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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!

9th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 8

The propers (required changeable parts) for Tone 8 are on Pages 161-163 of the teal pew book.
Per the approved TYPICON, a prescribed Marian Kontakion can be added, called a Theotokion. Each tone has an approved Theotokion. Tradition is to add it when the content of the propers is not complex, such as during many Sundays after Pentecost.

Thus for today we sing:

Troparion of Resurrection, Tone 8 (Middle of Page 161); **Glory...** (Middle of Page 162); **Kontakion of Resurrection**, Tone 8 (Top of Page 162); **Now and Ever...** (Middle of Page 162) and **Kontakion of Annunciation**, Tone 8 (Bottom of Page 329) as the Theotokion.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8, Bottom of Page 162; **Alleluia**, Tone 8, Top of Page 163.

Communion Hymn - For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): Page 78.



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 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

Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage 2026
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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Readings for 9th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Cor 3,9-17., Mt 14,22-34

Jesus Walks on the Water

“Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret.” (Mt 14,22-34)

Gospel Reflection

Peter is one of the most encouraging figures in the Gospels because he reminds us so much of ourselves. He was courageous and eager to follow Christ, yet he also struggled with fear, doubt, and failure. He stepped out of the boat in faith, but moments later he began to sink. Later, he would even deny knowing Jesus. Still, Christ never gave up on him. The story of Jesus walking on the water is often presented as a lesson about having stronger faith. While faith is certainly important, the true focus of the Gospel is not Peter—it is Jesus. Peter's faith was real, but it was imperfect. When the wind and waves frightened him, he cried out, **"Lord, save me!"** Immediately, Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him. This is the heart of the Christian life. We all experience moments when our faith is shaken by illness, family struggles, uncertainty, or disappointment. Like Peter, we sometimes lose courage and begin to sink beneath the weight of our fears. Yet our hope does not depend on having perfect faith. Our hope rests in the One who never fails. Christ does not wait for us to become perfect before He comes to our aid. He meets us in our weakness, lifts us up with His mercy, and invites us to trust Him again. Even His gentle words to Peter, **"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"**, are not words of condemnation but of loving encouragement. Every Divine Liturgy reminds us that we come before God not because we are worthy, but because He is merciful. Like Peter, we reach out with whatever faith we have, and Christ reaches out with His unfailing love. May today's Gospel strengthen our confidence—not in ourselves, but in our Savior, who never lets go of those who call upon Him. No matter how fierce the storm, His hand is always extended toward us.

Schedule of Services

July 27-August 2, 2026

Monday, July 27, 10th Week after Pentecost, Panteleimon Great Martyr, 1Cor 15,12-19, Mt21,18-22

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

Wednesday, July 28., Callinicus Martyr, 1Cor 16,4-12, Mt21,28-32

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

Saturday, August 1, Procession of the Cross, Beginning of the Dormition Fast, 1Cor 1,18-24, Jn 19,6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35

10:00 am Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart (+ Paul Sugars)

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

10th Sunday after Pentecost 1Cor 4,9-16, Mt17,14-23

8:45 am 3rd Hour in St. Stephen

9:00 am Divine Liturgy for Sunday, Pancake Breakfast at 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
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**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! <3

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 **July 19th was 41 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **July 19th 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 \$ 1,600 in St. Stephen**

Weekly Donation **was \$ 6,232.3 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)