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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!

Sunday of the Fathers of the six Ecumenical Councils

The order of the changeable parts of today's divine liturgy is summarized on Pages 341 and 342. Thus:

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 7, (Bottom of Page 156);

Troparion of Council Fathers, Tone 8, (Top of Page 341);

Glory...Now and ever...Tone 8 (Bottom of Page 161, or follow cantor);

Kontakion of Council Fathers, Tone 8, (Middle of Page 341).

Prokeimenon, Top of Page 342; **Alleluia**, Middle of Page 342.

Communion: For Sunday, Psalm 148:1, Page 78; **Council**, Psalm 32:1, Bottom of Page 201.



Thursday, August 6



1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Children's Biblical Day



5:00 PM
Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Fruits



Community Dinner
All are welcome!

★ **JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAITH, FUN & FRIENDS!** ★



BIBLE STORY

Discover the amazing story of Jesus' Transfiguration on Mount Tabor.



CRAFTS

Create beautiful crafts and decorate your fruit basket for the blessing.



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Fun games, team challenges, and outdoor adventures!



PRAYER & REFLECTION

Learn how to listen to Jesus and let His light shine in our lives.



BLESSING OF FRUITS

Bring a basket of fruit to be blessed during the Divine Liturgy.

WHAT TO BRING:

- A basket with fruit for the blessing
- Water bottle
- Comfortable clothes
- A joyful heart!



WHO:

Children ages 5–12

WHERE:

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church



Let's listen to Jesus and shine with His light!
We can't wait to see you!



Save the Date

July 21st , 2026, Council meeting in Sacred Heart at 7:00pm

July 27th , 2026, Semper Idem Men's Group in Sacred Heart from 7:00 pm

August 6, 2026, Bible Day for Children in Sacred Heart– Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

On August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, we would like to invite all children to a special one-day Bible Day at our parish. The program will take place from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and will include faith-filled activities, learning, and fellowship centered on the beauty of Holy Scripture and the meaning of the Transfiguration. We will conclude the Bible Day with the Divine Liturgy and a shared dinner for all participants and families. We warmly invite all children to join us for this joyful and spiritual day together! We are accepting applications from children until August 1.

August 15-16, 2026, Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage 2026 – Shrine of Mariapoch

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Shrine of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio

“Theotokos: Our Advocate for Peace”

Saturday, August 15, 2026

12 PM Opening / Water Blessing — Main Chapel
2 PM Moleben to the Theotokos — Main Chapel
4 PM Vespers — Main Chapel
5 PM Café opens for dinner
7 PM Akathist to the Theotokos — Main Chapel
8:30 PM Fireside chat with Bishop Robert
10 PM Compline / Informal campfire & social

Sunday, August 16, 2026

9 AM Matins — Main Chapel
11 AM Teen Activity — Calvary Chapel
12 PM Sixth Hour / Café opens for lunch
1:30 PM Children's Activity — Tent area by café & Guest Speaker: Nicholas Boros, History of Mariapoch — Main Chapel
2:30 PM Clergy/Servers: Liturgy Preparation — Before Icon Screen
3 PM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Robert
5 PM Café opens for dinner



Additional Information

- The Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the pilgrimage.
- Tent camping is permitted by the southern tree line.
- Food is available for purchase only at the listed times.
- Visit the Eastern Treasures Gift Shop behind the café.
- Please bring a chair/blanket and a friend.

