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**SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Prodigal Son
EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 6: 12-20
GOSPEL Luke 15: 11-32

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
+Fredric James Wilson
by F. Wilson family

Sanctuary Candle:
+Timothy Charles Koze

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
+Helen M. Monito
by Susan Scotts

Vespers with Panachida

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
+Timothy Charles Koze
by Claudia Alarcon

Sunday of Meat Fare with First All Souls Panachida
EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2
GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31-46

Saturday, February 7, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
For the Faithful of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, February 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
+Raya Zabrodski
by Susan Scotts

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately following each Divine Liturgy.
You may also schedule an appointment in advance by contacting Fr. Martin.

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.

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, Nadiia Mykytiak, Angie Nemeth, Lesia, Chris Finnegan, Dan Asche, Natasha Lemeshova, Henry Zondagh and Stephen Finnegan. 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.

HOUSE BLESSINGS If you would like your house, condo, business, etc. blessed, please speak with Fr. Martin or Fred to be placed on the schedule. Blessings are performed now through February 15.

ALL SOULS Today is the final day to submit your list. Lists from prior years will not be used, so you must complete a form if you want your loved ones remembered.

PRE-FAST SOCIAL HOUR A pre-fast social “Fašiangy” will be held on Sunday, February 15, immediately following Divine Liturgy. We will have hero, soda, coffee, and cake. A \$5 donation is requested to help lower costs.

ANNUAL PICNIC As Fr. Martin mentioned last week, our second annual parish picnic is scheduled for Palm Sunday, and will take place on the parish grounds immediately following liturgy. The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, lamb chops, garden salad, soda, coffee, and cookies. There will be games for kids and adults. Tickets for the event are \$20 per adult, and \$10 per child under 10 years old. Friends and family are most welcome to attend. A 50/50 raffle will also be held, with advance purchase available starting this week. Please see Fred to purchase your tickets.

BLOOD DRIVE Our first blood drive last year was a success, so much so that OneBlood has requested to come back! Our next date has been scheduled for Sunday, April 12 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. In addition to helping to save a life, donors will receive a free wellness check-up, a \$20.00 e-gift card, and an umbrella (April showers bring May flowers).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Whether you would like to receive the holy sacraments and join the Catholic Church, or learn more about it, ECF classes are available. Speak with David Wilson for more information.

2025 / 2026 BISHOP’S APPEAL You should have received a mailer from the Chancery for this year’s pledge drive. If not, copies are available in the back of the church. Our goal, \$6,200.00, equates to \$175.00 per family. If we are successful again in reaching our goal, Bishop Kurt will generously refund our parish 40%. This year, we ask you to submit your contribution directly to the Chancery via the mailer, or via the link on our website.

Pastoral Message

Dear faithful parishioners, and you who have come to our church for the first time – welcome!

PRODIGAL SON – Patristic Commentary

AMBROSE; St. Luke has given three parables successively; the sheep which was lost and found, the piece of silver which was lost and found, the son who was dead and came to life again, in order that invited by a threefold remedy, we might heal our wounds. Christ as the Shepherd bears you on His own body, the Church as the woman seeks for thee, God as the Father receives you, the first, pity, the second, intercession, the third, reconciliation.

FEBRUARY 2 – BLESSING OF CANDLES

The candles burning on the altar represent the non-created Light of the Trinity, for the Lord dwells in an unapproachable light. They also represent the fire of Divinity which destroys our ungodliness and sins. The candles lit before the icons of the Savior signify that He is the True Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world (John 1:9); at the same time, He is a Fire which engulfs and revives our souls and bodies.

By St. John of Kronstadt

The candles lit before the icons of the Theotokos are a symbol of the fact that She is the Mother of the Unapproachable Light, and also of Her most pure and burning love for God and Her love for mankind.

By St. John of Kronstadt

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Pastor*