

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

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

EPISTLE Galatians 1: 11-19  
GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31

**Saturday, October 25, 2025, 10:30 a.m.**

+Vincent Weir  
by Mom, Patrick & Vivian

*Sanctuary Candle:  
Memory of +Vincent Weir*

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

EPISTLE Galatians 2: 16-20  
GOSPEL Luke 8: 26-39

**Saturday, November 1, 2025, 10:30 a.m.**

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

*Sanctuary Candle:  
Health & Blessing of Fr. Martin*

**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 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. If you are able to attend, please speak with Michelle, Vivian, or Suzanne.

***Pastoral Message***

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

**22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*By St. John Chrysostom*

It is worthwhile inquiring why the rich man saw Lazarus in Abraham's arms, and not in the company of some other righteous person. The reason is that Abraham was hospitable, and so the sight of Lazarus with Abraham was meant to reproach the rich man for his own inhospitality. Abraham used to pursue even passers-by and drag them into his home, whereas the rich man disregarded someone lying in his own doorway. Although he had within his grasp so great a treasure, such an opportunity to win salvation, he ignored the poor man day after day. He could have helped him but he failed to do so. The patriarch was not like that but just the opposite. He would sit in his doorway and catch all who passed by. And just as a fisherman casting a net into the sea hauls up fish, yes, but also quite often gold and pearls, so Abraham whilst catching people in his net finished by catching angels, though strangely enough without knowing it.

Even Paul marvels at this and gives the advice: Remember to welcome strangers into your homes, for some by so doing have entertained angels without knowing it. And he did well to say without knowing it, for if Abraham had welcomed his guests with such kindness because he knew who they were he would have done nothing remarkable. He is praiseworthy only because, without knowing who the passers-by were and taking them to be simply human wayfarers, he yet invited them in with so much good will.

And this is true of you also. If you show much eagerness in welcoming some famous and distinguished person you do nothing remarkable; often the high rank of a guest compels even a reluctant host to show every sign of courtesy. But we do something truly great and admirable when we give a most courteous welcome to all, even the outcasts of society or people of humble condition. Hence Christ himself praised those who so acted, declaring: Whatever you did for one of these very poor people you did to me. He also said: It is not your Father's will that one of these little ones should perish. Indeed, throughout the gospel Christ speaks a great deal about the little people and those of the humblest condition.

And so Abraham also, knowing this, did not ask who travelers were or where they came from, as we do today, but simply welcomed them all. Anyone wishing to show kindness should not inquire into other people's lives, but has only to alleviate their poverty and supply their needs, as Christ commanded when he said: Imitate your Father in heaven, who makes his sun rise on good and bad alike, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. *(Homily on Lazarus 2,5)*

*In Christ,  
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*