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EPARCHY OF PARMA FOUNDATION'S
2025-2026
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THIS YEAR'S APPEAL WILL RUN FROM
NOVEMBER 1, 2025 TO MAY 31, 2026

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SACRED HEART
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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!

Pentecost Sunday (Festal Tone)

The **changeable parts** (propers) are in the teal pew book, in order, on **Pages 203-208**, as follows:
At the start of the Divine Liturgy, the special hymn "**Heavenly King Comforter...**" at the top of Page 203 is sung once by the priest and twice by the people. The Litany of Peace...
First and Second Antiphons: Page 203, 04. Immediately sing the Hymn of Incarnation (Glory...Only Begotten...), then the Third Antiphon and the first singing of the Pentecost Troparion, Tone 8: Page 204. Do not stop until it says Entrance Hymn (on Page 205).
After the priest intones "Wisdom, Be Attentive," sing these nonstop: **Entrance Hymn** (melody of Troparion Tone 8), **Page 205;**
Repeat the **Pentecost Troparion, Tone 8, Page 204;**
"Glory..." with "Now and Ever..." Tone 8 (bottom of Page 161, or Follow Cantor);
Pentecost Kontakion, Tone 8, bottom of Page 205. Instead of "Holy God...," go to the top of Page 32.
Prokeimenon: Near the top of Page 206, with verse; Alleluias: Middle of Page 206 with two verses. Instead of "It is Truly Proper...": **Magnification and Irmos, starting at the bottom of Page 206.**
Communion Hymn: For Pentecost: Middle of Page 208 (Psalm 142:10).

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



6th Annual Young Adult Retreat
THURSDAY JULY 23RD -
SUNDAY JULY 26TH
506 E Main Street
Marblehead, OH



Save the Date

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.

Pentecost Sunday

John 7,37-52



The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish feast. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they

were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit directed (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard the Apostles speaking in their own languages (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about 3,000 were baptized. The book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

Schedule of Services

May 25-31, 2026

Monday, May 25., Pentecost Monday, Memorial Day, Eph5,8b-19, Mt18,10-20

10:00am *Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart for Pentecost Monday and Memorial Day,*

Panachida

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

Wednesday, May 27., Therapont Bishop-Martyr, Rom1,18-27, Mt5,20-26

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

Saturday, May 30. Isaac Venerable, Rom1,7-12, Mt5,42-48

9:30am *Confession*

10:00am *Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart (+ Fr. George Jawrnycki)*

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

3:30pm *Confession in St. Stephen*

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

Sunday of All Saints. Heb 11,32-12,2a, Mt10,32-33, 37-38&19,27-30

8:45am – 3rd Hour in St. Stephen

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

11:30am - *Divine Liturgy for Sunday & 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, 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 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 17th was 41 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **May 17th was 53 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 **\$ 1,921.68 in St. Stephen**

Weekly Donation was **\$ 1,198.3 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)