

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

**LITURGY & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
EPISTLE Galatians 2: 16-20  
GOSPEL Luke 8: 26-39

*Sanctuary Candle:*  
*Health & Blessing of Fr. Martin*

**Saturday, November 1, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**  
Health & Blessing of Fr. Martin Vavrak  
by the OLOS Parish

**Sunday, November 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**  
+Rose Mary Monito  
by Susan Scotts

**Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**  
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
EPISTLE Galatians 6: 11-18  
GOSPEL Luke 8: 41-56

*Sanctuary Candle:*  
*Health & Blessing of the Parish Family*

**Saturday, November 8, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**  
Health & Blessing of Kaitlyn Cipyak  
by Jon & Suzie Cipyak

**Sunday, November 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**  
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.

**ROSARY SCHEDULE**

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

**WELCOME!**

We welcome our guests and visitors, and are happy to have them join us in prayer. If you are visiting our parish for the first time, be sure to pick-up a welcome card, which shares some key information about the Byzantine Liturgy. 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, Helena Huk, Nadiia Mykytiak, Lesia, Chris Finnegan, Dan Asche, Natasha Lemeshova, and Stephen Finnegan. 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.

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*Announcements and reminders continued...*

**2025 / 2026 BISHOP’S APPEAL** This year’s appeal has officially kicked off, and you should have received a mailer from the Chancery. If you did not, please see Fred for a copy. Our goal, \$6,200.00, equates to \$175.00 per family. If we are successful again in reaching our goal, Bishop Kurt will generously refund our parish 40%. This year, we ask you to submit your contribution directly to the Chancery via the mailer, or via the link on our website.

**PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM!** The Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program has begun! This program is taking place in every Byzantine Catholic parish in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God’s call in their lives. God relies on generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monks, and nuns. The Church needs people like you to pray for and encourage them. 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. A sign-up sheet can be found by the coffee station.

**2025 HOLIDAY FOOD BANK DONATIONS** At Our Lady of the Sign Church, we believe that faith calls us to serve the least among us. This season, we're partnering with The Greek Catholic Union to help feed the homeless and families struggling to put food on their tables. No one should go to bed hungry. Through your generosity, we can live out Christ's teaching to "feed the hungry" and be His hands in our neighborhood. Together, we can turn compassion into action. *"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." - Matthew 25:35*

A collection basket has been placed in the back of the church. The GCU will generously match the total of our final collection, up to \$500.00. All monies collected will be presented to Our Father’s House Soup Kitchen, which is a local not for profit based in Pompano. **We are entering our final week to collect donations. Please consider contributing.**

**LITURGY INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LIGHT** If you would like a Liturgy offered or the week-long sanctuary candle lit for the blessed memory or health of a loved one, please fill out the form located by the coffee station and place it in the collection basket or hand it to Fred. Requests can also be made online via the contribute QR code found on the bulletin cover. Remember, we have three liturgies per week to choose from. We will do our best to calendar your request as noted, however it is first-come, first-calendared.

**We are now accepting requests for 2026.** So that we can better accommodate your requests, you are encouraged to submit your names for the entire year.

## *Pastoral Message*

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: We may also learn this from what befell the herd of swine. Wicked demons are cruel, mischievous, hurtful and treacherous to those who are in their power. The fact clearly proves this, because they hurried the swine over a precipice and drowned them in the waters. Christ granted their request that we might learn from what happened that their disposition is ruthless, bestial, incapable of being softened, and solely intent on doing evil to those whom they can get into their power.

If there is anyone among us who is wanton, swinish, filth loving, impure and willingly contaminated with the abominations of sin, God permits such a one to fall into their power and sink into the abyss of damnation. It will never happen that those who love Christ will become subject to them. It will never happen to us as long as we walk in his footsteps, avoid negligence in the performance of what is right, desire those things which are honorable, and belong to that virtuous and praiseworthy lifestyle that Christ has marked out for us by the precepts of the gospel.

St. Simeon the New Theologian: The whole warfare of the demons against us is waged with the one purpose of alienating those who obey them from the glory of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit. But, as I see it, we have already deprived ourselves of such a gift before they even attack us, because we have forsaken the commandments of God and have not been eager to seek Him with all our soul. Had we sought Him we should not have lived so idly and carelessly! Had we been concerned for the things of heaven we should not have shown such great eagerness for the things of earth. Had our thoughts been on things incorruptible we should not have gaped greedily after the things that are transitory and corruptible. Had we striven for things eternal we should not thus have pursued things temporal. Had we loved God we should not thus have turned away from those who guide us to Him. Had we sought to acquire virtues we would not have abhorred the teachers of virtues. Had we gladly embraced fasting we should not have complained of the lack of food and drink. Had we fought to gain control over our passions we should not have given ourselves unrestrainedly to pleasures. Had we a right and firm faith we should not have performed the works of faithlessness...Had we been found worthy to attain true love we should have known God.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Pastor*

Announcements and Reminders

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION** Are you seeking to grow closer to Christ through the beautiful liturgical and spiritual heritage of the Byzantine Catholic Church? Our Eastern Catholic Formation classes offer a transformative journey into the depths of our ancient faith.

Why Formation Matters?

A thriving parish is a learning parish, as we are called to continually deepen our understanding of the Faith. Formation isn't just about knowledge, it's about transformation... about allowing the Holy Spirit to shape us more fully into the image of Christ. When we invest in formation, we strengthen the entire parish community. Educated and engaged faithful become more active participants in divine worship, better equipped to share their faith with others, and living witnesses to the beauty of Eastern Christianity

What You'll Experience

- ❖ Liturgical Theology: Understand the profound meaning behind our Divine Liturgy and sacred traditions
- ❖ Eastern Spirituality: Explore the Jesus Prayer, iconography, and the mystical teachings of the Church
- ❖ Scripture & Tradition: See how Sacred Scripture and Holy Tradition illuminate the mind
- ❖ Practical Faith: Learn how our Byzantine heritage enriches daily prayer, family life, and spiritual growth

Classes begin on Sunday November 23 and will be held on a bi-weekly scheduled, from 9 am until 9:40 am. Everyone is welcome, whether you're a lifelong Byzantine Catholic or newly discovering our traditions. Contact David Wilson for more information at: 407.985.8834

Theotokos, Star of the Sea

- ❖ We have a family who is in need of transportation, financial assistance, and prepared meals that can be easily be heated. If you are willing to help a fellow parishioner, please contact Susan Scott at 561.859-9110 for more details.
- ❖ The Guild is happy to announce their annual **ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be held on Sunday, December 7, from 3-6 p.m., at Parkland Golf and Country Club.
  - Tickets are \$40.00 per adult, and \$20.00 per child
  - Ticket includes: Italian buffet lunch, soda, coffee or tea, and pastry
  - Tickets for beer and wine are also available for \$15.00 per drink, with a two-drink maximum
  - All tickets (food and drink) must be purchased in advance, and seating is limited
  - See Mike Donegan, Frank Wilson, or David Wilson to purchase your ticket
  - The final day to purchase tickets is November 23, no exceptions
  - See Mike Donegan or Susan Scotts with any questions
- ❖ The Guild is also having a **50/50 RAFFLE!** Tickets will be sold after each liturgy before the St. Nicholas Luncheon. You do not need to be present at the luncheon to win. Tickets are available at the coffee station, and the tally each week will be posted on the bulletin board.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

The following is an outline to use with the Green Hymnal. Opening Hymn and Liturgical Propers are found in the bulletin.

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