

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 ~

Third Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 5: 1-10
GOSPEL Matthew 6: 22-34

Saturday, June 13, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Bob Toth
by the Vavrak Family

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Health & Blessing of Angie Nemeth
by F. Wilson Family

Moleben to Jesus, The Lover of Mankind

Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 6: 18-23
GOSPEL Matthew 8: 5-13

Saturday, June 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Melissa Cipyak
by Jon & Suzie Cipyak

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, June 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+John L. 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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~ 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, Anna Vavrak, 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 In the midst of our busy lives (the appointments, the deadlines, the noise) we invite you to pause for just 30-minutes and join us for our weekly Moleben to Jesus, Lover of Mankind. For those who attend regularly, you already know the peace that follows you out the door and into the rest of your week. For those who have never come, we gently encourage you: come once, and you will understand why this service means so much. You may be surprised at how 30-minutes can quietly reorient everything.

EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- July 9 – 12
ByzanTeen Rally
John Carroll University - Cleveland, Ohio
- 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!

How can I seek first the kingdom of God?

In the middle of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus explains the value of having "treasures in heaven," i.e. doing and concerning oneself with spiritual and eternal things, and then moves on to admonitions not to worry about earthly things. In tying these two topics together, Jesus makes the oft-repeated statement: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

What is the kingdom of God in the first place? It is an entity with both spiritual and physical manifestations, depending on the period of history, which indicates God's special rule through Jesus Christ. This kingdom was first established during Jesus' earthly life and continues still at a spiritual level made up of those who believe in Him for their salvation. After the tribulation, Jesus will reign for 1,000 years, a period called the Millennium, which fulfills promises made to Israel and Jesus for an earthly reign of Messiah – the physical kingdom of God.

With the meaning of the kingdom established, how does one "seek" it? When the context is taken into consideration, Matthew 6:33 appears to act as an intersection of the two previous topics, suggesting that if you concern yourself with spiritual things (seek the kingdom of God), the earthly concerns will "be added unto you" (essentially, provided for). To seek the kingdom of God is to intentionally focus on and fully experience relationship with God, usually through avenues He has provided such as prayer and meditating on His word. Seeking the kingdom of God does not stop there, however; it also includes sharing the fruit of relationship with God with others through things like evangelism, practical giving, and expressing love to others through whatever means God has specially gifted you or directed you.

Finally, does this passage indicate that if we seek the kingdom of God all the things we worry about will be fixed? No, it does not. The concept that seeking God's kingdom is a means by which to promote earthly comfort is an erroneous preaching present in certain evangelical circles, and is referred to as the prosperity gospel. Again, the context of Matthew 6:33 is important, for the next sentence Jesus speaks is, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow" (Matthew 6:34). Seeking God's kingdom does not mean the rest of life will be "fixed," but it does mean that we can have the surety necessary to keep in perspective the power of God over our lives, reducing our need to worry.

Rev. Martin Vavrak
Pastor

~ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

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

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~ HYMNS ~

OPENING HYMN

Set to melody, *O Mary Mother of our God*

- The birds a loft, the grass beneath show God’s love. Food and clothing, all things needful, come from heaven above.
- God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers every day. Since we know this, why do we then fear and go astray?
- Is not the life God gives to us worth more than food? Let the cares of life from heaven’s vantage all be viewed!
- Now justified by faith in Christ Jesus the Lord, in our lives, through grace, we’re given peace and great reward.

Refrain: Stop your worrying; seek God’s Kingdom first of all! Then his loving care guards, what e’er befall!

~ SLAVONIC ~

THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas.

CLOSING HYMN

O Mary Mother of our God

- O Mary, Mother of our God, Most Pure One. Intercede for us before our Lord and God, your Son.
- O Marije, Mati Boža. Prečista. Prosi za nam svoho Syna, Isusa Christa.
- O Most Pure One, you were enthroned as heaven’s Queen. Even angels bow to you and hold you in esteem.

Refrain: Robed in radiance, more than all the stars above, Holy virgin Queen, made so by God’s love.
Svitla Zornice, Nebesnaja Carice. Svjata, Prečista, D’ivo Marije.

~ READINGS ~

EPISTLE Romans 5: 1-10

Now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we now stand, and we boast of our hope for the glory of God. But not only that – we even boast of our afflictions! We know that affliction makes for endurance, and endurance for tested virtue, and tested virtue for hope. And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a goof man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: what while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God’s wrath. For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by his life.

GOSPEL Matthew 6: 22-34

The Lord said: “The eye is the body’s lamp. If your eyes are good, your body will be filled with light; if your eyes are bad, your body will be in darkness. And if your light is darkness, how deep will the darkness be! No man can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money. I warn you then: do not worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Is not life more than food? Is not the body more valuable than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to his life-span? As for clothes, why be concerned? Learn a lesson from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work; they do not spin. Yet I assure you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendor the grass of the field, which blooms today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, will he not provide much more for you, O weak in faith! Stop worrying, then, over questions like, ‘What are we to eat, or what are we to drink, or what are we to wear?’ The unbelievers are always running after these things. Your heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first his kingship over you, his way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides. Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own.”