

Our Lady of the Sign Catholic Church

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

~ LITURGY SCHEDULE ~

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 6: 18-23
GOSPEL Matthew 8: 5-13

Saturday, June 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Melissa Cipyak
by Jon & Suzie Cipyak

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, June 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+John L. Monito
by Susan Scotts

Moleben to Jesus, The Lover of Mankind

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 10: 1-10
GOSPEL Matthew 8: 28-9: 3

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

+Clara Legezd
by F. Wilson Family

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Grazilda Leticia Botello
by Alexandra Stefanyshyn

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately following each Divine Liturgy, or by appointment.
Reserved Holy Communion will be available for those who wish to receive after confession.

ROSARY SCHEDULE

- Wednesday: 6:40 p.m.
- Saturday: 4:40 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:40 a.m.

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~ 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, Fina Gonzalez, and Raul Gonzalez. 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 check our website during your daily prayers for an up-to-date listing of those who are in need of our prayers.***

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS ~

WEDNESDAY EVENING MOLEBEN TO JESUS, LOVER OF MANKIND In the midst of our busy lives (the appointments, the deadlines, the noise) we invite you to pause for just 30-minutes and join us for our weekly Moleben to Jesus, Lover of Mankind. For those who attend regularly, you already know the peace that follows you out the door and into the rest of your week. For those who have never come, we gently encourage you: come once, and you will understand why this service means so much. You may be surprised at how 30-minutes can quietly reorient everything.

EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- July 9 – 12
ByzanTeen Rally
John Carroll University - Cleveland, Ohio
- July 19 – 23
Altar Server Congress
Carpathian Village
- July 31 – August 2
Young Adult Convocation
Hillsborough, NJ
- August 2
Annual Saint Nicholas Pilgrimage
Carpathian Village
- August 9 – 13
Camp Theotokos
Carpathian Village

If you are interested in attending any of the above events, please speak with Fr. Martin or Fred.

~ 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.

~ PASTORAL MESSAGE ~

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

The healing of the centurion’s servant is one of nine miracles described by Matthew following the Sermon on the Mount. These miracles show Jesus' power over sickness, evil and death, and his authority over the laws of nature. He is revealed as the Messiah of deed, just as his teachings show him as the Messiah of word.

The centurion's faith rested on his understanding of who Jesus was. He must have heard of him, possibly even watched him and listened to him, and he concluded that Jesus was a man with great authority. It cannot have been Jesus' station in life, his background, accent or wealth that struck the centurion. No, he was impressed with the personal greatness of Jesus, signified by the title "Lord" (Matthew 8:5). We can gain an insight into what it means to have faith from this centurion. He took steps based on what he knew about Jesus, approaching him humbly and expectantly. He had decided that Jesus had the will and the power to help him, and he was not disappointed. The centurion's faith was pivotal: it astonished Jesus and opened the way for a miracle. Jesus said: "Let it be done for you according to your faith" (Matthew 8:13), indicating the importance of the man's faith. Faith draws down the power of God. The same is true for us today: If we have faith, we will see God work great things in our lives and in the lives of our families. We do not need great knowledge; we need only to act on what we do know about Jesus. The centurion could not have known in his time what we now know, following Jesus' death and resurrection. But he had the courage to approach Jesus and ask for the help he needed. Faith grows in this way; each step taken bears fruit in greater knowledge of the Lord. The centurion had an even deeper knowledge of Jesus after the miracle! As we base our decisions on what we know about Jesus, we will experience him working. Test the goodness of God and we will find the words of the prophet fulfilled in our own lives: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases" (Isaiah 53:4).

"Lord Jesus, show us how to grow in faith in order to see your loving intervention in our lives, in our families, and in the church."

Rev. Martin Vavrak
Pastor

~ PARISHIONER CORNER ~

Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate my birthday, and for your well-wishes.

With love, Angie

*Do you have a note or announcement you would like to share with your fellow parishioners?
If so, the bulletin is great place to do so! If you would like to have something posted,
please email Fred by the preceding Wednesday.*

~ **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ~

The following is an outline to use with the Green Hymnal.

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~ **HYMNS** ~

OPENING HYMN

Set to melody, *All the faithful come before you*

- As the Lord was walking, came a soldier in distress. “Sir,” he said, “my servant’s dying. Cure him, make him blest.”
- Jesus said, “I’ll come to you and cure him; have no fear.” “Lord,” the soldier said, “it’s not fit; order it from here.”
- Quite amazed, the Master told him: “Go off home in peace; through your faith, this is accomplished; he shall have release.”
- Freed from sin and slave to justice, striving with each breath; God’s own gift is life in Jesus; sin’s sole wage is death!

Refrain: Lord, I am not worthy, that you should come to me; speak the word of healing, Jesus; set my spirit free! In your love reborn, forgiven, ever let us be!

~ **SLAVONIC** ~

THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas.

CLOSING HYMN

We hasten to your patronage

1. We hasten to your patronage, O Maiden full of grace. * We seek your help in every need, our Queen and Advocate. * And keep us free from sinful deeds, O Virgin, most beloved. * We ask you to forsake us not; give mercy from above.
2. O loving Mother, guard us now, who cry to you for aid. * All those who place their hope in you remain so unafraid. * And cover with your mantle blue your children who await. * Salvation and redemption day, our Queen and Advocate.

~ **READINGS** ~

EPISTLE

Romans 6: 18-23

Freed from your sin, you became slaves of justice. (I use the following example from human affairs because of your weak human nature.) Just as formerly you enslaved your bodies to impurity and licentiousness for the degradation, make them now the servants of justice for their sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you had freedom from justice. What benefit did you then enjoy? Things you are now ashamed of, all of them tending toward death. But now that you are freed from sin and have become slaves of Bod, your benefit is sanctification as you tend toward eternal life. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 8: 5-13

At that time as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him with this request: “Sir, my serving boy is at home in bed paralyzed, suffering painfully.” Jesus said to the centurion, “I will come and cure him.” Sir,” the centurion said in reply, “I am not worthy to have you under my roof. Just give an order and my boy will get better. I am a man under authority myself and I have troops assigned to me. If I give one man the order, ‘Dismissed,’ off he goes. If I say to another, ‘Do this,’ he does it.” Jesus showed amazement on hearing this and remarked to his followers, “I assure you, I have never found this much faith in Israel. Mark what you say! Many will come from the east and the west and will find a place at the banquet in the kingdom of God with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, while the natural heirs of the kingdom will be driven out into the dark. Wailing will be heard there, and the grinding of teeth.” To the centurion Jesus said, “Go home. It shall be done because you trusted.” That very moment the boy got better.