

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 ~

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 12: 6-14
GOSPEL Matthew 9: 1-8

Saturday, July 4, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

No Liturgy
Happy 250th Birthday, America!

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, July 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Melvin Nemeth
by F. Wilson Family

Vespers

Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 15: 1-7
GOSPEL Matthew 9: 27-35

Saturday, July 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Richie Vavrak
by F. Wilson Family

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, July 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Avram Hora
by Michelle & Michael Bentivegna

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.***

Let us continue to remember in prayer the victims of the Venezuela earthquakes.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS ~

WEDNESDAY EVENING VESPERS In the middle of a busy week, there is something deeply healing about pausing, and stepping away from the noise and into the gentle rhythm of prayer. Our Wednesday Night Vespers offers just that: a beautiful, ancient evening prayer service that draws us back to what matters most. With its sacred chants, incense, and candle-lit atmosphere, Vespers invites our hearts to rest and be renewed in the presence of God. Come as you are. Let the cares of the week fall away, and allow this ancient prayer to speak to your soul. We hope to see Wednesday evenings during the month of July at 7 p.m.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS When traveling, please remember OLOS as our monthly expenses continue, no matter the season. Consider setting up recurring online contributions via Tithe.ly, a service authorized by the Eparchy to accept online contributions. A link can be found on our website.

EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- 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!

It seems far easier to say to a paraplegic “Your sins are forgiven you” than to say “Rise up and walk.” Since we overlook the offenses of other people all the time, it is easy to think that Jesus was just overlooking the offenses of the paralyzed man. And this oversight by Jesus seems to be no great thing. But to answer the question honestly, given the magnitude of the One doing the forgiving and the heinousness of sins before God, everything suddenly changes. “Rise up and walk” is seemingly a far easier task than saying “Your sins are forgiven you” if we are talking about the forgiveness of sins before God. For this kind of forgiveness would have to contain an unearthly power, a power that no one on earth possesses for themselves, let alone for someone else.

It’s no wonder the Pharisees became angry at Jesus. Claiming the power to forgive sins was blasphemy and only God could make the claim to forgive sins. Yet here was an obscure rabbi who had come from a remote, poor village on the outskirts of the country claiming to remove sins. To the religious elite it was an outrage. To back up his claims, Jesus answered his incisive question with a miracle. The lame man was healed, the witnesses marveled and God displayed his power and grace.

It was probably a spectacular sight to see the paralytic man’s atrophied leg muscles suddenly explode into shape at Jesus’ command. But however the scene unfolded, what unfolded made even Jesus’ accusers suddenly praise God for the miracle. In their astonishment, their accusations were suddenly dropped and everyone was forced to take note of the power that they had just witnessed.

But the greater miracle had taken place well before Jesus healed the man. When Jesus first noticed his faith he told the man to “take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” Christ had given the man eternal life on account of his faith. So the use of the man’s legs was a temporal gift, but the forgiveness of sins by the Lord of the Universe is an eternal gift that will never perish or fade. The lame man’s new legs may have allowed him to leap up for joy that day that he was lowered before Jesus, but the greater gift, the forgiveness of his sins, ensured that this man will be leaping forever.

Rev. Martin Vavrak
Pastor

~ PARISHIONER CORNER ~

*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.*

~ SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

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

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~ HYMNS ~

OPENING HYMN

Set to melody, *Mary, look upon us*

- People brought to Jesus a cripple in is pain, having faith that healing could give him strength again.
- Jesus said, “Take courage! Your sins are cleansed away!” Some nearby were shaken, said “He’s blasphemed today!”
- Jesus said, “What evil within your minds remains! Curing or forgiving, both come from God, ‘tis plain!”
- Jesus stretched his hand out, cried, “Stand and go your way!” All the crowd was awestruck to see God’s power that day.
- Differing gifts, one Giver; our love must be sincere. Patient and rejoining, in prayer, we persevere.

Refrain: “Your sins are forgiven!” Hear the words of Jesus; calling us to new life who put our faith in him.

~ 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.
- 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 12: 6-14

We have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us. One’s gift may be prophecy; its use should be in proportion to his faith. It may be the gift of ministry; it should be used for service. One who is a teacher should us his gift for teaching; one with the power of exhortation should exhort. He who gives alms should do so generously; he who rules should exercise his authority with care; he who performs works of mercy should do so cheerfully. Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is goof. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; he whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, preserver in prayer. Look om the needs of the saints as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9: 1-8

At that time Jesus reentered the boat, made the crossing, and came back to his own town. There the people at once brought to him a paralyzed man lying on a mat. When Jesus sae their faith he dais to the paralytic, “Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven.” At that some of the scribes said to themselves, “The man blasphemes.” Jesus was aware of what they were thinking and said: “Why do you harbor evil thoughts” What is less trouble to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? To help you realize that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – he then said to the paralyzed man – “Stand up! Roll up your mat, and go home” The man stood up and went toward his home. At the sight, a feeling of awe came over the crowd, and they praised God for giving such authority to men.