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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!

11th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2

The following is the prescribed music for the changeable parts of today's Divine Liturgy, from the teal pew book:

Second Antiphon: From Transfiguration, Page 346.

Third Antiphon: From Post-festive of Transfiguration, Bottom of Page 350.

Post-festive Entrance Hymn; Top of Page 351.

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 2: Bottom of Page 130.

Troparion of Transfiguration, Tone 7: Near Top of Page 347. Troparion of Holy Apostle (Matthias), Tone 3: Middle of Page 368.

Glory... Now and Ever... (Tone 7): Middle of Page 157, or follow cantor. Kontakion of Transfiguration (Tone 7): Top of Page 348.

Prokeimenon of Resurrection with verse: Top of Page 132. Add Prokeimenon of Apostle without verse, Middle of Page 369.

Alleluia of Resurrection with verses, Middle of Page 132.

Add Alleluia of Apostle with verses, Bottom of Page 369. Instead of It is Truly Proper: Sing Magnification and Irmos, Top of Page 349. Communion Hymns: For Sunday, Page 78 plus cantor-added Psalm verses.

Then add for Transfiguration, Near top of Page 350. plus cantor-added verses

Bishop Robert Pipta's Latest Teaching

We invite everyone to read Bishop Robert Pipta's latest teaching, *"Eucharistic Communion and the Parochial Community."* This reflection offers important guidance on the Eucharist, our parish communities, and our life together as the Church. [Read the full teaching here: https://www.parma.org/news/eucharistic-communion-and-the-parochial-community-a-teaching-from-bishop-robert-pipta](https://www.parma.org/news/eucharistic-communion-and-the-parochial-community-a-teaching-from-bishop-robert-pipta). If you would like a printed copy, please let Fr. Marton know.

Save the Date

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

October 17, 2026 - October 22, 2026, Eparchial Assembly

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Friday, August 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 22nd 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "Attic Treasures Sale" at Sacred Heart

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

Location: [Annunciation Parish - Homer Glen, IL](#)



Charting the Course: *Renewing Byzantine Catholic Life in the Heartland*

OCTOBER 17-19, 2026 • ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM • COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Eparchy of Parma invites all clergy and faithful to take part in the open Preparatory Gathering of the 2026 Eparchial Assembly—a shared moment of praying, listening, and learning as we set sail on a renewed journey of mission and vision. The first, public phase welcomes everyone aboard the "Holy Flotilla" of DiscipleSHIP, WorSHIP, FellowSHIP, and StewardSHIP, and will provide the spiritual and pastoral grounding that informs and orients the formally convoked members as they continue into the invitation-only canonical sessions that follow.

Presentations:

- Benjamin Auton - eparchial synodality
- Jonathan Shellnut - fellowship and the lay-apostolate
- Dr. Kieran McNulty - proclaiming the Gospel of God's wonder
- Bishop Robert - authentic worship, personal prayer, and liturgical chant
- Laura Ieraci-Summerson - stewardship and tithing



Participation in all liturgical services, presentations, and discussions is **FREE**. Meal tickets are available for those who wish to join the community meals, though attendees may also choose to dine off-site.

REGISTER by September 7:
www.parma.org/eparchial-assembly



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 11th Sunday after Pentecost

1Cor 9,2-12., Mt 18,23-35

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[a] was brought to him. Since he could not pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel gives us one of the clearest and most challenging lessons of the Christian life: **forgiveness**. Jesus tells us about a king who forgives his servant an enormous debt—far more than he could ever repay. Yet that same servant refuses to forgive a fellow servant who owes him a much smaller amount. When the king hears this, he is angry and reminds the servant of the great mercy he himself had received. This parable teaches us three simple truths: **God's mercy toward us is beyond measure. What others owe us is small by comparison. And to refuse forgiveness is to close our hearts to God's mercy.**

The enormous debt represents our sins before God. We have all failed through pride, anger, selfishness, and many other sins. We cannot repay this debt by ourselves. Yet God does not treat us according to what we deserve. When we come to Him with repentance, He forgives us freely and completely. Every time we pray, "**Lord, have mercy,**" we are turning to a God who is rich in mercy. Because we have received such mercy, Christ asks us to show mercy to others. The hurts and wrongs we experience are real, and forgiveness does not mean that what happened was acceptable. But forgiveness means that we choose to release the debt and place the pain in God's hands. Christ Himself gives us the perfect example. Even while suffering on the Cross, He prayed, "**Father, forgive them.**" When we refuse to forgive, we often imprison ourselves in anger and resentment. Forgiveness does not only free the other person—it frees our own heart. It allows God's peace and healing to enter our lives. Forgiveness may not always be easy, especially when the wound is deep. But it can begin with a simple prayer: "**Lord, I cannot forgive on my own. Give me the grace to forgive.**"

As we pray, "**Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,**" may these words become not only words on our lips, but a reality in our hearts.

Let us forgive as we have been forgiven, and live in the freedom of God's mercy.

To our merciful Lord Jesus Christ be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. Amen.

Schedule of Services

August 10-16, 2026

Monday, August, 10 *12th Week after Pentecost, Lawrence Archdeacon-Martyr, 2Cor 5,10-15, Mk 1,9-15*

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

Wednesday, August 12., *Photius and Anicetus Martyrs, 2Cor 6,11-16, Mk 1,23-28*

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

6:00 pm *Confession at Sacred Heart*

6:30 pm *Paraklesis*

Friday, August 14, Pre-Feast Dormition of the Theotokos (Obligation), *Heb 13,7-16, Mt 11,27-30*

6:00 pm *Confession at St. Stephen*

6:30 pm *Vigil Divine Liturgy the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos at St. Stephen, Mirovanja*

Saturday, August 15, Feast the Dormition of the Theotokos (Obligation), *Phil 2,5-11, Lk 10,38-42&11,27-28*

10:00 am *Divine Liturgy & Mirovanja at Sacred Heart*

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

August 16, 12th Sunday after Pentecost *1Cor 15,1-11, Mt 19,16-26*

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, 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.

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming "Attic Treasures Sale"

Effort Seeks to Recover Post-Retirement Moving Expenses Absorbed by Fr. Joseph & Mary Marquis. Volunteers are requested to assist Fr. Joseph and Mary with an upcoming sale of their personal belongings. The "Attic Treasures Sale" will be conducted at the Sacred Heart Banquet Center, 29125 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI, **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 21 st and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 22nd** . Monies gained from this effort will assist them in recovering some of their moving expenses, following Father's retirement as pastor of our parish. Help with organizing and setting up the sales area at our Banquet Center, from Tuesday, August 18th to Thursday, August 20th , will be of greatly appreciated. Additionally, of course, volunteer help will be needed on each day of the sale. Those willing to assist are requested to contact **Mary Marquis at: 313.282.4540.** God bless you in advance for your kind attention this concern.

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 **August 2nd was 34 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **August 2nd was 59 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 \$7,988.5 in St. Stephen** (*Rent: \$7100, Collection/Candles: \$888.5*)

Weekly Donation **was \$ 2,829 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)