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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

We welcome our guests and visitors, and are happy to have them join us in prayer.

Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

EPISTLE Acts 6: 1-7

GOSPEL Mark 15: 43-16: 8

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

Typika Psalm Service

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

EPISTLE Acts 9: 32-42

GOSPEL John 5: 1-15

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

Health & Blessing of Katarina Vislocky

on her 95th birthday

by Anna Vavrak

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

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, Sister Margaret Fedyszak and Fr. Ed Kakaty.

Announcements & Reminders

THANK YOU to our St. basil family for coming together to make a beautiful fun day. You all were wonderful! Many hands made light work. Thanks to all who helped and joined us.

Always, June

THANK YOU What you gave was far more than your time and effort: you gave of yourselves, and in doing so, you reflected the very spirit of our parish family. Whether you spent time planning behind the scenes or showed up on the day to set up tables, serve food, or simply greet a neighbor with a smile, your generosity made all the difference. May God bless you abundantly for every act of service, seen and unseen. May He repay in grace what no words of ours can adequately express. We are so grateful to call you our community.

With deep appreciation and prayer, Fr. Martin, Fr. Dcn. Michael, and Fred

FINANCIAL HELP We still do not have the funds to pay these invoices and need your help. Unfortunately, we failed our recertification inspections and repairs are required. Please consider making a contribution so that we can become solvent with our service providers and make the needed repairs.

- Balance of Gold Vestments: \$1,400.00
- Balance of Church A/C: \$3,400.00
- Building Recertification and Repairs: \$7,120.01

Pastoral Message

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

Myrrh-Bearing Women Sunday

By St. Ambrose (c.340-397)

Mary Magdalen who loved the Lord more dearly, for she had remained at the sepulchre weeping, saw the Lord first of all of them, and told the Apostles. For the Evangelist John says: But Mary Magdalen coming tells the disciples: I have seen the Lord. Through this we are counseled that we should come seeking the Lord laden with sweet spices, that is, with the spices of virtue and good works. There are some. Dearly Beloved, who seem to be seeking the Lord, but since they are slothful, and strangers to virtue, they do not deserve to find Him; nor, when found, to see Him. What however were these holy women seeking at the tomb, if not the Body of the Lord Jesus? And you, what is it you are seeking in the Church if not Jesus, that is, the Saviour? But if you wish to find Him, the sun being now risen, then come as these women came; that is, let there be no darkness of evil in your hearts; for the desires of the flesh, and works that are evil, are darkness. They in whose hearts there is darkness of this kind see not the light, and understand not Christ; for Christ is the Light.

Therefore, drive the darkness from you, brethren; that is, all sinful desires, and all evil works, and provide yourselves with sweet spices, that is, earnest prayer, saying with the psalmist: Let my prayer, O Lord, be directed as incense in thy sight (Ps 140.2). Take further note of what you have heard read: namely, that Mary Magdalen, persevering by the tomb, found Him Whom she had been seeking. Accordingly it is necessary that you drive evil from you, and so it is expedient for you that you persevere steadfastly in whatever good you have begun, if you desire to see the Lord and come to your heavenly home. Now since you are celebrating the holy Pasch, you should know, brethren, what the Pasch is. Pasch means, the crossing-over; and so the Festival is called by this name. For it was on this day that the Children of Israel crossed over out of Egypt, and the Son of God crossed over from this world to His Father. What gain is it to celebrate the Pasch unless you imitate Him Whom you worship; that is, unless you cross over from Egypt, that is, from the darkness of evildoing to the light of virtue, and from the love of this world to the love of your heavenly home?

In Christ,

Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator