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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday of Meat Fare with First All Souls Panachida

EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2
GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31-46

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

Saturday, February 7, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday of Cheesefare

EPISTLE Romans 13: 11-14: 4
GOSPEL Matthew 6: 1421

*Sanctuary Candle:
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Saturday, February 14, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

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, and Heather Thomas. 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

RAFFLE We have a lovely basket that will be raffled on Valentines Day, and tickets are only \$1.00. You do not need to be present on 02/14 to win. For a ticket, please see Vivian or Suzanne. Proceeds from the raffle will be placed towards our 2026 St. Nicholas Luncheon.

HOUSE BLESSINGS If you would like your house, condo, business, etc. blessed, please speak with Fr. Martin or Fred to be placed on the schedule. This is the final week for blessings until after Pascha.

ICON PLEDGE DRIVE Scan the QR code posted on the bulletin board to view the remaining 9 icons. Due to shipping costs, we cannot order the icons until each icon has a sponsor. Remember, if you would like to pay via check, or set-up a payment plan, speak with Fred to make arrangements.

GOLD VESTMENTS Thank you to Charles and Darryl for their generous donation towards the vestment set. Additional donors are needed. If you would like to make a contribution, please speak with Fr. Martin or Fred.

GREAT FAST & PASCHA LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: 7:00 p.m. on Friday February 20, March 13, and March 27
Great and Holy Friday: 2:00 p.m.
Pascha with Blessing of Baskets: 10:30 a.m. on Saturday

2025 / 2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL You should have received a mailer from the Chancery for this year's pledge drive. If not, copies are available in the Vestibule. Our goal, \$6,800.00, equates to \$360.00 per family. If we are successful again in reaching our goal, Bishop Kurt will generously refund our parish 40%. This year, we ask you to submit your contribution directly to the Chancery via the mailer, or via the link on our website.

Pastoral Message

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

Today's Gospel describes the Last Judgment and its criterion, using as an image the Palestinian shepherds' practice of the nightly separation of the over-active, less docile goats from the docile sheep. Jesus promises that he will come in all his glory as a Judge (Christ's Second Coming), to reward the good people and punish the bad people. This will be the final and the public separation of the good people from the evildoers.

The parable teaches us that the main criterion of the Last Judgment will be the works of Christian charity, kindness, and mercy we have done, or not done, for others, in whom we have actually served, or not served, Christ, knowingly or unknowingly. The parable tells us that Christ, the Judge, is going to ask us six questions, and all of them are based on how we have cooperated with God's grace to do acts of charity, kindness, and mercy for others because Jesus actually dwells in them. The first set of questions: "I was hungry, thirsty, homeless. Did you give me food, drink, accommodation?" The second set of questions: "I was naked, sick, imprisoned. Did you clothe me? Did you help me by visiting me in my illness or in prison?" If the answers are yes, we will be eternally rewarded because we have cooperated with God's grace by practicing charity. But if the answers are negative, we will be eternally punished. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "If sometimes our poor people have had to die of starvation, it is not because God didn't care for them, but because you and I didn't give, were not instruments of love in the hands of God, to give them that bread, to give them that clothing; because we did not recognize Christ, when once more Christ came in distressing disguise."

Life messages:

- 1) The Holy Bible, the Seven Sacraments, the Ten Commandments and the precepts of the Church are all meant to help us to practice corporal and spiritual works of charity (mercy), in this life so that we may become able to receive God's love, our eternal reward of Heavenly bliss.
- 2) Sins of omission (in which, we fail to recognize those in need as our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we fail to serve them in love), are very serious matters leading us toward eternal punishment.

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*