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CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

LITURGY & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

EPISTLE Acts 16: 16-34

GOSPEL John 9: 1-38

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of Helena Huk

Saturday, May 24, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

For the Faithful of the Parish

Sunday, May 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

+Rose Mary Monito

by Susan Scotts

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday of the Fathers of the

First Ecumenical Council

EPISTLE Acts 20: 16-18 & 28-36

GOSPEL John 17: 1-13

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

For the Health & Blessing of Helena Huk

Sunday, June 1, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

+Teresa McDermott

by Susan Scotts

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession during the following timeslots, and after each Divine Liturgy.

- Wednesday: 6:30 until 6:50 p.m.
- Saturday: 4:30 until 4:50 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:30 until 9:50 a.m.

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 are visiting our parish for the first time, be sure to pick-up a welcome card, which shares some key information about the Byzantine Liturgy. If you have not officially registered in the parish, and would like to, please speak with Fred.

NOTE The lampadas in front of the icons are delicate. Please be careful when sitting next to them.

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, and Nadiia Mykytiak. 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 contact Fred to have a name added or removed.

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BULLETIN ADVERTISING While we are doing our best to trim the 2025 operating budget, we need your help. One revenue source we are looking at to fill the back pages of our weekly bulletin with advertisements from local businesses. This requires little cost to OLOS (design time, paper and printer ink) with maximum profit. If each of our 40 registered families were to sell one medium sized ad, we would meet our projected budget shortfall for 2025. Ad forms are available in the back of the church. Consider asking your dentist, lawyer, landscaper, drycleaner, hairstylist, jeweler, realtor, auto-repair shop, delicatessen or restaurant you frequent if they'd advertise. We even offer website advertising for large donors!

Announcements and Reminders continued...

SOCIAL MEDIA OLOS is now on X (formerly Twitter)! Follow us at **ByzantineSFL**

If you have yet to follow us on FaceBook or Instagram, please take a moment to do so. When you follow our social media accounts and like or share our posts, you help us with outreach and parish growth. Links to all our social media accounts can be found on the homepage of our website: SouthFloridaByzantine.org

FAMILY IN NEED We have a beloved family in our parish quietly facing a serious health challenge. While the details are private, their needs are very real – and we have an opportunity to surround them with Christ’s love in action. We are seeking volunteers who are willing to help with meals, transportation, and financial support. If you feel called to contribute in any way, please call or text Susan Scotts at 561.895.9110, or speak with her in person. Susan will coordinate all with care and discretion. Please be mindful: the children in the family are not aware of the situation, so we kindly ask that this not be discussed publicly. Let us come together as a community of faith and compassion. Your kindness will make more of a difference that you can imagine.

WILLS AND TRUSTS Our Lady of the Sign welcomes charitable donations made by bequest through your Will or through Trust. A Bequest is a unique gift of money or assets left through your will and is an investment in the future of your Parish. By leaving a bequest, you are making a lasting difference in the life of the Parish community. Please contact parish manager Fred Wilson or lay trustee Michael Donegan if you have any questions.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS A few updates have been made / or are in the process of being made around the church, and sponsorship is available. Each person or family sponsor will receive a plaque noting their contribution in the vestibule. If interested, please speak with Fred.

Altar Candelabra and Candles
ProceSSIONal Cross and Liturgical Fans
Gospel Book Gilding
Vestments
Altar Cloths
Security Cameras
Sound System

THEOTOKOS, STAR OF THE SEA The OLOS Parish Guild meets each month to discuss outreach, fundraising, renovations, and parish growth. Meetings are open to all parishioners, no invitation or signup needed. If you’d like to find out more about what is going on around the parish, or offer an idea or two, please feel free to join us. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, at 5:45 p.m. Stop in to say hello and share your ideas. Remember, this is YOUR parish. Your ideas and support are vital for it’s ability to only remain open, but to grow.

Pastoral Message

Dear brothers and sisters, beloved parishioners,

Christ is Risen!

For forty days after His resurrection from the dead, the Risen Lord appeared to His chosen apostles and to many believers. On the fortieth day, on the Mount of Olives, the Lord ascended into the heavens. In the icon depicting this event, we sense the joy of those present - the Mother of God and the Apostles. Christ is seen ascending in glory surrounded by a circular multi-colored nimbus, supported by angels. The presence of the angels is but another indication of the divinity of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Cod in the Old Testament was depicted as enthroned upon the Cherubim. The Mother of God is in the center and directly below Her Son. The Apostles are on both sides of the Mother of God. The scene of the Mother of God with the Apostles will also be for another important event - Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit. Jesus ascended amidst the peals of the trumpets. Joy for the victory of the Lord God. Joy for His Resurrection and return to heaven. He is in heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father and will one day return to the earth - come again to judge both the living and the dead. The good and faithful disciple will be then rewarded with eternal life with the Lord God.

