

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

LITURGY & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
EPISTLE Galatians 2: 16-20
GOSPEL Mark 8: 34-9: 1

Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
+Barbara Butkerait
by Susan Scotts

Typika Service

Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 6: 1-10
GOSPEL Luke 5: 1-11

Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

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.

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.

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, Lesia, Brian Butkerait, Chris Finnegan, Dan Asche, 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.

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Pastoral Message

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Today we accomplished the octave of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. I thank you for embracing your own daily crosses, for they have the power to draw us closer to our Lord and God. They also give us strength to persevere in trials and to overcome the difficulties of everyday life.

The Cross is the sign of our victory, but also the instrument that transforms our hearts – teaching us to love more deeply, to forgive more readily, and gradually to become holier.

Therefore, let us endure as our Lord Jesus Christ endured. Let us not be afraid of obstacles, nor give in to weakness – for our victory and salvation are within reach!

The Cross is the sign of salvation and victory. In our liturgy, we make the Sign of the Cross often, so that we may be sanctified and reminded that without Christ's redemption through His death on the Cross, there is no salvation. The Cross reminds us that it is there we received the forgiveness of all our human sins throughout the course of our lives.

We thank you, Lord, for your great love for us, for loving us so deeply, and for inviting us to eternal life in your heavenly kingdom with you!

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Pastor*

Announcements and Reminders

OLOS HOLY DAY CHOIR As in years past, Fred will be putting together a small choir to sing at Christmas, Pascha, and other select feast days throughout the year. Do you enjoy singing? Has a fellow parishioner told you how nice you sound? If so, join us this Wednesday at 5 p.m. Please speak with Fred for more information.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS On Saturday October 4 and Sunday October 5, each parishioner is invited to bring their pets or service animals to church for their annual blessing. All types of animals are welcome, (dog, cat, rabbit, turtle, frog, etc.) as long as they are kept on a leash or in a carrier. Please plan ahead, and remember it is never okay to leave your furry friends in the car or tied outside in the heat.

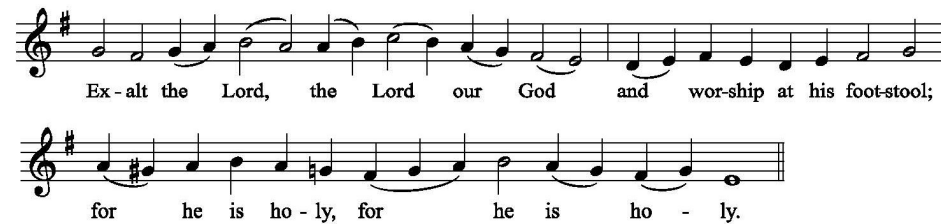
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Are you celebrating your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, etc., wedding anniversary in 2025 or 2026? If so, a jubilee Divine Liturgy will be held at our sister church in Orlando, St. Nicholas of Myra, on January 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. The liturgy will be followed by a luncheon. There is no fee associated with the luncheon, other than travel expenditures. If you would like to attend, please register with Fr. Martin or Fred by **October 19.**



Instead of "Holy God", the following may be sung (music on pages 32-33):

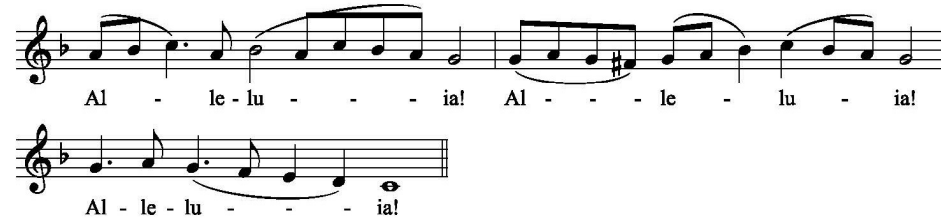
We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection. *(three times)*
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
And we glorify your holy resurrection.
We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection.

Prokeimenon of the Cross - Tone 7 (Psalm 98:5,1):



Verse: The Lord is King; let the peoples rage.

Alleluia of the Cross - Tone 1 (Psalm 73:2,12):



Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.

Verse: God is our King from all ages; he has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

FLOWERS Parishioners are encouraged and should feel free to bring fresh flowers as a devotion. The wall containers placed inside the church surrounding some icons are for everyone’s use.

LITURGY INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LIGHT If you would like a Liturgy offered or the week-long sanctuary candle lit for the blessed memory or health of a loved one, please fill out the form located by the coffee station and place it in the collection basket or hand it to Fred. Requests can also be made online via the contribute QR code found on the bulletin cover. Remember, we have three liturgies per week to choose from. We will do our best to calendar your request as noted, however it is first-come, first-calendared.

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 & Processional Candles
 - Gospel Book Gilding
 - Vestments
 - Altar Cloths
 - Security Cameras
 - Sound System

Theotokos, Star of the Sea

- ❖ We have a family who is in need of transportation, financial assistance, and prepared meals that can be easily be heated. If you are willing to help a fellow parishioner, please contact Susan Scott at 561.859-9110 for more details.
- ❖ Volunteers are needed for our weekly Sunday coffee social. A sign-up sheet is posted at the coffee table. See Angie with any questions.
- ❖ Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ The Guild will be hosting their annual St. Nicholas Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 7, from 3-6 p.m. Tickets will go on sale shortly, so be sure to save the date.

met the Vir - gin. O Lord, ris - en from the dead,
glo - - - ry to you!

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1

Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry
to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

Cantor

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it, now and ever
and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 4

Christ our God, who were willingly raised up-on the cross, grant your mercies to
the new peo-ple who bear your name. By your pow-er grant joy to the Church.