROCESSION AROUND THE CHURCH
with **GOSPEL READING**

MIROVANJA
Continue the beauty of our
Byzantine tradition

PARISH PICNIC & FELLOWSHIP
Enjoy food, community,
and celebration together

GAMES FOR CHILDREN
Fun activities for our
youngest parish members

*Let us gather in faith, gratitude, and joy
AS ONE PARISH FAMILY!*

ALL ARE WARMLY INVITED!

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



6th Annual Young Adult Retreat

THURSDAY JULY 23RD -
SUNDAY JULY 26TH

506 E Main Street
Marblehead, OH



Schedule of Services

May 11-17, 2026

Monday, May 11. *6th Paschal Week, Cyril and Methodius Apostles to the Slavs, Heb 13,17-21,*

Jn10,9-16

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

Wednesday, May 13. *Glyceria Martyr, Acts 18,22-28, Jn12,36-47*

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

6:00pm *Confession in Sacred Heart*

6:30pm *Divine Liturgy for the ASCENSION OF OUR LORD in Sacred Heart*

Thursday, May 14. *ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, Acts 1,1-12, Lk24,36-53*

6:00pm *Confession in St. Stephen*

6:30pm *Divine Liturgy for the ASCENSION OF OUR LORD in St. Stephen*

Saturday, May 16, *Theodore Venerable, Acts 20,7-12, Jn14,10-21*

9:30am *Confession*

10:00am *Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart (+Sidney, Bennie, Mary, Tom)*

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 Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council, *Acts 20,16-18, Jn17,1-13*

9:30am - *Divine Liturgy and Baptism & Agape in the Hall in Sacred Heart*

11:30am - *Divine Liturgy & Agape in the Hall in St. Stephen and parish meeting*

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.

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, 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

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*

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

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

Sunday, June 14th *Parish Feast Day & Graduate Picnic 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:

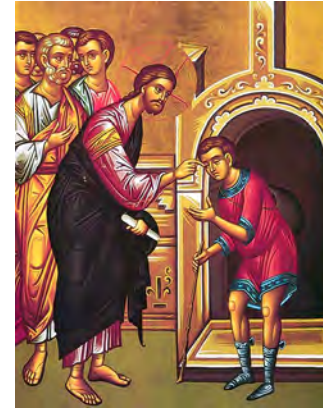
The Byzantine Youth Rally provides Eastern Catholic faith formation and fraternity for all teens (ages 13-18) growing up in the Byzantine Catholic tradition. This is an opportunity to make new friends, form lasting relationships, pray, grow spiritually, listen to inspiring talks from our Byzantine Catholic 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.

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 Blind Man

John 9,1-41



The sixth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Church as the Sunday of the Blind Man. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. The biblical story of this event is found in the Gospel of Saint John 9:1-41.

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on John; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the Second Exorcism of Saint

Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam." Therefore, the Savior sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

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 **May 3rd was 38 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **May 3rd was 65 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 **\$ 8,679.78 in St. Stephen**

Weekly Donation was **\$ 2,790.3 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)