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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Ephesians 4: 1-6
GOSPEL Luke 13: 10-17

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, November 29, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Ephesians 5: 9-19
GOSPEL Luke 17: 12-19

Sanctuary Candle:

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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, Danny Leckliter, Mateo Stojkovic, Serena Bravo, Stella Bravo, Gabriela Machado, Michelle Bentivegna, Luz Mirella Vargas, Miguel Angel Alarcon, Viviana Rosa Munoz, Natasha Lemeshova, Carlos Reyes, 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

PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM! The Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program continues. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon “The Call of the Disciples” in your home for one week. You will be greatly blessed. Please speak with Fr. Martin or Fred to sign-up.

ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON Our luncheon is next Saturday, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Thank you to all who registered to attend. It is sure to be a beautiful afternoon. Remember, there will be raffles at the luncheon, so don’t leave your wallets at home.

ICON PLEGE DRIVE As we continue to make updates around the church and grounds, we have a goal to add new icons to the interior of the church. As of this morning only two of the fifteen available icons have pledges. While we would like to have the icons installed before the Bishop’s visit, the remaining icons need sponsors:



Archangel Barachiel	Archangel Jehudiel	Archangel Jeremiel	
Archangel Gabriel	Archangel Michael	Archangel Salaphiel	
Archangel Uriel	Saint John	Saint Luke	
SaintMark	Saint Matthew	The Holy Trinity	Entry into Jerusalem

For more details, to contribute via check, or make installment payments, please speak with Fred.

2026 ENVELOPES Contribution envelopes for the new year will be available soon. If you have yet to register as a parishioner, and would like to, please speak with Fred.

Pastoral Message

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

An encounter with Jesus always brings great healing and dignity. That is because Jesus does not see us as we see ourselves or as others see us. In his eyes, we all have great value because we are beloved of God and made in his image. The woman whom Jesus healed had been so stripped other dignity that she was considered less important than a thirsty barnyard animal. At least they could be cared for on the Sabbath! But Jesus saw this woman differently. He called her a "daughter of Abraham" (Luke 13:16), a member of God's chosen people, and he healed her so that she could once more stand as a woman of dignity, no longer burdened by Satan. Society places such importance on externals, on doing certain things certain ways. The synagogue ruler thought little of this "daughter of Abraham" and little of Jesus. Blinded by his hypocrisy, he could not see what was happening before his very eyes. The kingdom of God had come with great power, calling him to the freedom of being a son of God. But he missed it because of his narrow view of how God would work. God would only heal during the "working week," not on the official day of rest. Perhaps our experience is like the woman's. We may be deeply burdened by Satan. We may feel stripped of our dignity through painful experiences or debilitating illness. Perhaps we are like the synagogue ruler, blinded by commands and duties and unable to perceive the priority of love. We may have become harsh and judgmental to the point that we don't see how valuable we—and others—really are in God's eyes. Let us not feel so sure of how God will work that we don't give him the freedom to work outside of the boundary lines we have set up for him. Jesus can set us free of anything that binds or oppresses us. Let us turn to him now so that he can restore to us the dignity that each of us has as beloved sons and daughters of God. "Lord Jesus, heal us of our illnesses, burdens, and wounds. Set us free from the power of Satan and fill us with love for you so that, like this 'daughter of Abraham,' we too might praise you for the dignity you have given us."

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*