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

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday of Cheesefare**  
EPISTLE Romans 13: 11-14: 4  
GOSPEL Matthew 6: 1421

**Saturday, February 14, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**  
Health & Blessing of Tobias Dong

*Sanctuary Candle: Health & Blessing of June Stojkovic  
Happy Birthday, Lillian & Vivian*

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**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

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**First Sunday of the Great Fast**  
EPISTLE Hebrews 11: 24-26 & 32-12: 2  
GOSPEL John: 1: 43-51

**Saturday, February 21, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**  
Typika Psalm Service

*Sanctuary Candle: Health & Blessing of Daniel Powel  
Happy Birthday, Nanny*

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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 LITURGICAL SCHEDULE** As noted in the calendar above, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. on the first, third, and final week of the Fast. This is a change from what was previously announced.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** As we enter the Great Fast, house blessings are postponed until after Pascha.

**ICON PLEDGE DRIVE** Scan the QR code posted on the bulletin board to view the remaining 9 icons. Icons will not be ordered until each icon has a sponsor. To pay via check, or set-up a payment plan, speak with Fred.

**GOLD VESTMENTS** Additional donors are needed. To make a contribution, please speak with Fred.

*Directives for the Great Fast*  
**from the Office of the Bishop**

Our Tradition is to abstain from meat after Meatfare Sunday and from dairy products after Cheesefare Sunday until Easter. The following are the minimum requirements:

1. All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passiac are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.
2. All adults who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat, eggs, and milk products on the first day of Lent, Monday, February 16, and on Great and Holy Friday, April 3.

*Pastoral Message*

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

He began His ministry by being hungry, yet He is the Bread of Life. Jesus ended His earthly ministry by being thirsty, yet He is the Living Water. Jesus was weary, yet He is our rest. Jesus paid tribute, yet He is the King. Jesus was accused of having a demon, yet He cast out demons. Jesus wept, yet He wipes away our tears. Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver, yet He redeemed the world. Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, yet He is the Good Shepherd. Jesus died, yet by His death He destroyed the power of death.

*By St. Gregory Nazianzus, (329-390)*

Prayer of Ephrem the Syrian to the Holy Spirit

O Lord and Heavenly King, Comforter and Spirit of Truth, have pity and mercy upon me, Your sinful servant. Forgive me, though I am unworthy, and remit whatever sins I have committed against You today - both as a man and not as a man, but acting worse than an animal. Forgive my voluntary and involuntary sins, those committed knowingly and in ignorance, from my youth and knowledge of evil, and those which have arisen from insolence and despondency. Forgive me if I have cursed in Your name or have blasphemed it in my mind. Forgive me if I have reproached or cursed someone in my anger, or if I have caused grief or become angry because of something. Forgive me if I have turned away a poor person who came to me. Forgive me if I have caused my brother grief, or judged or condemned anyone. Forgive me if I have exalted myself or become angry. Forgive me if, while standing in prayer, my mind was turned to the evil of this world and I considered returning. Forgive me if I have eaten or drunk inordinately or acted foolishly. Forgive me if I have thought of evil, and have seen the good as something strange, and by this strangeness was wounded in heart. Forgive me if I have spoken dishonorably, or have laughed at the sin of my brother; for my own sins are without number. Forgive me if I have been negligent concerning prayer, or have forgotten any other evil which I have done; for I have committed all these and greater sins than these I have committed. O Master and Creator, have mercy on me, your humble and unworthy servant. Remit, pardon, and forgive me; for You are Good and the Lover of Mankind. May I, who am sinful, dissolute, and cursed, lie down in peace to sleep and rest; and I will adore, praise, and glorify Your all-honorable Name with the Father, and His only-begotten Son, now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*