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Pastor*

Announcements and Reminders

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY The Pew Research Center cited attending service with a family member or friend as the highest rating in new church membership. In choosing a new congregation, more than three-quarters of those surveyed stated the quality of the sermons was important, followed by the style of worship, a sense of feeling welcome, and the physical location of the church. To hone-in on the first part, **NEXT SUNDAY**, June 1, OLOS will host Bring a Friend to Church, followed by a welcoming coffee social. Literature about the Byzantine Church will be available. If you ever wanted to share the beauty of our church with a family member or friend, this is the perfect opportunity to do so.

2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL **Today is the final day to contribute.** If you have yet to make a contribution, please consider doing so and speak with Fred. To reach our goal, a donation of \$200.00 is requested from each parish family. Our goal issued by the Bishop is \$6,200.00. As of Saturday morning, we have raised \$3,055.00, with contributions from 15 of our 40 registered families.

One of the many ways Bishop uses monies from the annual appeal is to form mission and to help struggling parishes throughout the Eparchy. When OLOS was formed forty-years ago, the eparchy provided monies to purchase land, construct our church, and pay monthly bills until we were able to become solvent. To show our continued appreciation, we are hopeful to have 100% parishioner participation, no matter how much you are able to contribute.

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

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SLAVONIC

THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas. (3x) Slava Otcu, i Synu, i svja tomu Duchu. I nyři, i prisno, i vo viki vikov amiň. Svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas. Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas.

CHERUBIKON

1. Iže Cheruvimi * Cheruvimi tajno. * Cheruvimi tajno, tajno, * Cheruvimi tajno tajno, * obrazujušče * obrazujušče.
2. I životvorjaščeј * Trojcitrisvjatuju. * Trojci, Trojci, trisvjatuju, * Trojci, Trojci, trisvjatuju, * pišň prinosjašče * pišň prinosjašče.
3. Vsja kuju nyři * nyři žitejskuju. * nyři, nyři žitejskuju * nyři, nyři žitejskuju * otveržim pečal’ * otveržim pečal’.

HYMNS

Christ is risen! Joy from heaven

1. Christos voskres! Christos voskres! Joy from heaven is around us, Christ our Pasch now dwells among us. Lift your hearts in celebration for our God has brought salvation, brought us joy and peace from heaven. Christos voskres! Christos voskres!
2. Christos voskres! Christos voskres! All from slumber now are risen. On this day new life is given. Earth and heaven heard the story of the triumph and the glory. All rejoice for we are blest. Christos voskres! Christos voskres!
3. Christos voskres! Christos voskres! In the midst of every nation let there be this proclamation: That in Christ we now are risen, a new life to us is given: Life in peace and happiness. Christos voskres! Christos voskres!
4. Christos voskres! Christos voskres! Wondrous peace the world embraces; God is present in all places. Let us join the angels’ voices; all mankind this day rejoices. With all gladness we profess. Christos voskres! Christos voskres!

1. As Jesus walked, he saw a man who, blind from birth, fulfilled God’s plan. He spat, anointed eyes eyes with clay, and then to wash sent him away.
2. As he was told, so did he then. His sight restored, he came again, where, in the face of spite and scorn gave praise which did Christ’s deed adorn.
3. All glory, Lord, to you we pay arisen from the grave this day, whom with the Fathwer we adore, and paraclete, for evermore!

Refrain: The Lord is risen! Christos voskres! The Lord is risen! Christos voskres!

Summer Eparchy Events

If you are interested in attending any of the following, please speak with Fr. Marti or Fred

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| June 22-29: | 2nd Annual Pilgrimage to the miraculous Albazinskaya icon (Theotokos, the Helper of Mothers) at Saint Nicholas Church, Dunnellen, NJ |
| July 6-10: | Camp Theodore Tyros—Teen Co-ed Camp, Ages 13-17 |
| July 13-17: | Camp Theotokos—Girls Camp, Ages 6-17 |
| July 16-20: | Metropolia Assembly 2025 at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church - Whiting, Indiana |
| July 20-24: | Altar Server Congress—Ages 6-17 |
| August 3: | Annual Saint Nicholas Pilgrimage at Carpathian Village/Saint Nicholas Shrine |
| Aug 10-14: | Camp St Nicholas—Preteen Co-ed Camp, Ages 6-12 |