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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!

19th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 2

The propers (required prescribed changeable parts) of the liturgy for Tone 2 are presented on Pages 130 -132 of the teal pew book.

Note: Per the approved TYPICON, a prescribed Marian Kontakion can be added, called a Theotokion, as additional prayer to the Mother of God. Each tone has an approved Theotokion. Tradition at Sacred Heart and other parishes is to add the Theotokion when the content of the propers is not complex, such as during many Sundays after Pentecost. Thus for today we will sing:

Troparion of Resurrection, Tone 2 (Middle of Page 130).
Glory...(only): (Top of Page 131), or follow cantor.
Kontakion of Resurrection, Tone 2 (Middle of Page 131).
Now and Ever...(Bottom of Page 131), or follow cantor.
Kontakion of the Feast of the Dormition, Tone 2 (Bottom of Page 352) as a Theotokion.
Prokeimenon, Tone 2, for Resurrection: Top of Page 132.
Alleluia, Tone 2, for Resurrection: Middle of Page 132
Communion Hymn - For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): Page 78.

A Parish Meeting with Bishop Robert Pipta at St. Stephen

Bishop Robert Pipta will visit our parish on **Monday, October 5, at 7:00 PM** to meet with us and discuss the future of our parish community.

I kindly invite everyone who is able to attend to join us for this important meeting. This is an opportunity to come together in prayer, share our thoughts and concerns, ask questions, and listen to our Bishop as we discern the future of our parish. **Your presence and participation are important.** Let us approach this conversation with open hearts, mutual respect, and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May we work together in a spirit of Christian unity and charity as we seek the best path forward for our parish community. Thank you for your continued faith, prayers, and support.

🥞 Pancake breakfast at St. Stephen

Sunday, October 11 • Following the Divine Liturgy

Join us for our monthly **Pancake Breakfast** following the Divine Liturgy this Sunday at **St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church**. Enjoy delicious food and wonderful fellowship with our parish family—everyone is welcome!

Save the Date

October 7th – *7:00PM A Parish Meeting with Bishop Robert Pipta at St. Stephen*

October 11th *-Pancake Breakfast at St. Stephen*

October 17-22 ,- *Eparchial Assembly in Columbus, Ohio: A pre-Assembly, open to all of the faithful of the Eparchy will be held October 17-19, 2026. The formal Assembly will be held October 19-22, 2026, but attendance will be by invitation only. Please note that the registration period for the pre-Assembly has ended.*

Readings Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

2 Cor 11,31-12,9., Lk 8,5-15

5 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. 6 Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." 9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you,but to others I speak in parables, so that, though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'[a] 11 "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."

Gospel Reflection

The Seed and the Soil

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about a farmer who sows his seed. He explains that **the seed is the Word of God, and the soil is our heart.** Every time we come to the **Divine Liturgy**, God plants His Word in us. We hear the Gospel, we listen to the prayers and hymns of the Church, and we come before Christ in the Holy Eucharist. But what happens to that Word after we leave church? Sometimes our hearts are like the hard path. We hear the Gospel, but we quickly forget it. Sometimes we are like the rocky ground. We are inspired in church, but when difficulties come during the week, our faith becomes weak. Sometimes our hearts are full of thorns. Worries, money, work, entertainment, and the many things of daily life can slowly push God to the side. But Jesus speaks about **good soil**—a heart that hears His Word, keeps it, and perseveres. This is why we do not come to the Divine Liturgy simply to "go to church." We come to **meet Christ**. We hear His Word, receive His Body and Blood, and are strengthened to live differently when we return home. The Divine Liturgy gives us the seed. **Our daily life is the soil.** What we do with God's Word during the week shows whether it is truly taking root. So today, let us ask ourselves: **What kind of soil is my heart?**

May the Word we hear and the Christ we receive in the Holy Eucharist take deep root in us and bear fruit—in our families, our work, our relationships, and in the way we live each day.

Schedule of Services

October 5-11, 2026

Monday, October 5th , *20th Week after Pentecost, Charitina Martyr, Phil 2,12-16, Lk 6,24-30*

7:00pm ***Discussion about the future of St. Stephen with Most Rev. Bishop Robert at St. Stephen Parish***

Wednesday, October 7th , *Sergius and Bacchus Martyrs, Phil 2,24-30, Lk 6,46-7,1*

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 at Sacred Heart***

Saturday, October 10th , *Eulampius and Eulampia Martyrs, 2Cor 1,8-11, Lk 5,27-32*

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 11th , *Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Councils, Gal 1,11-19, Lk 7,11-16*

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 & Pancake Breakfast
10:00 am E.C.F. classes at Sacred Heart
10:00 am Matins at Sacred Heart
11:30 am Divine Liturgy at Sacred Heart & Agape meal

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.

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

Our Eastern Catholic Formation program (ECF) is in need of one more teacher for the 2026-27 school year. No teaching experience is necessary, and the lessons are easy to follow. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:00 AM until 11:15 AM. All adult parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry. Please see Jane Watters with questions, or to volunteer.

🌸 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 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.**

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 27th was 25 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **September 27th was 71 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 $ 805.69 in St. Stephen** ***(Rent:- $, Collection/Candles:$ 417 E-donations: $388.69)***

Weekly Donation **was $1,501 in Sacred Heart*****(Collection/Candles:$1,446 E-donations: $55)***

"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)