

St. Basil Catholic Church

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

~ LITURGY SCHEDULE ~

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost **Saturday, September 26, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**
EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 9: 6-22 For the Faithful of the Parish
GOSPEL Luke 5: 1-11

Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Protection of the Theotokos **Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**
Our Lady of the Sign, Coconut Creek

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost **Saturday, October 3, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**
EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 11: 32-12: 9 For the Faithful of the Parish
GOSPEL Luke 8: 5-15

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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.

~ PASTORAL MESSAGE ~

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

In Luke's gospel, Simon is the first character to respond positively to Jesus' public preaching. Jesus' hometown of Nazareth had rejected him when he announced in the synagogue that he was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of a Messiah for the poor and outcast (see Luke 4:16-30). Luke emphasizes Simon's willing, but somewhat incredulous, cooperation with Jesus. When Jesus asks him to pull his boat out a short distance from the shore so that he may teach the crowd, Simon does so. However, when Jesus finishes teaching and commands Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch," the seasoned fisherman is at first skeptical but then trustingly complies, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." Once he witnesses the miraculous catch of fish, Simon Peter is seized with amazement and a sense of unworthiness. He falls at Jesus' knees and acknowledges his sinfulness. Now he is ready to be the instrument of God's work. Jesus can then assure him, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

OCTOBER 1 - THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS On October 1st we commemorate the Protection of the Theotokos. "The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St. Andrei (Andrew of Constantinople) Yurodivyi's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century. The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil (cerement) off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted, and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering." *Rev. Martin Vavrak – Administrator*

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS ~

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Next Saturday, each parishioner is invited to bring their pets or service animals to church for their annual blessing. All animals must be kept on a leash or in a carrier. Please plan ahead, and remember it is never okay to leave your furry friends in the car or tied outside in the heat.

COFFEE SOCIAL Starting October 10 (two-weeks from now), we'll begin collecting \$1 for coffee and \$1 for snacks (\$2 total). These funds will go toward weekly supplies as well as future social activities. We also need a volunteer each week to make the coffee, bring a tasty treat, and cleanup. As a parish activity, this responsibility should not fall on any one person. If you would like to keep this tradition going, please volunteer to help and add your name to the signup sheet. Thank you for your continued support of this weekly gathering.

TAG SALE Saturday, November 7, at OLOS from 7 am until 3:30 pm. St. Basil will have a booth and volunteers are needed. A signup sheet has been posted by the coffee station.

ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON Saturday, December 5, immediately following Divine Liturgy. An event Chair is needed to organize the festivities. Please speak with Fred. Also, all parishioners are invited to attend OLOS' festivities on Sunday December 6. If you would like to purchase a ticket to attend at OLOS, please see Fred.