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Sunday of the Fathers of the six Ecumenical Councils

Heb 13,7-16., Jn 17,1-13

“After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. “I have revealed you^l to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of^l your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by^l that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. (Jn 17,1-13)

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel invites us into one of the most beautiful moments in the life of Jesus. Before His Passion, He lifts His eyes to heaven and prays to the Father. This prayer, often called the **High Priestly Prayer**, reveals Christ's deep love for His disciples and for all who will believe in Him. Jesus begins by speaking of glory. Yet the glory He speaks of is not earthly success or human praise. His glory is found in the Cross, where God's infinite love is revealed. Through His sacrifice, salvation is offered to the whole world. The Cross, which appeared to be defeat, became the greatest victory in history. The Lord also reminds us what eternal life truly is: "**That they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**" Eternal life is not simply endless existence after death. It begins now through a living relationship with God. Every prayer, every Divine Liturgy, every act of faith draws us deeper into that life. One of the most comforting parts of this Gospel is Jesus praying for His disciples. Knowing that difficult days lie ahead, He entrusts them to the Father's care. He asks that they remain united, protected, and faithful. His prayer did not end in the Upper Room. Christ continues to intercede for His Church today. He knows our struggles, our fears, and our weaknesses, yet He never ceases to pray for us. Jesus also prays that His followers may be one. Unity is one of the greatest witnesses to the Gospel. In a world often divided by anger, selfishness, and misunderstanding, Christians are called to reflect the unity that exists between the Father and the Son. This unity is built through love, forgiveness, humility, and a shared commitment to Christ. As we reflect on today's Gospel, let us remember that we are never alone. The same Savior who prayed for His apostles also prays for each one of us. He invites us to trust in the Father's protection, remain faithful to His word, and grow together as one family in Christ. May we answer His prayer by living lives of faith, hope, and love, so that through us the world may come to know the glory of God.

Schedule of Services

July 13-19, 2026

Monday, July 20, *Elijah Great Prophet, Simple, James 5,10-20, Lk 4,22-30*

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

Wednesday, July 22., *Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles, 1Cor 13,4-14,5., Mt20,1-16*

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

6:00 pm Confession

6:30 pm Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart

Friday, July 24, *Boris and Gleb Martyrs, Rom 8,28-39., Jn 15,17-16,2*

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

Saturday, July 25, *Dormition of Anna, Gal 4,22-31, Lk 8,16-21*

10:00 am *Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart*

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

9th Sunday after Pentecost *1 Cor 3,9-17, Mt 14,22-34*

8:45 am 3rd Hour in St. Stephen

9:00 am Divine Liturgy for Sunday, Agape meal in the Hall in St. Stephen

11:30 am Divine Liturgy for Sunday, Agape meal 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)

Voices of Faith – Still Available to Watch!

Have you had a chance to watch our **Voices of Faith at St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church** interview series? If you missed any of the inspiring conversations, all of the interviews are still available to watch anytime on our **parish website**, **YouTube channel**, and **Facebook page**. Take a few moments to hear the inspiring stories of fellow parishioners as they share their faith journeys, their love for the Byzantine Catholic tradition, and what St. Stephen means to them. These beautiful testimonies remind us that faith is strengthened when it is lived, shared, and celebrated together. We encourage you to watch the interviews, share them with family and friends, and help others discover the beauty of our Byzantine Catholic faith.

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, Susan Edwards-Haesler, Helen Stulock, Erin Holmes, Gloria Scott.*

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

Please pray also for all our benefactors, friends, neighbors and anyone we may have forgotten. Pray for:

- Monastic, diaconal & priestly vocations for the Byzantine Catholic Church in the USA and throughout the world; St. Sabbas Monastery

The restoration of families, renewal of monastic, religious life & priesthood, and the conversion of Russia; peace in Ukraine; people of the United States, and whole world.

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.

Pancake Breakfast in St. Stephen



Join us for a *delicious* **PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

ST. STEPHEN
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY
ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH**

**THE FIRST
Pancake Breakfast
WILL BE
2 OF AUGUST!**

Enjoy great food, including pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, and more!

Warm fellowship and the opportunity to spend time with our parish family.

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and invite your friends!

Great food. Great people. Great community. | We can't wait to see you there!

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 **July 12th was 30 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **July 12th was 56 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 \$ 1,086.69 in St. Stephen**

Weekly Donation **was \$ 1,845.3 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)