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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

We welcome our guests and visitors, and are happy to have them join us in prayer.

Palm Sunday **Saturday, March 28, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**
EPISTLE Philippians 4: 4-9 For the Faithful of the Parish
GOSPEL John 12: 1-18

*Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of Jennifer Powel love Nanny*

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with Holy Anointing **Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**
Held at: Our Lady of the Sign, Coconut Creek

Vespers with Divine Liturgy for Great and Holy Thursday **Thursday, April 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**
Held at: Our Lady of the Sign, Coconut Creek

Vespers for Great and Holy Friday: The Burial of the Lord **Friday, April 3, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**
Held at: St. Basil, Miami
Friday, April 3, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Held at: Our Lady of the Sign, Coconut Creek

An all-night Grave Watch will be held at Our Lady of the Sign, from 9 p.m. Friday night until 10 a.m. Saturday morning. All are welcome to attend and spend an hour with Our Lord, as He lays in the tomb.

Pascha Sunday **Saturday, April 4, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**
Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ *Held at: St. Basil, Miami*
Matins and Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Baskets
EPISTLE Acts 1: 1-6 **Saturday, April 4, 5:00 p.m.**
GOSPEL John 1: 1-17 *Held at: Our Lady of the Sign, Coconut Creek*

*Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family* **Sunday, April 5, 10:00 a.m.**
Held at: Our Lady of the Sign, Coconut Creek

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately following each Divine Liturgy.
You may also schedule an appointment in advance by contacting Fr. Martin.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the baking this past Thursday. Your time and devotion to our parish is significant and meaningful.

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, Helena Hukova, George Stojkovic, Mateo Stojkovic, Danny Leckliter, Luz Mirella Vargas, Miguel Angel Alarcon, Viviana Rosa Munoz, Natasha Lemeshova, Heather Thomas, Sister Margaret Fedyszak and Fr. Ed Kakaty.

ST. THOMAS DAY PICNIC Our Annual Picnic will be held immediately following Divine Liturgy on Saturday, April 11. If you would like to attend, or help with the event, a sign-up sheet has been posted in the Vestibule.

FINANCIAL HELP We need your help with the following expenses, as we do not have the funds to pay these invoices. Please consider making a contribution so that we can become solvent with our service providers.

- Balance of Gold Vestments: \$1,400.00
- Balance of Church A/C: \$3,500.00
- Building Recertification: \$4,000.00

Pastoral Message

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

On Palm Sunday, or Flowery Sunday, we commemorate Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The Gospel of John (12:1-18) recounts the crowds greeting Jesus with palm branches, hailing Him as the King who comes in the name of the Lord. In the Byzantine Catholic Church, this feast beautifully blends joy and solemnity: we rejoice in the Messiah's coming, yet we also recognize that His path leads to the Cross. The faithful gather to bless branches, chant hymns of victory, and reflect on the paradox of Christ's kingship—one of humility, sacrifice, and ultimate glory. His entrance into Jerusalem is not merely a historical event, but a spiritual reality inviting each of us to welcome Him into our hearts. It was Palm Sunday, and the family's 6-year old son had to stay home from church because of strep throat. When the rest of the family returned home carrying palm branches, the little boy asked what they were for. His mother explained, "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by." "Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed. "The one Sunday I don't go to church, and Jesus shows up!"

MEANING OF "HOSANNA"

The Greek form (ὡσαννά) of the Hebrew phrase hoshana, "hosanna" was the term used by the people to acclaim Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. In Psalm 118:25. The word is translated "save now" and, as in the gospels, is followed by the phrase "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Psalm 118 was used liturgically at the Feast of Tabernacles, and verse 25 was the cue for the waving of the palm branches. In the NT and later rabbinic Judaism, the phrase no longer denoted a prayer for safety and success but rather a proclamation of religious enthusiasm coupled with the waving of palm branches. By the end of the 1st century A.D. the term had become merely an utterance of praise and exaltation in the Christian liturgy. Let today be a reminder of what true kingship looks like—one that embraces humility, love, and self-giving. As we hold our blessed branches, let them not merely be symbols, but signs of our own hearts opening to Him. May this Palm Sunday prepare us for the journey ahead, to walk with Christ in His Passion, knowing that the road to the Cross always leads to the Resurrection.

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*