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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!

10th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 1

The changeable parts (propers) are presented in the teal pew book, Pages 125-127. Per the approved TYPICON, a prescribed Marian Kontakion can be added, called a Theotokion. Each tone has an approved Theotokion. Tradition at Sacred Heart and other parishes 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 the Resurrection, Tone 1, Bottom of Page 125;

Glory (only) ..., Tone 1, Top of Page 127, or follow cantor;

Kontakion of Resurrection, Tone 1, Middle of Page 126;

Now and Ever..., Tone 1, Near top of Page 127, or follow cantor;

Kontakion (as Theotokion) of Meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna, Tone 1, Bottom of Page 321;

Prokeimenon: Middle of Page 127 with Psalm verse; **Alleluia**: Near Bottom of Page 127 with Psalm verses;

Communion Verse: Psalm 148:1, Page 78.

Save the Date

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

Children's BIBLICAL DAY
The Feast of the TRANSFIGURATION of Our Lord

Listen to Him! Matthew 17:5

SCAN ME for REGISTRATION

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!

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!

August 15-16, 2026, Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage 2026 – Shrine of Mariapoch
October 17, 2026 - October 22, 2026, Eparchial Assembly,

Location: Columbus, Ohio

November 7, 2026 - November 8, 2026- Fall Pre-Cana Weekend

Location: Annunciation Parish - Homer Glen, IL

Parish Update

Dear St Stephen's and Sacred Heart Parish Family,

After many months of prayer, discussion, and careful consideration, the members of the St Stephen and Sacred Heart Parish Council have reached a shared recommendation regarding the future of our parish community. Throughout this process, the parish councils carefully examined every aspect of both parishes. We compared the condition and long-term needs of our church buildings, their locations and accessibility, the financial situations and operating budgets of both parishes, and where our parishioners currently travel from to attend the Divine Liturgy. We also considered the future sustainability of each community and what would best serve our faithful for generations to come. After this thorough review and many thoughtful conversations, we believe that the best path forward is to merge with **Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia**. Through this merger, a "**new parish**" would be established with a new name, bringing together the faithful of both communities as one parish family in Livonia, and will be having services at Sacred Heart. We believe this will strengthen our Byzantine Catholic presence, preserve our ministries, and provide a strong foundation for future generations. The recommendation of the Parish Councils to merge into one new parish will now be presented to **Bishop Robert Pipta** for his prayerful consideration and final decision. We humbly ask all our parishioners to keep this process in their prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom, peace, and unity to everyone involved. This recommendation was not made lightly. It reflects our sincere desire to be faithful stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us and to provide the strongest possible foundation for the future of our Byzantine Catholic community. We believe that by coming together to form a "**new parish**," we can build a stronger, more vibrant community that will continue to proclaim the Gospel and serve the faithful for many years to come. Thank you for your continued faith, support, and love for our parish family. Together, let us move forward with trust in God's providence, confident that He will continue to guide and bless our community. May the Lord bless us and lead us into the future with hope, faith, and unity.

Readings for 10th Sunday after Pentecost

1Cor 4,9-16., Mt 17,14-23

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy

When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him." "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief."

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that if they have faith as small as a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for them. These words may surprise us. We may ask ourselves, "If I believe in God, why can't I do great miracles?" The answer is that Jesus is teaching us something much deeper than having strong feelings or simply believing certain truths. Faith is not only saying, "I believe." True faith is living every day in the presence of God. It is learning to trust Him, even when life is difficult, and staying close to Him through prayer, worship, and obedience. Jesus also reminds His disciples that some struggles can only be overcome through **prayer and fasting**. These are not burdens that God gives us, but gifts that help our faith grow stronger. Just as we take medicine to heal our bodies, prayer and fasting heal our souls. They teach us to rely on God instead of ourselves. For this reason, the Church encourages us to pray every day, attend the Divine Liturgy faithfully, and keep the fasting seasons. These spiritual practices may not always be easy, but they slowly transform our hearts. They give us peace, strengthen us in times of trial, and help us become more loving and faithful followers of Christ. The faith that Jesus speaks about is not measured by spectacular miracles. It is seen in a life that trusts God, remains faithful, and grows closer to Him each day. Even a small faith, when placed in the hands of Christ, can accomplish great things. Let us ask the Lord today to increase our faith. May we be faithful in prayer, generous in fasting, and constant in worship, so that the small mustard seed of faith within us may grow into a strong and fruitful life in Christ.

Schedule of Services

August 3-9, 2026

Monday, August, 3 *11th Week after Pentecost, Isaacius and others Venerables, 2Cor 2,4-15, Mt 23,13-22*

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

7:00 pm Parastas for departed soul Richard Baranko at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, August 4. *Seven Youths of Ephesus Martyrs, 2Cor 2,14-3,3., Mt 23,23-28*

11:00 am Divine Liturgy and Funeral for the departed soul Richard Baranko at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, August 5. *Pre-feast for the Transfiguration of Our Lord, Eusignius Martyr, 2 Cor 3,4-11, Mt 23,29-39*

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

6:00 pm Confession in St. Stephen

6:30 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy & Fruit Blessing for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord in St. Stephen

Thursday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord (SOLEMN). *2 Pet 1,10-19, Mt 17,1-8*

1:00 pm -4:30 pm Children's Biblical Day in Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy & Blessing of fruits for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord in Sacred Heart

Saturday, August 8, *Emilian Bishop-Confessor, 1Cor 1,3-9, Mt19,3-12*

10:00 am Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart

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

3:30 pm Confession in St. Stephen

4:00 pm Great Vespers for Sunday in St. Stephen

11th Sunday after Pentecost *1Cor 9,2-12, Mt 18,23-35*

8:45 am 3rd Hour in St. Stephen

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

11:30 am Divine Liturgy for Sunday, Agape meal in the Hall at 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)

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, Barbara Barnes*
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.

In Loving Memory of Richard Baranko

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Richard Baranko**, who fell asleep in the Lord at the age of **92**. We invite all parishioners, family, and friends to join us in praying for the repose of his soul.

Parastas (Memorial Service)

Monday, August 3, at 7:00 PM

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church

Funeral Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 4, at 11:00 AM (Sacred Heart B.C.C.)

followed by the Funeral Service.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life, grant Richard eternal rest among the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, or mourning, but life everlasting.
Memory Eternal!

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 26th was 30 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **July 26th was 63 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 \$ 1,163.99 in St. Stephen**

Weekly Donation **was \$ 1,457.3 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)