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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

EPISTLE Galatians 6: 11-18
GOSPEL John 3: 13-17

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, September 6, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 1: 18-24
GOSPEL John 19: 6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Jacob Family

Saturday, September 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately after each Divine Liturgy.

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.

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, George Stojkovic, Helena Hukova, Mateo Stojkovic, Serena Bravo, Stella Bravo, Gabriela Machado, and Laura McKenzie. 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.

Announcements and Reminders

TIME CHANGE Next Saturday, September 13, Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 a.m. This change is only for September 13. Please mark your calendar and plan accordingly. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Are you celebrating your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, etc., wedding anniversary in 2025 or 2026? If so, a jubilee Divine Liturgy will be held at our sister church in Orlando, St. Nicholas of Myra, on January 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. The liturgy will be followed by a luncheon. There is no fee associated with the luncheon, other than travel expenditures. If you would like to attend, please register with Fr. Martin or Fred by October 18.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES It is a tradition in the Byzantine church, to light a candle when entering the church, even if entering after liturgy has begun. Like all supplies used in the church, there is a purchase price charged to St. Basil when ordering the candles. That being said, we kindly ask for a small donation of \$3.00 per candle to help defray costs.

LITURGY INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LIGHT If you would like a Liturgy offered or the week-long sanctuary candle lit for the blessed memory or health of a loved one, please fill out the form located in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket or hand it to Fred. Requests can also be made online via the contribute QR code found on the bulletin cover. We will do our best to calendar your request as noted, however it is first-come, first-calendared.

WILLS AND TRUSTS St. Basil’s welcomes charitable donations made by bequest through your Will or through Trust. A Bequest is a unique gift of money or assets left through your will and is an investment in the future of your Parish. By leaving a bequest, you are making a lasting difference in the life of the Parish community. Please contact Fr. Martin or Fred if you have any questions.

BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS The Nativity of the Theotokos invites us to contemplate the profound mystery of God's providence working through human generations. In celebrating Mary's birth, we honor the woman who would become the Mother of God. Her nativity represents hope fulfilled and promise realized - that even in our humble beginnings, God sees the potential for extraordinary grace. We're reminded that holiness often emerges from the ordinary, and that each life carries within it the possibility of participating in God's redemptive work in the world. Through Saints Joachim and Anna's joy at their daughter's birth, we glimpse how God transforms barrenness into fruitfulness, despair into hope, and prepares vessels for His divine purposes across generations.