

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

VE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

We are only allowing **between 22 and 44** people in
Church and 20 people in Church Hall

SUN	NOV 1	22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Gal 6: 11: 18 Lk 8:26:39
	11:00	Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + Charles Tyler Morgan by Dr. MaryJean Sotack
<u>Tus</u>	<u>Nov 3</u>	<u>8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB Frank DeMartino by Chris Noonan</u>
<u>Wed</u>	<u>Nov 4</u>	<u>8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB November Birthday by Fr. Alex</u>
	After	Moleben to the Theotokos -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
<u>Thu</u>	<u>Nov 5</u>	<u>8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + Andrew Kokinda (wife) by Eugene Kokinda</u>
	After 6:00pm	<u>Short Bible Reflection</u> “ ROSARY ” Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men’s Club
SUN	NOV 8	23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS Eph 2: 4-10 & Heb 2:2-10 Lk 8:41-56 & Lu 10:16-22
	11:00	Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB Betta Labanish by Fr. Alex

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God bless America!!!

Prayer to Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here:
ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

We Would Welcome Some Helping Hands to Keep Our Church Clean and Disinfected. Due to Covid 19 We Still Need to Clean the Church Before and After Every Liturgy. If You Would Like More Information, or If You Can Help, especially on a Monday or Wednesday, Please Speak with Kathy Alexander (566-8637) or Linda Lechman (714-3515).

2020 National Byzantine Catholic Convention: “Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church.”This event will consist of live panel discussions delivered virtually on Saturday, November 14, 2020 on the television in St. Philip’s Hall from 11am to 3pm. There is no cost involved and will provide an opportunity to hear expert discussions on prayer, fellowship, formation and mission as Eastern Catholics. Bring a lunch, if desired, while practicing proper hygiene and social distancing. Contact Don Merkley if you plan to attend so we can setup appropriately. Additional information can be found at byzantineconvention.com.

Are you aware of any organization or church that is selling used church pews? Desired length 12 feet. If so, please speak to Thomas (Tom) McGraw.tel: (804) 932-8098

Coffee will be served by hostesses from the bar in St. Phillip's Hall. Server will pour the coffee, ask if parishioner wants cream/sugar etc. and hand them the coffee. Any pastries served will be individually wrapped. Servers will be wearing masks and gloves. Parishioners will be wearing masks. After receiving your coffee, you will head out to the new back patio area where social distancing will be maintained. There will be trash cans to deposit your trash when finished.

No one, except servers, will be allowed to congregate in the Hall or go into the kitchen. Servers will clean up when finished.

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Children's faith formation start. There is still time to enroll your family, and we are excited for coming year! Classes will start online due to Covid-19. Please contact Patty Duttry or Sasha Kusno. Enrollment for children's Eastern Catholic faith formation is still open. Ages 5-17.

FINANCIALS

Total Contributions: Monthly Dues -120.00 Holyday 0.00
Offertory – 1,816.00 Non-Monetary Donation – 0.00 Fuel –0.00 Rainy Day
Fund-0.00 Candles –50.00 Religious Education –0.00
IN – \$ 1986.00; OUT— \$ 627.38

Happy November Birthdays

1st Eric Hunter; 3th Daisy Olson; 7th Walter Picconi; 16th Ann Kelly; 16th Delores Clinton; 18th Natalie Collins; 20th Michael Yackanich; 22nd Morgan Kelly; 26th Patrick Cook; 30th BettyMae Hertz; 30th Suzanne Cook

Sanctuary Lamp: HGB Margan Family... by Katarina Margan

Tetrapod Lamp: HGB Vinson Family... by Lolly Vinson

Theotokos & Child Lamp: HGB Merle & Theresa Philips... by MaryAnn Drumtra

Christ Teacher Lamp: HGB Michael Noonan... by Chris Noonan

John Baptist Lamp: HGB John Alexander... by Lee & Kathy Alexander

Protection of Theotokos Lamp: HGB Patrick Alexander... by Lee & Kathy Alexander

St. Nicholas Lamp: For Our Parish and or Peace in Our Country

LIVE-STREAMING DIVINE LITURGY AND PRAYERS

Ascension of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church is providing live broadcasts of Divine Liturgy and prayers on the internet for those who would like to experience our worship and pray with us. The divine liturgy will be livestreamed on AscensionVA's YouTube channel on Sunday, November 1

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFrYPWRdt-4HCsBpXdxAmhg/>

A link to scheduled YouTube livestream will be posted at AscensionVA's Facebook's page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Ascension-Byzantine-Catholic-Church-100862511741107>

Anyone who is interested in learning the liturgical music on their own could take online courses through the Metropolitan Cantor Institute. The

Free courses can be found on their website: <https://mci.archpitt.org/online/>

COMMITTEES

Trustees:	Mike Olson, David Efimetz
Bible Study with Coffee:	Linda Lechman
Liturgical/Church Website:	Don Merkely
Men's Club:	John Alexander
Outreach - Cleaning:	Betty Mae Hertz
Property:	Father Alex
Publicity:	Mary Jean Sotack
Security:	Mike Olson
Secretary:	Ann Kelly
Book Keeper	Patty Dutry
Youth:	Sasha Kusno

HOSPITALITY

Please see Bulletin Board at the entrance to St Phillip's Hall for schedule of Lectures, Financial Records and Hospitality.

Recommendation from Bishop concerning attending Divine Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion.

