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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday of the Fathers of the
First Ecumenical Council**
EPISTLE Acts 20: 16-18 & 28-36
GOSPEL John 17: 1-13

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Health and Blessing of Helena Hukova

*Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family*

Pentecost Sunday
EPISTLE Acts 2: 1-11
GOSPEL John 7: 37-52 & 8: 12

Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Health and Blessing of the Parish Family

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately before and 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, Joseph Fedyszak, Helena Hukova, Mateo Stojkovic, Serena Bravo, Stella Bravo, 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 & Reminders

THANK YOU! Our final reporting has been mailed to the chancery, which means the annual Bishop’s Appeal has official ended for St. Basil’s. Our goal was to have 100% parishioner participation, and thanks to your generosity, we were extremely close, with 17 out of our 20 registered families contributing. This was a huge improvement over prior years, for which everyone should feel proud. Thank you!

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Did you celebrate your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, etc., wedding anniversary in 2024? How about in 2025? If you did / will celebrate your anniversary during 2024 or 2025, a jubilee Divine Liturgy will be held at our sister church in Orlando, St. Nicholas of Myra, on January 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. The liturgy will be followed by a luncheon. There is no fee associated with the luncheon, other than travel expenditures. If you would like to attend, please register with Fr. Martin or Fred by November 1.

Summer Eparchy Events

If you are interested in attending any of the following, please speak with Fr. Marti or Fred

- June 22-29: 2nd Annual Pilgrimage to the miraculous Albazinskaya icon (Theotokos, the Helper of Mothers) at Saint Nicholas Church, Dunnellen, NJ
- July 6-10: Camp Theodore Tyros—Teen Co-ed Camp, Ages 13-17
- July 13-17: Camp Theotokos—Girls Camp, Ages 6-17
- July 16-20: Metropolia Assembly 2025 at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church - Whiting, Indiana
- July 20-24: Altar Server Congress—Ages 6-17
- August 3: Annual Saint Nicholas Pilgrimage at Carpathian Village/Saint Nicholas Shrine
- Aug 10-14: Camp St Nicholas—Preteen Co-ed Camp, Ages 6-12

Pastoral Message

Dear and beloved friends, visitors and parishioners, we are celebrating the feast of The Ascension of Christ Our Lord God and Savior!

For forty days after His resurrection from the dead, the Risen Lord appeared to His chosen apostles and to many believers. On the fortieth day, on the Mount of Olives, the Lord ascended into the heavens. In the icon depicting this event, we sense the joy of those present - the Mother of God and the Apostles. Christ is seen ascending in glory surrounded by a circular multi-colored nimbus, supported by angels. The presence of the angels is but another indication of the divinity of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Cod in the Old Testament was depicted as enthroned upon the Cherubim. The Mother of God is in the center and directly below Her Son. The Apostles are on both sides of the Mother of God. The scene of the Mother of God with the Apostles will also be for another important event - Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit. Jesus ascended amidst the peals of the trumpets. Joy for the victory of the Lord God. Joy for His Resurrection and return to heaven. He is in heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father and will one day return to the earth - come again to judge both the living and the dead. The good and faithful disciple will be then rewarded with eternal life with the Lord God. May God bless you and protect you!

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*