

*Our Lady of the Sign  
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**CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!  
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers**

EPISTLE Acts 6: 1-7  
GOSPEL Mark 15: 43-16: 8

*Sanctuary Candle:*

*Health & Blessing of Fina Gonzalez & Raul Gonzalez*

**Saturday, April 18, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

Health & Blessing of James & Jennifer Powel  
by Nanny

**Sunday, April 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

+Mary R. Monito  
by Susan Scotts

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**no weekday services or activities**

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**Sunday of the Paralytic Man**

EPISTLE Acts 9: 32-42  
GOSPEL John 5: 1-15

*Sanctuary Candle:*

*Health & Blessing of Fina Gonzalez & Raul Gonzalez*

**Saturday, April 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

Health & Blessing of Jason R. Cipyak  
by Jon & Suzie Cipyak

**Sunday, April 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

+Michael Dibisceglie  
by Susan Scotts

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**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately following each Divine Liturgy or by scheduling 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 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, Angie Nemeth, Lesia, Fina Gonzalez, Raul Gonzalez, and Natasha Lemeshova. 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*

Thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves at our second blood drive last Sunday. Your generosity was nothing short of remarkable. Together, we exceeded our goal and made a real difference for those in need. OneBlood was truly grateful for your participation and is already looking forward to returning to OLOS in July. Date to be announced once scheduled.

*Pastoral Message*

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

**Myrrh-Bearing Women Sunday**

***By St. Ambrose (c.340-397)***

Mary Magdalen who loved the Lord more dearly, for she had remained at the sepulchre weeping, saw the Lord first of all of them, and told the Apostles. For the Evangelist John says: But Mary Magdalen coming tells the disciples: I have seen the Lord. Through this we are counseled that we should come seeking the Lord laden with sweet spices, that is, with the spices of virtue and good works. There are some. Dearly Beloved, who seem to be seeking the Lord, but since they are slothful, and strangers to virtue, they do not deserve to find Him; nor, when found, to see Him. What however were these holy women seeking at the tomb, if not the Body of the Lord Jesus? And you, what is it you are seeking in the Church if not Jesus, that is, the Saviour? But if you wish to find Him, the sun being now risen, then come as these women came; that is, let there be no darkness of evil in your hearts; for the desires of the flesh, and works that are evil, are darkness. They in whose hearts there is darkness of this kind see not the light, and understand not Christ; for Christ is the Light.

Therefore, drive the darkness from you, brethren; that is, all sinful desires, and all evil works, and provide yourselves with sweet spices, that is, earnest prayer, saying with the psalmist: Let my prayer, O Lord, be directed as incense in thy sight (Ps 140.2). Take further note of what you have heard read: namely, that Mary Magdalen, persevering by the tomb, found Him Whom she had been seeking. Accordingly it is necessary that you drive evil from you, and so it is expedient for you that you persevere steadfastly in whatever good you have begun, if you desire to see the Lord and come to your heavenly home. Now since you are celebrating the holy Pasch, you should know, brethren, what the Pasch is. Pasch means, the crossing-over; and so the Festival is called by this name. For it was on this day that the Children of Israel crossed over out of Egypt, and the Son of God crossed over from this world to His Father. What gain is it to celebrate the Pasch unless you imitate Him Whom you worship; that is, unless you cross over from Egypt, that is, from the darkness of evil-doing to the light of virtue, and from the love of this world to the love of your heavenly home?

*In Christ,*

*Fr. Martin Vavrak - Pastor*