

St. Basil Catholic Church

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

~ LITURGY SCHEDULE ~

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 1: 21-2: 4
GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

For the Faithful of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 4: 6-15
GOSPEL Matthew 22: 35-46

Saturday, September 5, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

For the Faithful of the Parish

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately following each Divine Liturgy, or by appointment.

~ 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 Huk, Fr. Dcn. Michael Opalka, Fr. Ed Kakaty, Claudia Alarcon, Danny Leckliter, and George Stojkovic. 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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS If you would like a Liturgy offered for the blessed memory or health of a loved one, please fill out the form located in the back of the church.

SANCTUARY CANDLE Each week, we light a seven-day candle, that remains lite inside the church for the entire week, symbolizing the presence of Jesus within the Tabernacle. The faithful can offer the week-long burning light in remembrance or for the health and blessings of a loved one. This is a long-standing tradition within many of our churches. If you would like to make an offering, please complete the form located in the back of the church

~ PASTORAL MESSAGE ~

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

Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year – Sept. 1
(Indiction)

September 1 marks the beginning of the indiction (from the Latin ‘to impost’) or New Year for the Romans. Christians also observed this calendar which has been followed by the Greek Orthodox Church since the time of Constantine the Great, who observed it as a day of taxation. His purpose was to erect an entire city to be known as Constantinople, the capitol of the Byzantine world; the completion of which served to remind civilization that in this city was to be built the greatest of Greek Orthodox churches.

It followed, therefore, that the magnificent city was not only a tribute to the world’s greatest empire but a tribute to the spirit of the Greeks who also saw a glorification of God in their handsome architecture and unparalleled culture. Emperor Constantine the Great, revered as a saint in the Orthodox world, had the Savior in mind, with grosses everywhere, even on his soldiers’ shields, when he passed the hat for God and country.

There are other New Year observances, particularly on the New Year of Our Lord which are celebrated in gala fashion, but the ecclesiastical year of the Greek Orthodox Church goes unnoticed by all but a few of the most devout who usher in the religious year with quiet solemnity. This lightly observed first day of the ecclesiastical year of the Greek Orthodox Church goes unnoticed by all but a few of the most devout who usher in the religious year with quiet solemnity. This lightly observed first day of the ecclesiastical year should not be shouted out since it marks another Year of the Lord.

At first, a day marking the end of a cycle of fifteen years in order to reassess taxes by the Romans, September 1 is now a day for a reassessment of the Greek Orthodox faith and, therefore, a reaffirmation of our commitment to Jesus Christ. This transfer of an ancient Roman law is in keeping with the character of the Greeks which allowed them in ancient times to step out of temples worshipping myths and to stand before Christ. Centuries of mythological gods vanished in the embrace of the Messiah.

Rev. Martin Vavrak – Administrator