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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Second Sunday of the Great Fast w/2nd All Souls Panachida

EPISTLE Hebrews 1: 10-2: 3
GOSPEL Mark 2: 1-12

Saturday, February 28, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

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

no weekday services ----

**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

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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

ICON PLEDGE DRIVE Today is the final day to sponsor an icon. If interested, please speak with Fred following Divine Liturgy.

CHURCH A/C & GOLD VESTMENTS Additional donors are still needed. Unfortunately, we are unable to pay the final invoices until we receive additional contributions. To make a contribution, please speak with Fred.

SLAVIC KITCHEN If you would like to order pierogi, kielbasa, stuffed cabbage and baked goods, 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.

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!

WHO WAS SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS? Saint Gregory Palamas was an Athonite monk who later became the Archbishop of Thessalonica. Born in Constantinople to a noble Anatolian family, he had always been interested in the monastic life. Around 1318 A.D., he and his two brothers went to Mount Athos and became monks. However, with the Turks encroaching upon Greece, he fled to Thessalonica, where he entered the priesthood in 1326 A.D. Shortly afterward, he took up the eremitic life at a mountain near Beroea, and eventually returned to Athos in A.D. 1331. Six years later, he became involved in a controversy with Barlaam, a Greek monk from Calabria, Italy.

In A.D. 1347, Palamas became Archbishop of Thessalonica, but the political climate made it impossible for him to take up his see until A.D. 1350. During a voyage to Constantinople, he was captured by Turks and held in captivity for over a year. He died in A.D. 1359, and the Eastern Orthodox Church glorified him a mere 9 years later. “When Jesus, it says, ‘saw their faith’, the faith, that is, of the bed-ridden man who had been lowered, and of those who had let him down from the roof, he said unto the sick man, Son thy sins be forgiven thee.’ What a blessed way to be addressed! He hears himself called ‘son’ and is adopted as the child of the heavenly Father. He is joined to God who is without sin, having immediately become sinless himself through the forgiveness of his sins. In order that his body can subsequently be renewed, his soul first receives deliverance from sin from the Lord, who knows that in the beginning when the soul fell into the snares of sin, physical illness and death followed, in accordance with His righteous judgment.” *St Gregory Palamas*

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*