

St. Basil Catholic Church

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

~ LITURGY SCHEDULE ~

Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 1: 10-18
GOSPEL Matthew 14: 14-22

Saturday, July 18, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

For the Faithful of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of Danny Leckliter by Nanny

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 3: 9-17
GOSPEL Matthew 14: 22-34

Saturday, July 25, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

For the Faithful of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of Danny Leckliter by Nanny

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, 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.

BLESSING OF CARS The Holy Prophet Elijah is associated with travel and protection during journeys. According to biblical tradition, Elijah was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot, making him a natural patron for vehicles and safe travel. As Elijah's chariot carried him safely into God's presence, the blessing asks that our own "chariots" carry us and our loved ones safely too. The blessing of cars serves as a reminder that no part of life is too ordinary to be brought before God, even the family car. Immediately following Divine Liturgy Saturday, Fr. Martin will bless cars, RVs, motorcycles, scooters, bicycles, etc.

WHY WE LIGHT CANDLES Byzantine Catholics light a candle when entering the church as a personal act of devotion, joined to a deeper truth that Christ himself is called the Light of the World, the light that darkness cannot overcome. Lighting a small flame before an icon is a way of reflecting that light back and a reminder that the person is stepping into Christ's presence. Because the candle is about that personal offering rather than the timing of the service, it doesn't need to match the Liturgy's schedule. Someone arriving after Divine Liturgy has begun still crosses into sacred space, still venerates the icons (without kissing them), and their candle still carries that same meaning: a small light added to the greater Light, a prayer rising up regardless of the hour.

~ PASTORAL MESSAGE ~

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

Commentary: St. Augustine

The miracles wrought by our Lord Jesus Christ are truly divine works, which lead the human mind through visible things to a perception of the Godhead. God is not the kind of being that can be seen with the eyes, and small account is taken of the miracles by which he rules the entire universe and governs all creation because they recur so regularly. Scarcely anyone bothers to consider God's marvelous, his amazing artistry in every tiny seed. And so certain works are excluded from the ordinary course of nature, works which God in his mercy has reserved for himself, so as to perform them at appropriate times. People who hold cheap what they see every day are dumbfounded at the sight of extraordinary works even though they are no more wonderful than the others.

Governing the entire universe is a greater miracle than feeding five thousand people with five loaves of bread, yet no one marvels at it. People marvel at the feeding of the five thousand not because this miracle is greater, but because it is out of the ordinary.

Who is even now providing nourishment for the whole world if not the God who creates a field of wheat from a few seeds? Christ did what God does. Just as God multiplies a few seeds into a whole field of wheat, so Christ multiplied the five loaves in his hands. For there was power in the hands of Christ. Those five loaves were like seeds, not because they were cast on the earth but because they were multiplied by the one who made the earth.

This miracle was presented to our senses in order to stimulate our minds; it was put before our eyes in order to engage our understanding.

Rev. Martin Vavrak
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