

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 ~

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 11: 32-12: 9
GOSPEL Luke 8: 5-15

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Health & Blessing of Jon L. Cipyak, III
by Suzie Cipyak

Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Wilson Family

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
+Roman J. Shwed
by Alexandra Stefanyshyn

Moleben to the Theotokos

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
EPISTLE Galatians 1: 11-19
GOSPEL Luke 7: 11-16

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
-- No Services --

Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
+Kenia, Roman and Rafael Shwed
by Alexandra Stefanyshyn

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, Fr. Dcn. Michael Opalka, Claudia Alarcon, Angie Nemeth, 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 ~

TAG SALE On Saturday, November 7, we will be hosting a community tag sale from 7 am until 3:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to do a little fall cleaning and see what you'd like to donate for the church to sell. Items should be in good shape and sellable. We will start to accept donations the week prior to the sale. Volunteers are needed to help setup the booth, sell items, and cleanup. We also need volunteers at our food booth and to help direct parking. A signup sheet has been posted by the coffee station. Please consider lending a hand. If you would like to assist Fred in organizing the event, please let him know.

ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON Tickets are now on sale for our annual St. Nicholas Luncheon, which will be held on Sunday, December 6, from 12-3 at Eddy and Vinny's in Coral Springs. The Luncheon will be buffet style, and include: Ceaser Salad, Chicken Parm, their famous meatballs, Eggplant Parm, Rigatoni Vodka, Asparagus, Tiramisu, Butter Cake, soda, iced tea, and coffee. The cost is \$70.00 per person, and \$30.00 for children under 12. If you'd like to attend, please see Event Co-Chairs Katie, Frank or Tammi. The restaurant will run a cash bar, which is not included in the ticket cost.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION Our Eastern Catholic Formation will begin on **Saturday October 17 (a delay of one week) at 3:30 p.m., and will meet on a weekly basis.** Everyone is welcome. **Classes begin** Contact David Wilson to register at: 407.985.8834

GIFT SHOP Three display cases have been placed in the back of the church, containing various items including rosaries and crosses. If you would like to purchase an item, please speak with usher Mike Bourdin or Frank Wilson.

HOLIDAY FOOD BANK DONATIONS Through November 8, we will be collecting funds to help feed the hungry during the upcoming holiday season. The Greek Catholic Union (GCU) will generously match the total of our final collection, up to \$500.00. All monies collected will be presented to Our Father's House Soup Kitchen, a local not for profit based in Pompano. Through your generosity, we can live out Christ's teaching to "feed the hungry" and be His hands in our neighborhood. Together, we can turn compassion into action. *"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." - Matthew 25:35* Please consider contributing today via the collection jar by the coffee station.

~ 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!

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Be merciful and compassionate. This is the message of today's Gospel: "Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them.....Be merciful even as your Father is merciful.

Jesus wants us to love as God loves. God is love itself. He loves, not because anyone deserves His kindness but because He loves His image and likeness....human beings. Their dignity as humans and their helplessness are the objects of God's love and mercy. We human beings, however, are so much unlike God. This is why it is difficult for us to understand God's love. His love extends to everyone....even His enemies. We know this especially from Jesus' words on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do!" But we....we favor friends.

We love only those who love us, and, those who do good to us. We expect God to follow our human standards instead of us following His rules. Jesus gives us His standard...the commandments. "You have heard the commandment," He said, "You shall love your friends but hate your enemies." My command to you is: Love your enemies, pray for your persecutors. This will prove that you are sons of your heavenly Father. For His sun rises on the bad and the good. He allows it to rain on the just and the unjust." (Matt. 5:43-46)

Psalms 102 which is sung during the Divine Liturgy reminds us of God's kindness and compassion. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. He pardons all your iniquities; He heals all your ills He redeems your life from destruction. He crowns you with kindness and compassion. He fills your lifetime with good; your youth is renewed like the eagles."

Rev. Martin Vavrak – Pastor

~ NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

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

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~ SLAVONIC ~

THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas.

~ READINGS ~

EPISTLE

2nd Corinthians 11: 32-12: 9

GOSPEL

Luke 8: 5-15

~ HYMNS ~

Hymn

melody: Matir Bože / Mother of God

1. Sure de - fense of all who sor - row, O pure Moth - er
2. Strong pro - tec - tress of God's peo - ple, Depth of mer - cy, the
3. Awe - some beau - ty, true ful - fill - ment Of the things the
of our God, Read - y help to those in trou - ble,
Font of grace, Through your womb has been born for us
proph - ets told, Joy of mar - tyrs, pride of vir - gins,
Refrain
Be for us both staff and prod. Mar - y, full of grace, be
Christ, the Sav - ior of our race.
O'er us now your man - tle hold!
joy - ful! For with you is God, our Lord, And through you grants
His great mer - cy To the world with grace out - poured.

1. 'Neath your ho - ly i - con kneel - ing, we poor sin - ners
2. From the star - ry heights of heav - en look up - on your
3. Keep us free from all life's e - vils, free from an - y
bring our plead - ing. In - ter - ces - sor for all man - kind,
plead - ing chil - dren. We be - seech help to be faith - ful,
kind of trou - bles. Help us gain e - ter - nal hap - pi - ness,
O most ho - ly Mar - y.
O most ho - ly Mar - y.
O most ho - ly Mar - y.