

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 ~

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 10: 1-10
GOSPEL Matthew 8: 28-9: 3

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

+Clara Legezd
by F. Wilson Family

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Grazilda Leticia Botello
by Alexandra Stefanyshyn

Vespers

Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 12: 6-14
GOSPEL Matthew 9: 1-8

Saturday, July 4, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

No Liturgy
Happy 250th Birthday, America!

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Sunday, July 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Melvin Nemeth
by F. Wilson Family

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, 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.***

A PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES

O Lord Jesus Christ, look down with mercy upon the people of Venezuela, struck by devastation and grief. Receive into your heavenly Kingdom the souls of all those who have perished, granting them rest in the place of light and peace. For those who suffer, the wounded in body, the broken in spirit, the mothers and fathers searching through rubble for their beloved, be their Comforter and their Strength. Send your holy angels to guide the hands of every rescuer, that no life may be lost while breath still remains. Shelter the homeless beneath the wings of your mercy. Console those who weep without consolation. Sustain those who labor to bring aid, and open the hearts of nations to give generously. O Theotokos, joy of all who sorrow, intercede for the people of Venezuela before your Son. Amen.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS ~

WEDNESDAY EVENING VESPERS In the middle of a busy week, there is something deeply healing about pausing, and stepping away from the noise and into the gentle rhythm of prayer. Our Wednesday Night Vespers offers just that: a beautiful, ancient evening prayer service that draws us back to what matters most. With its sacred chants, incense, and candle-lit atmosphere, Vespers invites our hearts to rest and be renewed in the presence of God. Come as you are. Let the cares of the week fall away, and allow this ancient prayer to speak to your soul. We hope to see Wednesday evenings during the month of July at 7 p.m.

EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- July 19 – 23
Altar Server Congress
Carpathian Village
- July 31 – August 2
Young Adult Convocation
Hillsborough, NJ
- August 2
Annual Saint Nicholas Pilgrimage
Carpathian Village

~ 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!

Maronite Synaxarion

Peter was originally from the town of Bethsaida on the shores of the Lake of Tiberias in the region of Galilee. In Aramaic, his name was Simon, son of John and the Lord gave him the name Peter, which means rock. He was married and worked with his brother Andrew as a fisherman at Capernaum. Almost nothing is known about his family life. Peter and Andrew were disciples of John the Baptizer and, when called by Christ, they became his followers.

Peter had a fiery temperament and was, at times, somewhat hot-headed. Yet he loved Jesus and followed him with all his spirit. At Caesarea Philippi the Lord handed the care of the Church over to Peter and confirmed Peter's primacy after the resurrection. After the ascension Peter exercised his authority over the Church through his preaching and teaching in Antioch, Corinth and Rome. Peter wrote two epistles and the gospel of Mark preserves much of his teaching. He suffered and died in Rome where he was imprisoned and eventually crucified upside down on the Vatican Hill on the twenty-ninth day of June in the year 67. The Emperor Constantine constructed a church over his tomb.

The Apostle Paul was born at Tarsus in Cilicia around the year 7. He called himself "Saul" and says concerning himself that he was "circumcised on the eighth day, being of the stock of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrew origins; in legal observance I was a Pharisee, and so zealous that I persecuted the church... But those things I used to consider gain I have now reappraised as loss in the light of Christ" (Philippians 3:5-7). He acquired knowledge of both the Greek and Hebrew cultures and studied theology in Jerusalem under the great Rabbi Gemaliel. He assisted in the persecution of Christians and was present at the death of Stephen. He was converted when the Lord appeared to preach the gospel to the gentiles. He traveled throughout the Mediterranean and some claim that he went as far as Spain. He was arrested and brought before the Jewish and Roman authorities. Because he was a Roman citizen he appealed his case to Rome where he was beheaded. The letters of Paul are an incomparable standing of Christ.

To the Lord, who chose Peter to be chief of the apostles and Paul to be the apostle to the nations, be glory and praise forever! May their prayers be with us. Amen.

Rev. Martin Vavrak
Pastor

~ PARISHIONER CORNER ~

*Do you have a note or announcement you would like to share with your fellow parishioners?
If so, the bulletin is great place to do so! If you would like to have something posted,
please email Fred by the preceding Wednesday.*

~ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

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

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~ HYMNS ~

OPENING HYMN

Set to melody, *When the Angel came*

- As he walked the land where the pagans lived, Jesus came upon two men. They were sore oppressed and, indeed, possessed; strange beyond the power of pen!
- Demons knew his voice, and our souls rejoice as we see his might now shine: casting, by his power, in that very hour, devils into herds of swine!
- When the pigs, unclean, vanished from the scene, herders ran, spread tidings true; then the town came out, said in panic's rout, "We shall have no part in You!"

Refrain: "Have you come to meddle here, Son of God, or make us fear?" We proclaim your "Lord," Son of God adored, stronger than the demons' jeer!

~ SLAVONIC ~

THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kripkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj pomiluj nas.

CLOSING HYMN

Virgin Mother, intercessor

- Virgin Mother, Intercessor, O Mary, Mary. Help to keep us from misfortune, O Mary, Mary.
- If you leave us unprotected, O Mary, Mary. Mother of God, we would perish, O Mary, Mary.

Refrain: O Mary, faithful Mother, be our Helper, Mediator. Call upon your Son, our Savior, and protect us from all sin.

~ READINGS ~

EPISTLE

Romans 10: 1-10

My heart's desire, my prayer to God for the Israelites, is that they may be saved. Indeed, I can testify that they are zealous for God though their zeal is unenlightened. Unaware of God's justice and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the justice of God. Christ is the end of the law. Through him, justice comes to everyone who believes. Moses writes of the justice that comes from the law, "The one who observes the law shall live by it." But of the justice that comes from faith he says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who shall go up into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'Who shall go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." What is it he does say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach). For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Faith in the heart leads to justification, confession on the lips to salvation.

GOSPEL

Matthew 8: 28-34

At that time as Jesus approached the Gadarene boundary, he encountered two men coming out of the tombs. They were possessed by demons and were so savage that no one could travel along that road. With a sudden shriek they cried: "Why meddle with us, Son of God? Have you come to torture us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a large herd of swine was feeding. The demons kept appealing to him, "If you expel us, send us into the herd of swine." Jesus answered, "Out of you!" At that they came forth and entered the swine. The whole herd went rushing down the bluff into the sea and were drowned. The swineherds took to their heels, and upon their arrival in the town related everything that had happened, including the story about the two possessed men. The upshot was that the entire town came out to meet Jesus. When they caught sight of him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.