1. Should you stay home from Divine Liturgy? Please use your own prudence. If you believe you are sick, or you are in danger, you are dispensed from attending, and God will bless you for praying home.
2. Should you avoid receiving Holy Communion on spoon? St. Paul says about communion, "Let each one examine himself." If you believe you are sick, or that you are in danger because of weak health, and you do not receive, I promise you that God will still bless you with His abundance of graces.

"Lord, teach us to pray" Luke 11:1

True Praying involves knowing beforehand what to request from God. Praying is asking for something definite. The mind is given over entirely to God, thinking of him, of what is needed, and of what has been received in the past.

The very first step in prayer is a mental step. We must be taught through our intellect. And only as far as the intellect is given over to God in prayer will be able to learn how to pray.

Lord Jesus, just like Your disciples long ago I ask of You today, "teach me (us) to pray." Amen.

Bishop's 2020 Appeal

By now, everyone should have received a letter from Bishop Kurt outlining all the good things that our Eparchy of Passaic does. To do these good things, obviously takes money. Please be generous to the Bishop's Appeal this year. I am asking everyone to consider a pledge of at least a dollar a week, \$52, which you could spread over a couple of months. If you can pledge two, three, even five dollars a week, \$260, that would be wonderful..If God has blessed you richly, please consider a larger pledge even ten dollars a week, \$520. In any event, please pledge something. I am asking everyone to pledge and contribute to The Bishop's Appeal this year. The goal is 100% participation. Thank you for your consideration. Father Alex

SHOEBOXES

It's that time of year again! Here are the details on the shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse: Shoeboxes will be available at church which you can pick up and fill OR if you are out shopping and do not have a box, you can still pick up items and the secret Santa elves will fill the boxes for you! Here are the do's and don'ts for shoebox shopping: Girl or Boy age groups 2-4, 5-9, 10-14(The group with the greatest need is older boys)

One wow item: Stuffed animal (please make sure it will fit in a shoebox! Ball (Soccer, Football or other) can be bought deflated.

Please enclose a pump (with extra pins if possible) for inflation. An outfit of clothing. Musical Instrument (Recorder or Harmonica)

Do's: Personal Care Items, Clothing and Accessories, Crafts and Activities, Toys, Personal Note

Don'ts: Candy, Toothpaste, Gum; Used or Damaged Items, War Related Items such as Toy Guns, Knives and Military Figures; Chocolate or Food; Seeds, Fruit Rolls or other Fruit Snacks; Drink Mixes (powdered or liquid); Liquids or Lotions; Medications or Vitamins; Breakable items such as Snow Globes or Glass Containers; Aerosol Cans.

Website www.samaritanspurse.org will give extra details on shoebox items. You will find excellent suggestions there. If you prefer, you can also make a donation online.

Drop off deadline for boxes or bags of items is Sunday 11/15. The secret Santa elves will take it from there!

Thank you everyone!

Parishioner to Parishioners *We stand on the precipice of Communism.*

The Naked Communist is a 1958 book by W. Cleon Skousen, a former FBI employee. In the book he articulated 45 goals of Communists to subvert and conquer America. Before the upcoming election, it is worthwhile to review some of them to see how accurate Mr. Skousen was. For the sake of space, I will cover those that are still relevant to our society today.

1958 COMMUNIST GOALS TO SUBVERT THE UNITED STATES

12. Resist any attempt to outlaw the American Communist Party.
13. Do away with all loyalty oaths. *(The pledge of allegiance is a loyalty oath.)*
15. **Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.**
16. Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights. *(Since Woe V Wade 62 million babies have been killed in the United States.)*
17. Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.
18. Gain control of all student newspapers.
19. Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations which are under Communist attack.
20. Infiltrate the press. Get control of book-review assignments, editorial writing, and policymaking positions.
21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures. *(The socialist left controls most of the entertainment industry. Add to that now nearly all of social media. Consider the censorship and blocking taking place on Twitter and Facebook that attempt to mute differing opinion.)*
22. Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression.
23. Control art critics and directors of art museums. **"Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art."**
24. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.
25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.

26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, and healthy."
27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious" crutch *(Consider modern religion that tends to put emphasis on creation over the Creator. According to a 2017 gallop poll 39% attend weekly church services down from 75% in the 1950s.)*
28. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state." *(Organized School prayer in the United States was banned from public elementary, middle and high schools by a series of Supreme Court decisions since 1962.)*
29. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.
30. Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man."
31. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of the "big picture." *(#29-31 For Communism to take hold you must first discredit and tear down the nation's past.)*
32. Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture--education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.
35. Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI. *(Consider the revelations about the FBI in the last four years.)*
36. Infiltrate and gain control of more unions.
37. Infiltrate and gain control of big business.
38. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand [or treat]. *(We are seeing this now in the form of defunding the police and funding more social intervention workers.)*

39. Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals.
40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.
41. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents. *(#40 & 41 are actually articulated goals of BLM.)*
42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition. *(The nightly riots, shootings and burnings in major American cities certainly create this image. We are conditioning our youth for violence.)*

So..... How successful has the communist agenda been in America? This list is NOT ancient history. It is a clear and relevant threat to our country and its constitution today. We are teetering on the precipice in the upcoming election. Progressive leaders of the Democratic party have taken control and are openly embracing or tacitly supporting most of the above agenda; embracing socialist principles leading to the downward spiral to communism. For those considering sitting this election out, know this; letting others determine your future is the ultimate weakness of a failed society.

Love Dad