

**SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Galatians 6: 11-18
GOSPEL Luke 8: 41-56

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, November 8, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Health & Blessing of
Michael, Michael Vincent, Michelle,
Alysa Michelle Bentivegna & Dcn. Michael Opalka
by the Bentivegna Family

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Ephesians 2: 4-10
GOSPEL Luke 10: 25-37

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately after each Divine Liturgy.

WELCOME!

We welcome our guests and visitors, and are happy to have them join us in prayer. If you have not officially registered in the parish, and would like to, please speak with Fred.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Please continue to remember in our prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and suffering, those who have asked for our prayers, especially Frantisek Vavrak, George Stojkovic, Helena Hukova, Mateo Stojkovic, Serena Bravo, Stella Bravo, Gabriela Machado, Michelle Bentivegna, Luz Mirella Vargas, Miguel Angel Alarcon, Viviana Rosa Munoz, Natasha Lemeshova, Carlos Reyes, and Laura McKenzie. Let us remember the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, those people who have been denied their basic human rights and dignity, the oppressed, the lonely, the homeless and those who suffer, and those who have no peace of mind or heart. Please contact Fred to have a name added or removed.

Announcements and Reminders

PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM! The Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program has begun! This program is taking place in every Byzantine Catholic parish in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God’s call in their lives. God relies on generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monks, and nuns. The Church needs people like you to pray for and encourage them. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon “The Call of the Disciples” in your home for one week. You will be greatly blessed. Please speak with Fr. Martin or Fred to sign-up.

ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON Our annual luncheon will be held immediately following Divine Liturgy on Saturday, December 6. An accurate headcount is needed. If you would like to attend, please speak with Michelle, Vivian, or Suzanne by next Saturday, November 15. A small donation to cover the price of food, drink, and supplies will be collected and announced via email during the week and in next week’s bulletin.

2025 / 2026 BISHOP’S APPEAL This year’s appeal has officially kicked off, and you should have received a mailer from the Chancery. If you did not, please see Fred for a copy. Our goal, \$6,800.00, equates to \$360.00 per family. If we are successful again in reaching our goal, Bishop Kurt will generously refund our parish 40%. This year, we ask you to submit your contribution directly to the Chancery via the mailer, or via the link on our website.

Pastoral Message

Dear faithful parishioners, and you who have come to our church for the first time – welcome!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Niagara Falls is thundering majesty, awesome beauty, and tremendous power --- all in one. Plunging down hundreds of feet, it pours forth thousands and thousands of kilowatts of energy to give light and life to cities, factories, and farms.

Faith is like Niagara. With far superior beauty and power, it healed hopeless diseases, consoled the suffering, strengthened the alcoholic, saved the sinner, and advanced the cause of truth and justice in the world. Countless miracles throughout the centuries are witnesses to the power of faith by people who really believe in Christ.

Today’s Gospel tells us of two such miracles. The first deals with the healing of a woman with an incurable hemorrhage; the second with the resurrection of the daughter of the ruler of a synagogue. Faith is a hundred times more powerful than Niagara. It will remain long after Niagara becomes a trickle. The energy and power of faith is ours to use whenever needed. But that faith must be real.

A tightrope walker crossed the Niagara from the American to the Canadian side on a suspended wire. He then began to push a wheelbarrow with a grooved wheel across the suspended wire. He received thunderous applause from the people. The performer then asked a boy in the audience if he believed that he could put someone in the wheelbarrow and push him safely to the other side. The boy said “Yes”! When the boy was asked to jump into the wheelbarrow, he ran away. He really didn’t believe what he said. He lacked faith.

We are to have faith in the person of Christ. Our power and strength is in Him. He has proven His love for us with the supreme sacrifice of His life. It is our turn to show our love, and at the same time, to make use of the tremendous power potential of faith.

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*