

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 ~

Sunday of All Saints

EPISTLE Hebrews 11: 32-12: 2a
GOSPEL Matthew 10: 32-33, 37-38 & 19: 27-30

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Anna Vavrak
by F. Wilson Family

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of Fina Gonzalez & Raul Gonzalez

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Nick Stefanyshyn
by Alexandra Stefanyshyn

Moleben to Jesus, The Lover of Mankind

Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Fr. Martin Vavrak

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 Anna Vavrak

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 Join us Wednesday evening for a very special prayer service, a Moleben to Jesus Christ the Lover of Mankind, a beautiful Byzantine Catholic prayer service rooted in centuries of Eastern Christian tradition.

The Moleben is a supplicatory service of praise, petition, and thanksgiving directed to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who loves humanity with an infinite and merciful love. Through ancient hymns, incensed prayers, and the chanting of sacred troparia, we bring our needs, our gratitude, and our hearts before Christ who knows us, loves us, and draws us ever closer to Himself.

This service is intimate, meditative, deeply moving, and it takes less than 40 minutes!

Whether you are carrying a heavy burden, seeking renewal in your faith, or simply longing to spend time in the presence of the One who loves you most, this service is for you, and we warmly invite you to join us.

BISHOP'S APPEAL Today is the final day to submit contributions. Though most things have seen an increase in cost, our goal is the same as in years past, \$6,200.00. Additionally, if we reach our goal, Bishop Kurt generously refunds 40% back to OLOS. If you have yet to contribute, we ask that you please consider doing so. Checks should be issued to "Eparchy of Passaic" and can be placed in the collection basket. We will take care of the mailing. If you would like to contribute online, please speak with Fred. Thank you to all who have already contributed!

PARISHIONER DIRECTORY & PHONE TREE Forms confirming contact information etc. are due today. If you haven't received a form, please see Fred. Pictures for our new directly are also being taken today. Please see Frank Wilson to have your picture taken.

~ 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 ~

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Synaxarion

On this Sunday, which follows immediately after Holy Pentecost, the Divine Fathers ordained that we should celebrate the memory of all the Saints who have existed throughout the world. Initially, the most ancient Fathers made this a Feast solely of the Martyrs who suffered throughout the world, as attested by the encomium of St. John Chrysostomos, in which he praises only the Martyrs. The later Fathers, however, made this Feast more general, calling it the "Sunday of All Saints," including in it Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Hierarchs, Ascetics, and all the Righteous together, of every age and race. The reason for the present Feast is, as our Lord Jesus Christ said, before His Suffering, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me" (St. John 12:32)—which was the whole purpose of His descending to earth, taking flesh, and becoming perfect Man, while Himself remaining perfect God, namely, to save human nature and exalt it to Heavenly blessedness. The nature, therefore, that He assumed in His Divine Hypostasis He raised up to the Heavens through His Divine Ascension and made it sit at the right hand of God the Father. But even so, the promise that He gave when He said, "I will draw all men unto Me," was not fulfilled. For this reason, He sent the All-Holy Spirit to His Holy Apostles, so that they might go and preach the one Godhead to all the nations through His power, and gather the elect into the Kingdom of Heaven, which His good and faithful servants did with all zeal, with all their soul and heart, and unto the shedding of their blood. In this way, the world above, from which the apostate angels had fallen, was replenished. This is what we celebrate today, that is, the fruit of the Apostolic preaching. It is said that there is another reason for this common Feast: that many, very many, and almost innumerable persons have become sanctified in different places and regions, whom, on account of their multitude and anonymity, it was not possible for us to honor individually. Therefore, in order to honor them appropriately and to gain their help and succor, our Mother, the Church, decreed that we should observe a common Feast of all the Saints in general, and that at the same time this Feast should be celebrated also for those who would hereafter either suffer martyrdom or in general be sanctified.

The Early Church Fathers on Intercession of the Saints

Asking those who have gone before us for their prayers is an ancient practice. Examples can be found in the catacombs as well as the writings of the Early Fathers. This is a part of the doctrine of the communion of saints. The saints in heaven are not worshipped or thought to have any power in and of themselves. They are merely asked to pray for and with us. We believe they can do this in part because of what we read Scripture. We know that those in heaven care for us (Luke 15:7). We also know that they present our prayers to Jesus (Revelation 5:8). Finally we see that they add their own prayers to ours (Revelation 8:3-4).

Rev. Martin Vavrak
Pastor

~ SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS ~

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

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~ HYMNS ~

Set to melody, So great is God

- Through faith, the Saints have conquered kingdoms; shut lions' mouths, found strength in trial, were flogged, derided, sawed asunder, held high the cross through hate and guile.
- "If for your faith you each give witness before the world, I promise you, that I will witness to the Father of your strong faith and love so true."
- "Pick up your cross and follow Me daily; if you do not, unworthy you'll be to join the throngs of ransomed in glory, bought by my death for victory!"

Refrain: For these, your saints, we praise you, Christ; your precious Blood has paid our ransom's price.

~ SLAVONIC ~

THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas.

~ READINGS ~

EPISTLE

Hebrews 11: 32-12: 2a

By faith [the Saints] conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put our raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; tough weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Woman received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wondered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of there were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect. Therefore, since we for our part are surrounded by this cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every encumbrance of sin which clings to us and persevere in running the race which lies ahead; let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10: 32-33, 37-38, & 19: 27-30

The Lord said to his disciples: "Whoever acknowledges me before men I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven. Whoever disowns me before men I will disown before my Father in heaven. • Whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter, more than me is not worthy of me. He who will not take up his cross and come after me is not worthy of me. • Then Peter said to him: "Here we have put everything aside to follow you. What can we expect from it?" Jesus said to them: "I give you my solemn word, in the new age when the Son of Man takes his seat upon a throne befitting his glory, you who have followed me shall likewise take your places on twelve thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Isreal. Moreover, everyone who has given up home, brothers or sisters, father or mother, wife or children or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life. Many who are first shall come last, and the last shall come first."