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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 George Stojkovic
by the Bentivegna Family

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Ephesians 2: 14-22
GOSPEL Luke 12: 16-21

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, November 22, 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 continues. 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. This will be a catered lunch, at a cost of \$20.00 per person. An accurate headcount is needed. If you would like to attend, please speak with Michelle, Vivian, or Suzanne. **Deadline to register is today.**

ICON PLEGE DRIVE The long-awaited Icon Drive for St. Basil is now live! The available icons can be viewed and purchased online. For more details, to contribute via check, or make installment payments, please speak with Fred



Pastoral Message

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Filipovka For Christians following the 'new style' of the Byzantine Calendar, November 15 is the official beginning of the forty-day period of fasting often called the "Philip's Fast," so called because it begins the day after the feast of the holy apostle Philip. Unlike the western "Advent," the Philip's Fast is not multi-faceted in its focus. "End-time" themes happen on the Sunday previous to the beginning of the Great Fast, and on the first three days of Great and Holy Week (the days of the Bridegroom); the mission and preaching of John the Baptist is covered during the pre-festive days of the Theophany (days leading up to Jan. 6) and on the Sundays before and after Theophany. Instead, what there are of propers (especially in the first five weeks of the Fast) are hymns that point forward to the celebration of the nativity of the Word-Made-Flesh, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Filipovka ON FASTING

By St. John Chrysostom

The value of fasting consists not only in avoiding certain foods, but in giving up of sinful practices. The person who limits his fast only to abstaining from meat is the one who especially lowers the value of it. Do you fast? Prove it by doing good works. If you see someone in need, take pity on them. If you see a friend being honored, don't get jealous of him. For a true fast, you cannot fast only with your mouth. You must fast with your eye, your ear, your feet, your hands, and all parts of your body.

You fast with your hands by keeping them pure from doing greedy things. You fast with your feet by not going to see forbidden shows or plays. You fast with your eyes by not letting them look upon impure pictures. Because if this is forbidden or unlawful, it mars your fast and threatens the safety of your soul. But if you look at things which are lawful and save you increase your fast, for what you see with your eye influences your conduct. It would be very stupid to eliminate or give up meat and other foods because of the fast but feed with your eyes upon other things which are forbidden. You don't eat meat, you say. But you allow yourself to listen to lewd things. You must fast with your ears, too. Another way of fasting with your ears is not to listen to those who speak evil or untrue things about others. "Thou shalt not receive an idle report. "This is especially true of rumors, gossip, untruths which are spoken to harm another. Besides fasting with your mouth by not eating certain foods, your mouth should also fast from foul language or telling lies about others. For what good is it if you don't eat meat or poultry, and yet you bite and devour your fellow man?

In Christ,

Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator