

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

LITURGY & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 11: 31-12: 9
GOSPEL Luke 8: 5-15

Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of Natasha Lemeshova

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Health & Blessing of Jason & Misty Cipyak
by Jon & Suzie Cipyak

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
+Helen M. Monito
by Susan Scotts

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
+Sona Vavrak
by The Vavrak Family

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
EPISTLE Galatians 1: 11-19
GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31

Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
+Gaetano Rauseo
by F. Wilson 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, Chris Finnegan, Dan Asche, Natasha Lemeshova, 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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Announcements and reminders continued...

2025 / 2026 BISHOP’S APPEAL This year’s appeal has officially kicked off, and you should have received a mailer from the Chancery. If you did not, please see Fred for a copy. 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.

PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM! The Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program has begun! This program is taking place in every Byzantine Catholic parish in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God’s call in their lives. God relies on generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monks, and nuns. The Church needs people like you to pray for and encourage them. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon “The Call of the Disciples” in your home for one week. You will be greatly blessed. A sign-up sheet can be found by the coffee station.

2025 HOLIDAY FOOD BANK DONATIONS At Our Lady of the Sign Church, we believe that faith calls us to serve the least among us. This season, we're partnering with The Greek Catholic Union to help feed the homeless and families struggling to put food on their tables. No one should go to bed hungry. 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*

A collection basket has been placed in the back of the church. The 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, which is a local not for profit based in Pompano

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.

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.

We are now accepting requests for 2026. So that we can better accommodate your requests, you are encouraged to submit your names for the entire year.

Pastoral Message

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

A farmer sowing seed in his field was a familiar sight to the people following Jesus as he traveled about the Galilean countryside. They knew well the hard and tedious work of plowing and sowing, of patiently allowing time for growth, of harvesting at the peak of fruitfulness.

The parable, as Jesus told it, had the seed falling on four different types of ground: hard, rocky, thorny, and good. Only the seed sown in good soil yielded a plentiful harvest. Jesus described the seed as “the word of God” (Luke 8:11) and that word—the good news of salvation—was what he spoke. The minds of his hearers were as different as the soil in their acceptance of his message and, like the farmer’s seed, would produce varying degrees of fruitfulness.

A farmer is keenly aware of the difference between a poor crop and an abundant harvest and so he checks the quality of his soil in order to achieve the best results. Profitable farming requires perseverance in the hard work of clearing weeds, fertilizing and watering. St. Augustine (in a sermon on this parable) exhorted his listeners like this: “Be changed while you may; turn up with the plow the hard ground, cast the stones out of the field, pluck up the thorns out of it... be unwilling to retain that hard heart from which the word of God may quickly pass away and be lost. Be reluctant to choke the good seed sown in you... with the lusts and the cares of this world... but be the ‘good ground’” (*Sermons on New Testament Lessons*, 23.3).

Our minds are the ground which receives the word of God. How precious and life-giving is that word which is entrusted to us. We are responsible for providing the best of growing conditions for it—hearts and minds open to change. Let us work the soil of our minds by continuing in prayer in every circumstance in our lives, by daily reading and prayerfully reflecting on God’s word in scripture, by repenting of our sins so we can become rich soil in which our heavenly Father can produce good and holy lives a hundred-fold.

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Pastor*

Announcements and Reminders

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Today is the final day to register for the January 17 Jubilee Divine Liturgy and Luncheon. If you are celebrating your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, etc., wedding anniversary in 2025 or 2026, and would either like to attend the celebration, or, cannot attend but would like a certificate mailed to you, speak with Fred. If you do not register today, you will not be permitted to attend. Note, there is no fee associated with the luncheon, other than travel expenditures.

Announcments and reminders continued...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED As the weather has begun to cool off, volunteers are needed for a groundskeeping project that we would like completed within the next month. This project will include cleaning up the landscaping on the north of our property, cleaning up and organizing the pile of bricks around the shed, and power washing and painting the shed. We have relied on our landscapers to perform major grounds work, and our property has really transformed. However, it will be extremely beneficial to the parish if we can perform some of this work ourselves. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak with George Behary.

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.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS There are many updates around the parish for which we are accepting special contributions. Similar to the icon pledge drive, those who contribute towards one of these collections will have their name posted on a plaque that will be mounted in the vestibule. Some of the collections include: Gospel Book Gilding; Camera and Sound Streaming System; Pavilion; Golden Dome; Carillon Bells; Vestment and Altar Linen Sets (blue, gold, red, white, green). Please speak with Fred, Michael Donegan, or Fr. Martin if you are interested in any of these collections.

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.
- ❖ The Guild is happy to announce their annual **ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be held on Sunday, December 7, from 3-6 p.m., at Parkland Golf and Country Club.
 - Tickets are \$40.00 per adult, and \$20.00 per child
 - Ticket includes: Italian buffet lunch, soda, coffee or tea, and pastry
 - Tickets for beer and wine are also available for \$15.00 per drink, with a two-drink maximum
 - All tickets (food and drink) must be purchased in advance, and seating is limited
 - See Mike Donegan, Frank Wilson, or David Wilson to purchase your ticket
 - The final day to purchase tickets is November 23, no exceptions
 - See Mike Donegan or Susan Scotts with any questions
- ❖ The Guild is also having a **50/50 RAFFLE!** Tickets will be sold after each liturgy before the St. Nicholas Luncheon. You do not need to be present at the luncheon to win. Tickets are available at the coffee station, and the tally each week will be posted on the bulletin board.

Nineteenth Sunday

P A R A B L E T T S D E R I D
B T R T N R B L O K O O A E N
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L O O E G S M E E O N S S Y E
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E H M F H U N D R E D F O L D

Farmer	Seed	Footpath	RockyGround
Briers	GoodSoil	Temptation	Parable
Believe	Openness	Hundredfold	

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The following is an outline to use with the Green Hymnal.
Opening Hymn and Liturgical Propers are found in the bulletin.

cre - a - tion re - joic - es with you; Ad - am joins with ex - ul - ta - tion;
and the world, O my Savior, sings your prais - es for - ev - er.

Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - Tone 2 (Psalm 117:14,18):

My strength and my song is the Lord; he has be - come my sal - va - tion,
he has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Verse: The Lord punished me severely but did not hand me over to Death.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 19:2,10):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - - - ia!
Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: The Lord will hear you on the day of distress; the name of Jacob's God will protect you.
Verse: O Lord, save the king, and hear us when we call upon you.

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78-81)
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Readings

GOSPEL
Luke 8: 5-15 The Lord told this parable: “A farmer went out to sow some seed. In the sowing, some fell on the footpath where it was walked on and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, sprouted up, then withered through lack of moisture. Some fell among the briars, and the thorns growing up with it stifled it. But some fell on good soil, grew up, and yielded grain a hundredfold.” As he said this he exclaimed: “Let everyone who has ears attend to what he has heard.” His disciples began asking him what the meaning of this parable might be. He replied, “To you the mysteries of the reign of God have been confided, but to the rest in parables that, ‘Seeing they may not perceive, and hearing they may not understand. This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the footpath are people who hear, but the devil comes and takes the word out of their hearts lest they believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. They have no root; they believe for a while, but fall away in time of temptation. The seed fallen among briars are those who hear, but their progress is stifled by the cares and riches and pleasures of life and they do not mature. The seed on good ground are those who hear the word in a spirit of openness, retain it, and bear fruit through perseverance.”

Opening Hymn:

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

1. Out the farm - er went (so the tale is spent) sow - ing seed up -
2. Some in shal - low soil sprout - ed from his toil; lack - ing mois - ture,
3. Some of this new seed found rich soil in - deed and pro - duced a
4. We are cru - ci - fied! With Christ, we have died, so that we may

on the ground. Some fell on the path, where it could not last;
it soon died. Some grew in the weed, stran - gling it in - deed,
hun - dred - fold! When we hear the Word, and live what we've heard
live a - new. Life is not our own; by faith we are shown

grabbed by birds or trod - den down. Je - sus told these tales, it's plain,
though to live it brave - ly tried.
we bear fruit, as Christ has told!
Christ with - in us lives! It's true!

God's own Kingdom to ex - plain. Come and lend an ear! Think of what you hear!

Learn the se - crets of God's reign!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 8: 5-15 (vv. 1-3), Galatians 2: 16-20 (v. 4)
Melody: *Anhel Božij / When the angel came* (traditional)

ORDINARY SUNDAY IN TONE 2

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 2

When you de - scended to death, O Im - mor - tal Life, you de - stroyed
Ha - des by the brilliance of your di - vin - i - ty; and when you raised the dead
from the depths of the earth, all the heav - en - ly pow - ers cried out:
O Giv - er of Life, Christ our God, glo - - - ry to you.

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

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 2

You a - rose from the grave, Al - might - y Sav - ior. See - ing the
mir - acle, Hades was struck with fear; the dead a - rose. At this sight, all