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EPARCHY OF PARMA FOUNDATION'S
2025-2026
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

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THIS YEAR'S APPEAL WILL RUN FROM
NOVEMBER 1, 2025 TO MAY 31, 2026

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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!

Glory to Jesus Christ!– Dicsőség Jézus Krisztusnak! Слава Ісусу Христу!

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!

Fathers of 1st Nicene Council (Festal Tone) - Post-festive Day of Ascension

The changeable parts (propers) are in the teal pew book are on Pages 196-202, as follows:

Three Antiphons and Entrance Hymn: Page 196 and 197;

Troparion of Resurrection, Tone 6: Bottom of Page 197; **Troparion of Ascension,** Tone 4: near Top of Page 198; **Troparion (of Council Fathers),** Tone 8: Bottom of Page 198;

Glory (without Now and Ever)...Tone 8: Middle of Page 162, or follow cantor;

Kontakion (of Council Fathers), Tone 8: Top of Page 199;

Now and Ever......Tone 6: near Top of Page 153, or follow cantor; **Kontakion of Ascension,** Tone 6: Bottom of Page 199; **Prokeimenon:** Top of Page 200, with Psalm verse; **Alleluia:** Middle of Page 200 with two Psalm verses; **Instead of "It is Truly Proper...":** Magnification and Irmos, starting at Bottom of Page 200;

Communion Hymns (Psalms): For Sunday, Page 78. For Council Fathers: Bottom of Page 201;

Instead of "We Have Seen..." and "May our Mouth...", we sing "Be Exalted..." Middle of Page 202

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



6th Annual Young Adult Retreat

THURSDAY JULY 23RD -
SUNDAY JULY 26TH

506 E Main Street
Marblehead, OH



Save the Date

Tuesday, May 19th 6:45pm Council meeting in St. Stephen

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

Saturday, June 13th 11:00am Church cleaning and preparation for the Parish Feast in Sacred Heart

Sunday, June 14th Parish Feast Day & Graduate Picnic in Sacred Heart

Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26, 2026, Church Rummage Sale in Sacred Heart

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 *Fathers of 1st Nicene Council*

John 17:1-13



The seventh Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. This day commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in Nicaea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church.

Arius was a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria, and in 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son of God saying that He was not the true God, consubstantial with the Father, but rather a work or creation of God and different from the essence and glory of the Father. He also taught that the Son of God had a beginning. These teachings shook the faithful at Alexandria. The Bishop of Alexandria, Alexander, attempted to correct Arius through

admonitions, cut him off from communion, and finally deposed him in 321 through a local council. Arius continued with his heretical teachings, creating controversy and division in the churches of other cities, which led to a theological and ecclesiastical crisis throughout the Christian Church.

Moved with divine zeal and concern for unity, the Emperor Constantine the Great, equal to the Apostles, summoned the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was in this place that the bishops of the Church gathered in 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God. The Fathers composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed:

"We believe in one God. The Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end."

The Fathers also anathematized Arius for his heretical beliefs and teachings, cutting him off from the Church. Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

Schedule of Services

May 18-24, 2026

Monday, May 18., 7th Paschal Week, Theodotus and Others Martyrs, Acts 21,8-14, Jn14,27-15,7

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

Wednesday, May 20., Thalaleus and Others, Acts 23,1-11, Jn16,15-23

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

Friday, May 22., Basiliscus Martyr, Acts 27,1-44, Jn 17,18-26

6:00pm *Confession in Sacred Heart*

6:30pm *Vespers and Victuals (Young adults' event) in Sacred Heart*

Saturday, May 23., 5th All Souls Saturday, Acts 28,1-31, Jn21,15-25

9:30am *Confession*

10:00am *Divine Liturgy for All Souls in Sacred Heart*

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

3:30pm *Confession in St. Stephen*

4:00pm *Great Vespers with Litija for Pentecost in St. Stephen*

Pentecost Sunday, Acts 2,1-11, Jn7,37-52&8,12

8:45am – 3rd Hour in St. Stephen

9:00am - *Divine Liturgy for Pentecost & Agape in the Hall in St. Stephen*

11:30am - *Divine Liturgy for Pentecost & 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.

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-time 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, Tim Nausiedas, Rhonwyn Boettcher.
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.

Sunday Agape Contributions

Dear Parishioner's in St. Stephen and Sacred Heart,

As we gather each Sunday not only around the Lord's Table but also in fellowship with one another, everyone is warmly invited to contribute to our weekly **Agape meal**.

If you would like to help, you may bring a small dish to share—such as pastries, fruit, snacks, or other light refreshments. Your generosity and kindness help make this time of fellowship a joyful continuation of our worship together. Thank you for helping us build and strengthen our parish family through this shared table.

"Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess..."

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 **May 10th was 36 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **May 10th was 62 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 \$ 743.69 in St. Stephen**

Weekly Donation **was \$ 2,665.3 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)