

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!  
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

EPISTLE Acts 9: 32-42  
GOSPEL John 5: 1-15

Saturday, May 10, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

+Vincent Weir  
by the Weir family

Sanctuary Candle:

Eternal Memory of +Vincent Weir

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

EPISTLE Acts 11: 19-26 & 29-30  
GOSPEL John 4: 5-42

Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Health and Blessing of the Parish Family

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of Pope Leo XIV

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately before and 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, Joseph Fedyszak, Helena Hukova, Mateo Stojkovic, Serena Bravo, Stella Bravo, 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 & Reminders

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Did you celebrate your 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, etc., wedding anniversary in 2024? How about in 2025? If you did / will celebrate your anniversary during 2024 or 2025, 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 November 1.

**AUXILIARY BISHOP ORDINATION** Yesterday, May 9, 2025, Rev. Gregg M. Caggianelli, Ch, Col, USAF, was ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese for the Miliary Services, at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fl. As many of you know, in addition to Fr. Martin’s duties as Administrator of St. Basil and Pastor of Our Lady of the Sign, he serves as Chaplain for the U.S. Military. Fr. Martin represented both parishes at the ordination, along with altar server and lay trustee Jorge Machado.

**2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL** The deadline to contribute is **Saturday, May 24** (three weeks from today). If you have not yet donated, we kindly ask you to do so.

Goal: 100 % parishioner participation

To Date: 8 out of 19 families

**ICON DRIVE** If you visit other Byzantine churches, you will notice almost every wall is filled with icons of various sizes, depicting the life of Jesus, the blessed Theotokos, feast days, and saints. Last year at OLOS, we had an ambitious goal to fill the blank walls with icons. Our goal was met with enthusiasm, and 47 icons were donated. This year, we will host the same icon drive here at St. Basil! To make this a meaningful project for all parishioners, everyone will be able to donate an icon in the blessed memory or in honor of a friend or loved one. A small plaque will be placed under the icon, noting their name, and the contributor. Lampadas (hanging vigil lights) will also be available for certain icons, (depending on their location) and will be lite at each Liturgy. The drive will be held through our website, where you will be able to browse the icons available and make your contribution. Various sizes to reflect a wide price-point will be available. The drive will go live on Friday, May 16 via email announcement.

Pastoral Message

Christ is Risen!

Dear brothers and sisters, beloved parishioners!

What a joyous Paschal time, Our Lord called back home Holy Father Francis and gave us new one. The most watched chimney around the world for more than 48 hours gave us finally a sign which was a white smoke as a sign that God is with Us and providing us with the guidance of The Holy Spirit. Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected as the first US-born pontiff and will be known as Pope Leo XIV. Leo made his first remarks as pope from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in front of tens of thousands of onlookers, calling for peace, unity and paying tribute to the late Pope Francis. The pope's election prompted an outpouring of congratulations from world leaders, and prayers from all Catholics around the whole world. It is a great honor for the country, as said US President Donald Trump who also called this the historic selection. Leo XIV will continue to encourage all of us to be aware of and to do what we can make this a better world for everybody, which means caring for the things that we have and have been given to us to share.

Let us support him spiritually with our daily prayers! God grant Him Many Blessed Years!!! Na mnohaja l blahaja Lita!

In Christ,  
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator