

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 ~

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 9: 6-22
GOSPEL Luke 5: 1-11

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

For the Faithful of the Parish

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

+Avram Hora

by Michelle and Michael Bentivegna

Protection of the Theotokos

EPISTLE Hebrews 9: 1-7
GOSPEL Luke 10: 38-42 & 11: 27-28

Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 11: 32-12: 9
GOSPEL Luke 8: 5-15

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Jon L. Cipyak, III
by Suzie Cipyak

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Roman J. Shwed
by Alexandra Stefanyshyn

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, Fr. Dcn. Michael Opalka, Claudia Alarcon, Angie Nemeth, 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 ~

TAG SALE On Saturday, November 7, we will be hosting a community tag sale from 7 am until 3:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to do a little fall cleaning and see what you'd like to donate for the church to sell. Items should be in good shape and sellable. We will start to accept donations the week prior to the sale. Volunteers are needed to help setup the booth, sell items, and cleanup. We also need volunteers at our food booth and to help direct parking. A signup sheet has been posted by the coffee station. Please consider lending a hand. If you would like to assist Fred in organizing the event, please let him know.

ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON Our annual St. Nicholas Luncheon has been scheduled for Sunday, December 6, from 12-3 at Eddy and Vinny's in Coral Springs. The Luncheon will be buffet style, and include: Ceaser Salad, Chicken Parm, their famous meatballs, Eggplant Parm, Rigatoni Vodka, Asparagus, Tiramisu, Butter Cake, soda, iced tea, and coffee. The cost is \$70.00 per person, and \$30.00 for children under 12. Tickets will go on sale October 3. If you'd like to attend, please see Event Co-Chairs Katie, Frank or Tammi. The restaurant will run a cash bar, which is not included in the ticket cost.

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. Whether you're a lifelong Byzantine Catholic or newly discovering our traditions, everyone is welcome. **Classes begin Saturday October 10 at 3:30 p.m., and will meet on a weekly basis.** Contact David Wilson to register at: 407.985.8834

GIFT SHOP Three display cases have been placed in the back of the church, containing various items including rosaries and crosses. If you would like to purchase an item, please speak with usher Mike Bourdin or Frank Wilson.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Next Saturday and Sunday, each parishioner is invited to bring their pets or service animals to church for their annual blessing. All animals must be kept on a leash or in a carrier. Please plan ahead, and remember it is never okay to leave your furry friends in the car or tied outside in the heat.

~ 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!

18th Sunday After Pentecost

In Luke's gospel, Simon is the first character to respond positively to Jesus' public preaching. Jesus' hometown of Nazareth had rejected him when he announced in the synagogue that he was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of a Messiah for the poor and outcast (see Luke 4:16-30). Luke emphasizes Simon's willing, but somewhat incredulous, cooperation with Jesus. When Jesus asks him to pull his boat out a short distance from the shore so that he may teach the crowd, Simon does so. However, when Jesus finishes teaching and commands Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch," the seasoned fisherman is at first skeptical but then trustingly complies, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." Once he witnesses the miraculous catch of fish, Simon Peter is seized with amazement and a sense of unworthiness. He falls at Jesus' knees and acknowledges his sinfulness. Now he is ready to be the instrument of God's work. Jesus can then assure him, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

October 1 - The Protection of the Theotokos

On October 1st we commemorate the Protection of the Theotokos. "The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St. Andrei (Andrew of Constantinople) Yurodivyi's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century.

The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil (cerement) off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted, and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering."

Join us for Divine Liturgy this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. as we celebrate this important feast day.

Rev. Martin Vavrak – Pastor

~ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

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

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~ SLAVONIC ~

THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas.

~ HYMNS ~

OPENING HYMN

Set to melody: *We hasten to your patronage*

- When walking by the lakeside, there the Master saw two boats. At his request, the owner Simon sailed him out from shore. There, seated, Jesus taught the crowds; then said, “Put out to sea; cast out your nets this one time more, the works of God you’ll see.
- The nets were full to braking, and they dragged their catch to land. Then Simon said, “O leave me Lord, for I’m a sinful man.” The Lord replied, “Be not afraid. From this time on, you’ll see your catch will not be fish, but men! Leave all and follow me.”
- The one who shall sow sparingly will reap a small reward; if bountiful, then great will be the blessings of the Lord! Be neither sad nor grudging in your giving, for we know God loves a cheerful giver! Thus we serve him, high and low.

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

2nd Corinthians 9: 6-11

Let me say this much: He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works, as it is written: “He scattered abroad and gave to the poor, his justice endures forever.” He who supplies seed for the sower and bread for the eater will provide in abundance; he will multiply the seed you sow and increase your generous yield. In every way your liberality is enriched; through us it results in thanks offered to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 5: 1-11

At that time as Jesus stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God, he saw tow boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishermen has disembarked and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance for the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds for the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have been hard at it all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I will lower the nets.” Upon doing this they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come and help them. These came, and together they filled the two boats until they nearly sank. As the sight of this, Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus saying, “Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man.” For indeed, amazement at the catch they had made seized him and all his shipmates, as well as James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men.” With that they brought their boats to land, left everything, and became his followers.