

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

VE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITAN

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

SUN	DEC 6	27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NICHOLAS OF MYRA ARCHBISHOP Eph 6: 10-17 & Heb 13: 17-21 Lk 17:12-19 & Lk 6: 17-23 11:00 Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + John Labanish by June Mathews
Tue	Dec 8	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and +Josie Argarin by Lolly Vinson
Wed	Dec 9	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + John Labanish by Betta Labanish After Moleben to the Theotokos -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
Thu	Dec 10	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + MaryAnn Hertz by Betty May Hertz After 6:00pm Short Bible Reflection “ ROSARY ” Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men’s Club
SUN	DEC 13	SUNDAY BEFOR CHRISTMAS – OF THE ANCESTORS Heb 11: 9-10 & 32-40 Mt 1:1-25 11:00 Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + Michael Dunham by Myron and Debbie Kotyk

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We Would Welcome Some Helping Hands to Keep Our Church
Hall Clean Sunday’s after hospitality. Thank You! Fr Alex

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).

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO DONATED
SUPPLIES FOR CLEANING OF CHURCH. FROM LINDA AND
KATHY, THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH.**

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. Below is how to get notification. This
announcement is posted originally on this [link](#) Divine Liturgy live-streaming can be
found on YouTube and Facebook using the following links: YouTube
channel<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFrYPWRdt-4HCsBpXdxAmhg/> To receive
a notification when video is live, please like video, subscribe, and click bell notification
button. Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/Ascension-Byzantine-Catholic-
Church-100862511741107/](https://www.facebook.com/Ascension-Byzantine-Catholic-Church-100862511741107/) To receive a notification when video is live, please like page
and click follow. In your service, Adithia Kusno

**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**

Happy DECEMBER Birthdays

19th Joe Baysura; 20th Kathy Alexander
29th Abraham Kusno

December Candles:

Sanctuary...HGB Roman Slysh...by Nadia Shockley
Tetrapod...HGB Margan Family...by Katarina Margan
Theotokos & Child...HGB Ted, Catherine, Carol, Stephen... by June Mathews
Christ Teacher...HGB Patrick Alexander...by Lee & Kathy Alexander
John Baptist...HGB John Alexander...by Lee & Kathy Alexander
St Nicholas...HGB Morgan & Kevin Kelly...by Ann Kelly
Protection Theotokos...HGB Adriana Shockley...by Nadia & Keith Shockley

Reminder: Hospitality is **suspended** until the first Sunday in January, 01/03. It will be the first Sunday of the month only, going forward.

FINANCIALS Nov 22; Nov 29

Total Contributions: Monthly Dues -0.00 Holyday 0.00

Offertory -1, 000.00 Non-Monetary Donation - 0.00 Fuel -10.00 Rainy

Day Fund-0.00 Candles -53.00 Religious Education -0.00

IN - \$ 1,763.00; OUT - \$ 803.38

“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

Parishioner to Parishioners

Thoughts of Anchors and Safe Harbors

2020 has certainly been a turbulent year. COVID, our nation's ongoing election process, adjustments to how we interact with each other, possibly a loss of confidence in what we hold to be true, and in that we have previously trusted.

Everything seems to be moving fast; to fast. It can be hard to keep up with. The harder we try to keep up with everything that is changing around us, the more frustrating it becomes. Similar to a storm at sea where everything is tossed about and it is difficult to even stand. We could easily lose our footing in these turbulent times. What is concerning to me is that the storm may be just beginning.

While in the service, being able to get to a safe harbor and drop the anchor during a storm was always a blessing. It was not always possible. In the open sea there are no safe harbors, and we had to make do the best we could. In these cases, I can assure you no one is left unchanged. In a storm at sea it is an extreme effort of will power and strength to even move, the noise is deafening, and everything not lashed down securely is thrown about destroying or injuring anything and anyone in its path. It is a life or death situation. A few souls struggle valiantly to keep the ship on a safe course and the engines running, while most can only strap themselves down. Many are sick, many cry out in despair, all pray.

On other occasions our ship was in a position to find safe harbor to anchor. It was at these times I always felt good about the extra care we always gave our anchors and other "ground tackle" and the training of the crew. The ship's safety and lives of her crew depended on it.

Every seaman knows that even in a safe harbor you are not completely protected. On some occasions we needed both our anchors, and even had to keep our engines running on occasion to drive the ship into the wind so as to take the immense strain off the anchors to keep from dragging and running the ship aground. Once in Alaska I was anchored in a remote area called Port Chatham. Our wind speed indicator pegged at 160 mph, where upon it became disabled; but as the saying goes, "Any port in a

storm...". Had we not been able to make Port Chatham the likelihood was that we would have been lost at sea with all hands.

During the many storms where we did find a safe harbor, once the ship was securely anchored, we were able to function in a nearly normal routine and ride the storm out. As any Sea Captain will tell you, keeping the crew in a standard routine is the best way to keep morale up. A standard routine takes your mind off of the tumult going on around you. A routine is familiar and calming. The close of 2020 is one of those times when it would be a good idea to check your anchor to make sure it is in good shape. It would be a good idea to have your safe harbor picked out.

For those purposes, I cannot think of a better anchor than your faith. A strong faith in God and His everlasting love will stand the test of any storm. As for a safe harbor, the best safe harbor I know is going to be family, trusted friends and a good parish. These "safe harbors" will give you focus and provide the oh so familiar "routine" during the turbulence surrounding you. With your anchor properly set in a safe harbor, you will be able to live out the storm that is seemingly approaching.

What will 2021 hold for us? Only God knows. Do not be caught on the open sea. Let your focus be on ensuring your anchor is strong and you have a safe harbor to ride out the storm.

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