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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!

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 1)

The propers (required changeable parts) for Tone 1 are on Pages 125-127 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 1 (Bottom of Page 125);
Glory...(Top of Page 127);
Kontakion of Resurrection, Tone 1 (Bottom of Page 126);
"**Now and Ever...**" (Near Top of Page 127);
Kontakion of the Meeting with Simeon and Anna, Tone 1 (Bottom of Page 321) as the Theotokion.
Prokeimenon, Tone 1, Middle of Page 127; **Alleluia,** Tone 1, Middle of Page 127.
Communion Hymn - For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): Page 78.

WALKING WITH THE SAINTS

On the Path to Holiness

St. Francis of Assisi

October 4

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church
29125 Six Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan

Come and walk with the saints.

Join us as we begin a new journey of discovering the lives, faith, and witness of the saints — and how their example can lead us closer to Christ and to holiness.

Our first journey begins with **St. Francis of Assisi**, a beloved witness of humility, simplicity, peace, and love for Christ.

OUR DAY TOGETHER

11:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
12:30 PM	Fellowship & Light Refreshments
1:00 PM	Discovering Sacred Heart & Our 300+ Relics
1:30 PM	Guided Relic Tour

Come, discover the saints.
Come, discover their stories.
Come, walk with them on the path to holiness.

🌸 LADIES' TEA 🌸

We are happy to announce that **Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church will host our annual Ladies' Tea on November 8!** The Ladies' Tea is **our most important fundraiser of the year**, and we kindly ask for your help to make this special event a success.

🎁 We Need Your Help!

We are looking for **donations for gift baskets and prizes**. Some popular basket themes include:

👶 Baby 🏈 Sports Teams – Professional & College 🍳 Cooking 🧁 Baking 🏠 Small Appliances
🎁 Gift Cards 🛒 Grocery Stores 🍽️ Restaurants 🏬 Department Stores 🏪 Local Businesses

If your family is not able to donate an entire basket, **please consider joining with one or two other families** to create a basket together. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference! **Please help us make this year's Ladies' Tea a wonderful and successful event for our parish. Thank you for your generosity and support!**

Save the Date

October 5, 2026 – *Parish meeting at St. Stephen with Bishop Robert at 7:00PM*

October 17-19,2026 - *Eparchial Assembly,* Columbus

Readings Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

2Cor 9,6-11, Lk 5,1-11

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

" One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,[a] the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him."

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to Simon Peter: **"Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."** Peter had worked all night and caught nothing. He was tired. He knew the lake. He knew his work. From a human point of view, there was no reason to try again. Yet Peter says something very important: **"Because you say so, I will let down the nets."** This is the beginning of true faith. Faith does not mean that we understand everything God is doing. Sometimes we pray and nothing seems to change. We work hard, but our "nets" remain empty. We become tired, disappointed, and perhaps even wonder whether God is listening. At those moments, Christ still says: **"Put out into the deep."** The deep can be frightening because we cannot control it. To follow Christ means trusting Him beyond what we can see and understand. It means saying, like Peter: *"Lord, I do not understand, but because You say so, I will trust You."* When Peter sees the miraculous catch, he does not become proud. Instead, he falls before Jesus and says: **"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man."** In the presence of Christ, Peter sees himself more clearly. He recognizes his weakness and sinfulness. Yet Jesus does not reject him. He says: **"Do not be afraid."** This is one of the most beautiful truths of the Gospel: **Christ knows our weakness, yet He still calls us.** He does not wait until we become perfect. He calls us in the middle of our weakness and invites us to become something greater than we could become on our own. Peter, James, and John finally **left everything and followed Him**. Their lives would never be the same. The same Jesus speaks to us today. He asks us to leave the shallow waters of a comfortable faith and go deeper. Perhaps He is asking us to forgive someone, to return to prayer, to give Him a part of our life that we have been holding back, or simply to trust Him when we cannot see the way forward.

The Christian life begins when we stop asking only, **"What do I want?"** and begin asking, **"Lord, what are You asking of me?"** Christ still says: **"Put out into the deep."** Do not be afraid. Trust His word. Let down your nets. And be ready to follow Him wherever He leads.

Schedule of Services

September 28-October 4, 2026

Monday, September 28th , *19th Week after Pentecost, Chariton Venerable-Confessor, 2Cor 4,6-15, Lk 6,17-23*

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

Wednesday, September 30th , *Gregory Illuminator Bishop-Martyr, Phil 1,8-14, Lk 5,33-39*

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

5:30 pm ***Confession at Sacred Heart***

6:00 pm ***Divine Liturgy for the Feast Protection of The Theothokos at Sacred Heart (+Robert Michael Weltyk)***

Thursday, October 1st , *Protection of the Theotokos, Heb 9,1-7, Lk 10,38-42 & 11,27-28*

9:30am Confession at St. Stephen

10:00am ***Divine Liturgy for the Feast Protection of the Theotokos at St. Stephen (+Helen Moehler)***

Saturday, October 3rd , *Denis the Areopagite Bishop-Martyr, 1 Cor 15,58-16,3, Lk 5,17-26*

10:00 am-12:00 pm ***Silent Prayer & Visit the Shrine in Sacred Heart***

5:00 pm ***Great Vespers for Sunday at Sacred Heart***

October 4th , *19th Sunday after Pentecost, 2Cor 11,31-12,9*

8:30 am Confession at St. Stephen

8:45 am 3rd Hour at St. Stephen

9:00 am Divine Liturgy for Sunday at St. Stephen & Agape meal

10:00 am E.C.F. classes at Sacred Heart

11:30 am Divine Liturgy at Sacred Heart

12:30 pm Fellowship & Light Refreshments

1:00 pm ***Discovering Sacred Heart & Our 300+ Relics***

1:30 pm ***Guided Relic Tour***

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, Elaine Baranko, Mary Alice, Virginia Thome Weber, Debra Grega, John Michalski, Sarah Maron, Tim Nausiedas, Susan*** **Edwards-Haesler, Gloria Scott.**

Deceased ***+ Paul Sugars +Helen Moehler, +Edith Santo + David Hindenburg, +Richard Baranko, +Barbara Barnes, +Helen Stulock, +John Orlyk***

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.

"Walking with the Saints – On the Path to Holiness."

October 4 – Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church is pleased to begin a new series of special parish gatherings: **"Walking with the Saints – On the Path to Holiness."**

Our first gathering will take place on **October 4**, the Feast of **St. Francis of Assisi**. Join us as we discover the lives, faith, and witness of the saints and reflect on how their example can lead us closer to Christ and inspire us on our own journey toward holiness.

Sacred Heart is blessed to have **more than 300 relics of the saints**, and this special day will offer an opportunity to learn more about these sacred treasures and the saints to whom they belong. **Come and walk with the saints. Come and discover their stories. Come and join us on the path to holiness.**

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 **September 20th was 25 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **September 20th was 57 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 $808.69 in St. Stephen *(Rent:- $, Collection/Candles:$420 E-donations: $388.69)***

Weekly Donation **was $5,719 in Sacred Heart*(Collection/Candles:$5,719 E-donations: $)***

"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)