

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 Six Ecumenical Councils

EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 1: 10-18
GOSPEL Matthew 14: 14-22

Saturday, July 18, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

+John Legezd
by F. Wilson Family

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of Angie Nemeth

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+John L. Monito
by Susan Scotts

Vespers

Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 3: 9-17
GOSPEL Matthew 14: 22-34

Saturday, July 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

For the Faithful of the Parish

Sunday, July 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of Angie Nemeth

+Stephen Gerard Finnegan
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, 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 ~

WHY WE LIGHT CANDLES Byzantine Catholics light a candle when entering the church as a personal act of devotion, joined to a deeper truth that Christ himself is called the Light of the World, the light that darkness cannot overcome. Lighting a small flame before an icon is a way of reflecting that light back and a reminder that the person is stepping into Christ's presence. Because the candle is about that personal offering rather than the timing of the service, it doesn't need to match the Liturgy's schedule. Someone arriving after Divine Liturgy has begun still crosses into sacred space, still venerates the icons (without kissing them), and their candle still carries that same meaning: a small light added to the greater Light, a prayer rising up regardless of the hour.

OLOS HOLYDAY CHOIR – AUDITIONS The parish Holyday Choir is opening auditions for new members. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m., and will have the privilege to sing during our St. Nicholas Day celebrations, and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Whether you're an experienced singer or just love to sing, we invite you to audition on Wednesday August 5, at 6:00 p.m. Contact Fred to schedule your audition.

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

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| •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!

Commentary: St. Augustine

The miracles wrought by our Lord Jesus Christ are truly divine works, which lead the human mind through visible things to a perception of the Godhead. God is not the kind of being that can be seen with the eyes, and small account is taken of the miracles by which he rules the entire universe and governs all creation because they recur so regularly. Scarcely anyone bothers to consider God's marvelous, his amazing artistry in every tiny seed. And so certain works are excluded from the ordinary course of nature, works which God in his mercy has reserved for himself, so as to perform them at appropriate times. People who hold cheap what they see every day are dumbfounded at the sight of extraordinary works even though they are no more wonderful than the others.

Governing the entire universe is a greater miracle than feeding five thousand people with five loaves of bread, yet no one marvels at it. People marvel at the feeding of the five thousand not because this miracle is greater, but because it is out of the ordinary.

Who is even now providing nourishment for the whole world if not the God who creates a field of wheat from a few seeds? Christ did what God does. Just as God multiplies a few seeds into a whole field of wheat, so Christ multiplied the five loaves in his hands. For there was power in the hands of Christ. Those five loaves were like seeds, not because they were cast on the earth but because they were multiplied by the one who made the earth.

This miracle was presented to our senses in order to stimulate our minds; it was put before our eyes in order to engage our understanding.

Rev. Martin Vavrak
Pastor

BLESSING OF CARS The Holy Prophet Elijah is associated with travel and protection during journeys. According to biblical tradition, Elijah was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot, making him a natural patron for vehicles and safe travel. As Elijah's chariot carried him safely into God's presence, the blessing asks that our own "chariots" carry us and our loved ones safely too. The blessing of cars serves as a reminder that no part of life is too ordinary to be brought before God, even the family car. Immediately following Divine Liturgy Saturday, Fr. Martin will bless cars, RVs, motorcycles, scooters, bicycles, etc.

~ 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.*

~ EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

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

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~ HYMNS ~

OPENING HYMN

Set to melody: *So great is God*

- O Word of God and Lover of Mankind, you took our flesh and came to earth; the Fathers taught that You are one person both endless God and human in birth.
- O glorious Fathers of the Councils, you fought with vigor all the lies that sought to undermine the Gospel. You told the truth that never dies!
- Inspired by God, the Fathers in council taught that the Lord had two perfect wills, one is divine and one is human by this, the Christ God’s plan fulfills!
- O blessed Trinity of persons, one only God, in nature divine, we praise you for the fathers who teach us the truth that older than all time!

Refrain: O Christ, true God and man in one! We sing this truth, as ages long have done!

~ 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.
- 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

1st Corinthians 1: 10-17

I beg you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree in what you say. Let there be no factions; rather, be united in mind and judgement. I have been informed, my brethren, by certain members of Chloe’s household that you have been quarreling among yourselves. This is what I mean: One of you will say, “I belong to Paul,” another, “I belong to Apollos,” still another, “Cephas has my allegiance,” and the fourth, “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ, then, been divided into parts? Was it Paul who was crucified for you? Was it in Paul’s name that you were baptized? Thank God, I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so there are none who can say that you were baptized in my name. Oh, and I baptized the house of Stephanas. Beyond that, I am not aware of having baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel – not with wordy “wisdom,” however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 14-22

At that time when Jesus saw the vast throng, his heart was moved with pity, and he cured their sick. As evening drew on, his disciples came to him with the suggestion: “This is a deserted place and it is already late. Dismiss the crowds so that they may go to the villages and buy some food for themselves.” Jesus said to them: “there is no need for them to disperse. Give them something to eat yourselves.” They replied, “We have nothing here but give loaves and a couple of fish.” “Bring them here,” Jesus said. The he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed and broke them and gave the loaves to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the people. All those present are their fill. The fragments remaining, when gathered up, filled twelve baskets. Those who ate were about five thousand, not counting women and children. Immediately afterward, while dismissing the crowds, Jesus insisted that his disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side of the lake.