

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 ~

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 1: 21-2: 4
GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of
Pani Anna Vavrak, Martin Vavrak, Jr.
and Sharon Toth
by the Vavrak Family

Sunday, August 30, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Steven Gordan
by Susan Scotts

Moleben to Jesus, Lover of Mankind

Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 4: 6-15
GOSPEL Matthew 22: 35-46

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Saturday, September 5, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Health & Blessing of Jon Cipyak IV
by Jon & Suzie Cipyak

Sunday, September 6, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

+Mary R. Monito
by Susan Scotts

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 ~

BLESSED MEMORY This week we lost two beloved artists, Dolly Parton and Tim Curry, both 80, who leave behind legacies that reached far beyond the stage and screen.

Dolly Parton was as generous as she was talented. Her Imagination Library has mailed free books to children around the world since 1995, nurturing a love of reading from birth. In her home county in Tennessee, she launched the Buddy Program, offering \$500 to every student who stayed in school through graduation. This initiative is credited with helping cut the local dropout rate from 35% to just 6%. She also helped fund research toward a COVID-19 vaccine through a major donation to Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Her generosity, as her family put it in their statement, reached the lives of countless people she'd never meet.

Tim Curry, best remembered for his unforgettable role as Dr. Frank-N-Furter in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, was honored in 2015 with the Actors Fund's lifetime achievement award, recognizing decades of support for a charity dedicated to helping performers and entertainment professionals through hardship. He made a rare public appearance to accept it, three years after a stroke left him using a wheelchair, and spoke warmly about staying engaged with the community that shaped his career.

Two very different careers, two very different kinds of magic, but both Dolly and Tim understood that fame is worth the most when it's shared. Eternal Memory!

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION Are you seeking to grow closer to Christ through the beautiful liturgical and spiritual heritage of the Byzantine Catholic Church? Our Eastern Catholic Formation classes offer a transformative journey into the depths of our ancient faith. Classes will be held once a week, and will start in OCTOBER. Everyone is welcome, whether you're a lifelong Byzantine Catholic or newly discovering our traditions. Contact David Wilson for more information at: 407.985.8834

~ 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.*

~ 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!

Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year – Sept. 1
(Indiction)

September 1 marks the beginning of the indiction (from the Latin ‘to impost’) or New Year for the Romans. Christians also observed this calendar which has been followed by the Greek Orthodox Church since the time of Constantine the Great, who observed it as a day of taxation.

His purpose was to erect an entire city to be known as Constantinople, the capitol of the Byzantine world; the completion of which served to remind civilization that in this city was to be built the greatest of Greek Orthodox churches.

It followed, therefore, that the magnificent city was not only a tribute to the world’s greatest empire but a tribute to the spirit of the Greeks who also saw a glorification of God in their handsome architecture and unparalleled culture. Emperor Constantine the Great, revered as a saint in the Orthodox world, had the Savior in mind, with grosses everywhere, even on his soldiers’ shields, when he passed the hat for God and country.

There are other New Year observances, particularly on the New Year of Our Lord which are celebrated in gala fashion, but the ecclesiastical year of the Greek Orthodox Church goes unnoticed by all but a few of the most devout who usher in the religious year with quiet solemnity.

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At first, a day marking the end of a cycle of fifteen years in order to reassess taxes by the Romans, September 1 is now a day for a reassessment of the Greek Orthodox faith and, therefore, a reaffirmation of our commitment to Jesus Christ. This transfer of an ancient Roman law is in keeping with the character of the Greeks which allowed them in ancient times to step out of temples worshipping myths and to stand before Christ. Centuries of mythological gods vanished in the embrace of the Messiah.

Rev. Martin Vavrak – Pastor

~ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~
POST-FESTIVE DAY OF THE BEHEADING OF THE FORERUNNER

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.

~ HYMNS ~

OPENING HYMN

Set to melody: *All the faithful come before you*

- Jesus said: God’s reign is like a king who gave a feast for a wedding, and invited all, from great to least.
- But when summoned to the wedding, they refused to come. Said the king, “Fill up my feast with anyone who’ll come.”
- When the king came in, he saw a man not clad aright. “How is it you’re robed so poorly? Throw him from my sight!”
- God it is who firmly sets us, seals us in His Son, with the Spirit as first payment; by this, we’re made one.

Refrain: Tell all those invited: My dinner is prepared! Everything is ready for you at this wedding fair! Many are invited; few, the chosen seated there. (x2)

CLOSING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, mighty defender

- O Holy Spirit, mighty defender, to all who love you, comfort you give. Everywhere present, fountain of virtues, without your kindness, no one could live. Everywhere present, fountain of virtues, without your kindness, no one could live.
- O Holy Spirit, treasury of blessings, come, as was promised, life giving Flame. Come, dwell within us, quicken our cool hearts, strengthen our purpose to praise your name. Come, dwell within us, quicken our cool hearts, strengthen our purpose to praise your name.

~ READINGS ~

EPISTLE

2nd Corinthians 1: 21-2: 4

God is the one who firmly establishes us along with you in Christ; it is he who anointed us and has sealed us, thereby depositing the first payment, the Spirit, in our hearts. I call on God as my witness that it was out of consideration for you that I did not come to Corinth again. Domineering over your faith is not my purpose. I prefer to work with you toward your happiness. As regards faith, you are standing firm. I did decide, however, not to visit you again in painful circumstances. For if I cause you pain, who can make me happy again but the ones I grieved? I wrote as I did so that when I come I may not be saddened by those who should rejoice my heart. I know you all well enough to be convinced that my happiness is yours. That is why I wrote you in great sorrow and anguish, with copious tears – not to make you sad but to help you realize the great love I bear you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 2-14

The Lord told this parable to the chief priests and the Pharisees: “The reign of God may be likened to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the wedding, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying: ‘Tell those who were invited, See, I have my dinner prepared! My bullocks and corn-fed cattle are killed; everything is ready. Come to the feast.’ Some ignored the invitation and went their way, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, insulted them, and killed them. At this the king grew furious and sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city. They he said to his servants: ‘The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were unfit to come. That is why you must go out into the byroads and invite to the wedding anyone you come upon.’ The servants then went out into the byroads and rounded up everyone they met, bas as well as good. This filled the wedding hall with banqueters. When the king came in to meet the guests, however, he caught sight of a man not properly dressed for a wedding feast. ‘My friend,’ he said, ‘how is it you came in here not properly dressed?’ The man had nothing to say. The king then said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the night to wail and grind his teeth.’ The invited are many, the elect are few.”