

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 the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

EPISTLE Galatians 1: 11-19
GOSPEL Luke 7: 11-16

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

-- No Services --

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Kenia, Roman and Rafael Shwed
by Alexandra Stefanyshyn

Moleben to the Theotokos

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Galatians 2: 16-29
GOSPEL Luke 8: 5-15

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Jason and Misty Cipyak
By Jon and Suzie Cipyak

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Helen M. Monito
by Susan Scotts

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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~ 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.

ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON Tickets are on sale now! See Event Co-Chairs Katie, Frank or Tammi

- Sunday, December 6, from 12-3 at Eddy and Vinny's in Coral Springs
- Buffet will include: Ceaser Salad, Chicken Parm, their famous meatballs, Eggplant Parm, Rigatoni Vodka, Asparagus, Tiramisu, Butter Cake, soda, iced tea, and coffee
- Cost is \$70.00 per person; \$30.00 for children under 12; Cash bar run by restaurant
- 50/50 raffle drawing will take place during the luncheon, and you do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available by the coffee station

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 next Saturday, October 17 at 3:30 p.m., and will meet on a weekly basis.

Contact David Wilson to register at: 407.985.8834

HOLIDAY FOOD BANK DONATIONS Through November 8, we will be collecting funds to help feed the hungry during the upcoming holiday season. The Greek Catholic Union (GCU) will generously match the total of our final collection, up to \$500.00. All monies collected will be presented to Our Father's House Soup Kitchen, a local not for profit based in Pompano. Through your generosity, we can live out Christ's teaching to "feed the hungry" and be His hands in our neighborhood. Together, we can turn compassion into action. *"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." - Matthew 25:35* Please consider contributing today via the collection jar by the coffee station.

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.

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS Ever want to learn how to write (paint) an icon? We would like to host an icon writing class from March 8-12, from 5 until 9 p.m. The class will be taught by Fr. Marek Visnovsky, rector of our Cathedral in Passaic, NJ. Fr. Marek has been teaching iconography for 25 years throughout the USA and Europe, and has written over 800 icons used in churches and private homes around the world. Cost for the class, including all supplies, is \$600.00. Deadline to register is February 21, 2027.

~ 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!

20th Sunday After Pentecost:

Orthodox Study Bible

7: 11-17 This account is reported only by Luke, and shows Jesus' deep compassion toward the mourning widow of Nain who has lost her only son and provider. The raising of the son is performed by the Lord (v. 13) who has power over life and death. Jesus also raises Jairus's daughter (8:41-56) and Lazarus (John 11:1..44). But note: these were all acts of resuscitation, which is different from resurrection. They were brought back to life, but would eventually die again physically. Nevertheless their new life manifests Christ's divinity, and gives assurance of His Resurrection and ours, a transformation to glory.

7:16 Through the three miraculous resurrections performed by Jesus - the son of the widow of Nain, Jairus' daughter, and Lazarus - God is glorified. In the glorification of the Father through these incidents, the Son of God is himself glorified. In raising these who were dead, though they would return to death one day, Christ shows forth his divinity and gives assurance to all who believe of his Resurrection and ours.

Rev. Martin Vavrak – Pastor

~ 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.***

~ SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ~

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: *So great is God*

- Come, all you faithful, sing praise with gladness! On this glad day our hymns we raise for those who taught the True Faith with boldness; for their strong witness all their days.
- As in the Law the Sabbath was honored, so in the Seven Councils we see the teachings blest which counsel and guide us, preaching the Holy Trinity.
- The Fathers taught that Jesus our Savior was truly God and truly a man; the use of icons in our worship now shows our faith in God’s great plan.
- Give grace, O God, that in our living we live these teachings out every day, proclaiming Christ to every person, showing Your love in every way.

Refrain: O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as we were taught, so now do we worship you!

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

Galatians 1: 11-19

I assure you, the gospel I proclaimed to you is no mere human invention. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I schooled in it. It came by revelation from Jesus Christ. You have heard me say, I know, the story of my former way of life in Judaism. You know that I went to extremes in persecuting the Church of God and tried to destroy it; I made progress in Jewish observance far beyond most of my contemporaries, in my excess of zeal to live out all the traditions of my ancestors. But the time came when he who had set me apart before I was born and called me by his favor chose to reveal his Sonto me, that I might spread among the Gentiles the good tidings concerning him. Immediately, without seeking human advisors or even going to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, I went off to Arabia; later I returned to Damascus. Three years after that I went up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, with whom I stayed fifteen days. I did not meet any other apostles except James, the brother of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 7: 11-16

At that time Jesus went to a town called Naim, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he approached the gate of the town a dead man was being carried out, the only son of a widowed mother. A considerable crowd of townsfolk were with her. The Lord was moved with pity upon seeing her and said to her, “Do not cry.” The he stepped forward and touched the litter; at this, the bearers halted. Jesus said, “Young man, I bid you get up.” The dead man sat up and began to speak. Then Jesus gave him back to his mother. Fear seized them all and they began to praise God. “A great prophet has risen among us,” they said; and, “God has visited his people.”