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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Third Sunday of the Great Fast – Veneration of the Cross
w/3rd All Souls Panachida**
EPISTLE Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6
GOSPEL Mark 8: 34-9: 1

Saturday, March 7, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
+Barbara Passerello
by the Bentivegna family

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

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast w/4th All Souls Panachida
EPISTLE Hebrews 6: 13-20
GOSPEL Mark 9: 17-31

Saturday, March 14, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
For the Faithful of the Parish

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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.

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, and Fr. Ed Kakaty. 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.

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.

Announcements & Reminders

GREAT FAST & PASCHA LITURGICAL SCHEDULE Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts = Wednesday March 11 and 25 at 5:00 p.m.; Holy Friday = 2:00 p.m.; Pascha = Saturday at 10:30 a.m. followed by blessing of baskets

BUILDING RECERTIFICATION We are being ordered by Miami-Dade County to perform structural and electrical engineering inspections. The inspections alone will cost the parish nearly \$4,000.00, which we do not have. Please keep the parish in your prayers that we pass the inspections without the need for costly repairs.

Donors needed for the following invoices which we are unable to pay:

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

SLAVIC KITCHEN Order forms are now available! Paska will be baked by our church, while other items will be ordered from Ft. Pierce. All orders due by March 21.

PYSANKY Have you always wanted to learn the art of pysanky? Join us at Our Lady of the Sign on Thursday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m. to learn how to write your own pysanka! Cost is only \$20.00, and includes supplies and a light bite to eat. Speak with Fred to RSVP.

Pastoral Message

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

In the middle of Lent, the Church sets before us the Cross of Christ. On two other occasions during the year, September 14th and August 1st, the Cross is presented for our remembrance and veneration. Both these feasts link the adoration of the Cross to historic events. However, the remembrance of the Cross on the third Sunday of Lent speaks only to our faith and reverence. It is to proclaim the part played by the Cross in the history of salvation and to prepare us for the vision, still far-off, of the Cross which, on Holy Friday, will be erected on Golgotha.

During matins, towards the end of the great doxology, the priest places a cross on a tray covered with flowers and, carrying the cross above his own head, he leaves the sanctuary and the iconostas. He is preceded by lighted candles and censers. Having reached the middle of the church, he places the cross on a table. He censes it. The choir sings: 'We venerate Thy Cross, O Master, and we glorify Thy holy Resurrection'. The congregation comes to kiss the cross, which remains thus exposed in the middle of the church during the whole of the feast. The meaning of the feast is well expressed by this chant for matins: 'When, on this day, we look at the precious Cross of Christ, in faith let us adore it, let us rejoice, and embrace it ardently, beseeching our Lord, who of His own choice gave Himself to be crucified on it, to make us worthy of adoring His most precious Cross so that, free from all defilement, we may attain the day of Resurrection.' Let us not be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Let the Cross be our seal, made with boldness by our fingers on our brow, and on everything; over the bread we eat, and the cups we drink; in our comings in, and goings out; before we sleep, and when we rise up; when we are on the road, and when we are still. Great is that preservative; it is without price... it is the Sign of the faithful, and the dread of devils: for He triumphed over them in it, having made a show of them openly for when they see the Cross they are reminded of the Crucified; they are afraid of Him, who bruised the head of the serpent.

By St. Cyril of Jerusalem

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*