

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 ~

Second Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 2: 10-16
GOSPEL Matthew 4: 18-23

Saturday, June 6, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Frantisek Vavrak

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Mary Stefanyshyn

by Alexandra Stefanyshyn

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of Pani Anna Vavrak

Moleben to Jesus, The Lover of Mankind

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 5: 1-10
GOSPEL Matthew 6: 22-34

Saturday, June 13, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Bob Toth
by the Vavrak Family

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Health & Blessing of Angie Nemeth
by F. Wilson Family

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, Anna Vavrak, 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.

The Moleben is a beautiful treasure of the Byzantine Catholic tradition: a short prayer service that carries centuries of devotion in every word. It is intimate, it is grounding, and it speaks directly to the heart. The very title reminds us of the tender, personal love Christ has for each one of us, no matter what burdens we carry into that room.

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.

We gather not out of obligation, but out of a shared desire to return to what matters most. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

BISHOP’S APPEAL While we did not reach our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal, we are deeply grateful for every gift given in faith and generosity. Your contributions have made a real and lasting difference by supporting mission work, funding vital programs across our Eparchy, and bringing hope and assistance to those in our community who need it most. No act of giving goes unnoticed by God, and no act of giving has gone unnoticed by us. Because of you, lives have been touched, ministries have been sustained, and our Eparchy has been strengthened. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and support. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

PARISHIONER DIRECTORY & PHONE TREE Thank you to all who took time to complete our parishioner forms and have your picture taken. This helps us to keep our office records up-to-date. If you did not hand in your form or have your picture taken, we will have another photo session next Sunday.

~ 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!

Today’s Gospel story of Jesus’ calling his first disciples, Andrew and Peter, James and John, teaches us a lot about our life as Christians—the followers of Jesus Christ.

First, it teaches us that anybody can be a disciple of Jesus. These first disciples were fishermen. We can be sure that, in Jesus’ time, everyone knew that fishermen would be uneducated laborers. They would know about weather, and tides, and of course fish, but wouldn’t be able to read and write, and probably wouldn’t have a sophisticated understanding of Scripture and theology. So, there are no pre-conditions for becoming a disciple of Jesus. He can choose fishermen or philosophers, tax collectors or capitalists, housewives or politicians—or housewives who are politicians!

Second, this Gospel passage teaches us that the call to follow Jesus comes without promises—except the promise of doing God’s work. Jesus simply says, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Not, “Follow me and I will make you rich or powerful or beautiful.” Not, “Follow me and I will cure your diseases or solve your problems or make you happy.” Not, “Follow me and I will fulfill and vindicate your political agenda.” Just, “Follow me and I will put you to work.” So we shouldn’t think of our Christian faith as a help or a crutch or a divine insurance policy or a stamp of approval.

Third, this Gospel reading teaches us that being a disciple of Jesus means making some sacrifices. Andrew and Peter abandon their nets—just walk away from their jobs, not really knowing where their next meal or pair of sandals will come from or where they will sleep. James and John leave their boat and their father. They sacrifice not only their jobs, but also their possessions and family. Recalling the tradition that all the Apostles were married, we realize that Andrew and Peter and James and John were also leaving their wives and families and their lives together.

Finally, this reading teaches us that we are called to be part of God’s amazing work in the world. With his first disciples accompanying him, Jesus “went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God, and curing every disease and illness among the people.” When Jesus said that He would make those fishermen “fishers of men,” this is what He meant: by proclaiming the Good News and curing physical disease, the disciples would bring people to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, the savior of souls.

Rev. Martin Vavrak
Pastor

~ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

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

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~ HYMNS ~

OPENING HYMN

Set to melody, *We hasten to your patronage*

- As Jesus walked the beaches of the Sea of Galilee, He called to Peter and to Andrew: “Come and follow me! Leave boat and net; in days to come, you’ll go forth once again; formed by my word, you’ll cast your nets not seeking fish, but men!”
- Both James and John were called alike, and followed Christ that day. They toured the whole of Galilee, and heard the Master say: “Repent! The Kingdom is at hand! The Good News is for all!” In every place, he cured the sick and heard the sinners’ call.
- Christ calls us each to follow him, to listen and obey. There will be glory and great peace for all who walk his way. God has no pets, no favorites; no matter what our past, if we will live as Jesus taught, we’ll join him at the last.

~ SLAVONIC ~

THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas.

CLOSING HYMN

We hasten to your patronage

- 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.
- 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 2: 10-16

There will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who has done good, likewise the Jew first, then the Greek. With God there is no favoritism. Sinners who do not have the law will perish without reference to is; sinners bound by the law will be judge in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; it is those who keep it who will be declared just. When Gentiles who do not have the law keep it as by instinct, these men although without the law serve as a law for themselves. They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts. Their conscience bears witness together with that law, and their thoughts will accuse or defend them on the day when, in accordance with the gospel I preach, God will pass judgement on the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 18-23

At that time as Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee he watched two brothers, Simon now known as Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea. They were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately abandoned their nets and became his followers. He walked along father and caught sight of two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They too were in their boat, getting their nets in order with their father, Zebedee. He called them, and immediately they abandoned their boats and father to follow him. Jesus toured all of Galilee. He taught in their synagogues, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, and cured the people of every disease and illness.