



TWELVE YEARS

When the woman with a hemorrhage learned that the Lord said to the leader of the synagogue, “Believe, and your daughter will live,” she thought to herself that he who could bring back the soul of a little girl of twelve into her body would also be able to take away an illness of twelve years and expel it from the body. When she heard him say, “Believe firmly and your daughter will live,” this woman reflected, “I can give the faith he requires as the price.” The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman’s mouth. He gave clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed.

Although the woman professed before everyone, they did not believe her, especially since her pains were hidden. When the Lord opened the eyes of the blind man, they called him a madman, and when he restored Lazarus to life, certain people, even among those who had seen for themselves, did not believe. This is why he restored the little girl of twelve years to life. He who was able to put the continued vitality of twelve years in the body back into its place was also able to arrest and banish from its place a flow of blood that continued for twelve years. He who was able to alleviate one illness was also able to banish another. He who was able to vivify all the dead members of this little girl was also able to heal the woman’s womb.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

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ARCHANGEL MICHAEL holds a place of profound veneration in the Byzantine Catholic Church, honored as the chief commander of the heavenly hosts and protector of the faithful. Michael is celebrated for his unwavering defense of God's truth and his role in the battle against evil.

He is invoked for protection against spiritual enemies and is seen as the guardian who escorts souls at the hour of death. Iconography frequently depict him in full military regalia, holding a sword, symbolizing his role as defender of righteousness.

The feast of Archangel Michael is celebrated on Nov. 8th; a major feast day when we honor not only Michael but all the angelic hosts, reflecting the understanding that the invisible spiritual realm is intimately connected with earthly worship, and that the angels, led by Michael, continually intercede before God's throne on behalf of humanity.

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

LITURGY & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

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.
+Robert Vavrak
by the Vavrak Family

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
EPISTLE Ephesians 2: 4-10
GOSPEL Luke 10: 25-37

Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
+Barbara Butkerait
by Laura & Scott Snyder

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...

LITURGY SCHEDULE CHANGE Please note the following schedule change and plan accordingly. This change will only affect the weekend of December 6 and 7.

- Saturday, December 6: no liturgy
- Sunday, December 7: Liturgy at 11 a.m.

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 **Today is the final day to make a donation.** 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*

The Greek Catholic Union 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. **Please consider contributing today.**

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.

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.

Pastoral Message

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Niagara Falls is thundering majesty, awesome beauty, and tremendous power --- all in one. Plunging down hundreds of feet, it pours forth thousands and thousands of kilowatts of energy to give light and life to cities, factories, and farms.

Faith is like Niagara. With far superior beauty and power, it healed hopeless diseases, consoled the suffering, strengthened the alcoholic, saved the sinner, and advanced the cause of truth and justice in the world. Countless miracles throughout the centuries are witnesses to the power of faith by people who really believe in Christ.

Today's Gospel tells us of two such miracles. The first deals with the healing of a woman with an incurable hemorrhage; the second with the resurrection of the daughter of the ruler of a synagogue.

Faith is a hundred times more powerful than Niagara. It will remain long after Niagara becomes a trickle. The energy and power of faith is ours to use whenever needed. But that faith must be real.

A tightrope walker crossed the Niagara from the American to the Canadian side on a suspended wire. He then began to push a wheelbarrow with a grooved wheel across the suspended wire. He received thunderous applause from the people. The performer then asked a boy in the audience if he believed that he could put someone in the wheelbarrow and push him safely to the other side. The boy said "Yes"! When the boy was asked to jump into the wheelbarrow, he ran away. He really didn't believe what he said. He lacked faith.

We are to have faith in the person of Christ. Our power and strength is in Him. He has proven His love for us with the supreme sacrifice of His life. It is our turn to show our love, and at the same time, to make use of the tremendous power potential of faith.

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Pastor*

Announcements and Reminders

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Next Saturday, November 15 from 8 am until 4 pm, we will host a grounds clean-up day, with a pizza lunch! If you are interested in volunteering, please speak with George Behary.

BLOOD DRIVE Next Sunday, November 16, from 9 am until 12 noon, OneBlood will have a mobile blood donation bus at OLOS. In addition to providing life-saving blood to those in need, donors will receive a sweatshirt or \$25.00 gift card. Donors are recommended to eat prior to donating, so please plan accordingly.

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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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THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas. (3x) Slava Otcu, i Synu, i svja tomu Duchu. I nyři, i prisno, i vo viki vikov amiň. Svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas. Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas.

HYMNS

Christians, join in our precession

1. Christians, join in our precession; * come and pray with us to Mary. * Let us see the power of our prayer * when we praise the Theotokos.
2. Pilgrims on the way to heaven, * placing all our cares behind us. * Looking for fulfillment of the word. * Earthly care will not deter us.
3. Come and march beside us pilgrims. * All together bow in homage. * To the Mother of our Savior * as we seek her gracious favor.
4. So that we may find her great love, * let us sing with strong devotion. * Sing to her a new and blessed hymn, * seeking heaven’s inspiration.
5. Hasten, join the heavens in prayer. * Join the saints and all the angels; * praise together Mary most pure. * All the universe gives glory.
6. Christijane pribihajte, * I d;ila naši vzirajte, * Kotoryja my tvorime, * Kol’ mater’ Božu slavime.
7. Skoro, skoro pribihajme, * I sobor velij vzirajme, * Vsich svjatyč so anhelami, * S Archanhel’skimi činami.