

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	OCT 11	SUN OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 2 Cor 11: 31-12:9 Lk 7:11:16 11:00 Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners + Clifford Heiser with panachida by Boyko Family + Drago Margan by Katharina Margan
Tue	Oct 13	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB Christine and Frank Janke and Fr. Alex
Wed	Oct 14	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + Travis Chuff by & Family by Mark and Anne Chuff After Moleben to the Theotokos -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
Thu	Oct 15	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + Mark Cifrulak (Lisa father) by Fr. Alex After Short Bible Reflection 6:00pm "ROSARY" Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club
SUN	OCT 18	20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Gal 1: 11: 19 Lk 8:5:15 11:00 Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + John Labanish by Betta Labanish

Read Full Bulletin online [www. ascensionva.org](http://www.ascensionva.org)

**Keep practicing social distancing and use a mask when out
and about as we continue through the "reopening" process.**

God bless America!!!

DEAR ASCENSION FAMILY,

It is with a heavy heart I am writing to tell you that Lisa Edwards' father went home to the Lord early Saturday morning. He suffered a sudden aortic dissection late yesterday afternoon. (Where the aorta tears) Emergency surgery was unsuccessful. Please keep Lisa and her family in your prayers during this difficult time. Eternal memory

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).

Greetings Everyone. Please pray for Don and Ann Merkley's daughter Noelle Kissell and her family (husband and three children). Over the past weekend, while the whole family was out of house, there was an explosion at the house and subsequent fire. They have lost their home, as well as, all their belongings and three dogs. Keep them in your prayers as they emerge from this tragedy.

David Efimetz will be the contact person for donations to help the Kissell Family. Gift cards and cash would be a big help so they can purchase clothes and supply other basic needs.

I will keep you posted as I receive further details.

Thank you and God Bless

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.

Children's faith formation start last week. 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 -260.00 Holyday 15.00

Offertory -1817.00 Non-Monetary Donation - 0.00 Fuel -0.00 Rainy Day

Fund-0.00 Candles -70.00 Religious Education -0.00

IN - \$ 2,162.00; OUT- \$ 2560.10

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

HOSPITALITY

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

Happy October Birthdays

2nd Jane Picconi; 4th Christine Janke; 9th Donna Ross; 10th Gia Hoolan; 13th Jeff Carden; 13th Katarina Margan; 15 Josephine Picconi; 21st Lisa Margan; 22nd Linda Lechman; 25th Charlene Yackanich; 26th MaryAnn Drumtra; 28th Anna Montgomery; 30th Joann Darling

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.

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, but are unable to join us because of limited access due to COVID-19, work, personal illness or distance.

Attending the services via live streaming is an aid to sincere devotion but if you are able, we look forward to having you join us in person.

For easy access to our Facebook, go to our website, ascensionVA.org and link to our Facebook page. Past liturgies are also in an archive of videos on our website.

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

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

Tetrapod Lamp: HGB Richard Murphy... by Ann Kelly

Theotokos & Child Lamp: HGB Patrick Alexander... by Lee & Kathy Alexander

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

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

Protection of Theotokos Lamp: HGB Morgan Kelly... by Ann Kelly

St. Nicholas Lamp: HGB Kevin Kelly...by Ann Kelly

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/>

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2020 6-9 PM NO RAIN DATE

BOoooN FIiiiREeee!!!!!!

Ascension Bon Fire will be held. Please bring your picnic dinner and folding chairs to sit around the fire and visit with the parish family. We will follow the CDC's recommendation to prevent COVID transmission. You may review these recommendations at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help out with managing the protocol please contact Mary Jean Sotack.

Remember family groups do not have to social distance or wear masks within their group. However, if your family group interacts with another family group less than 6 feet apart, please wear your mask regardless if you are outside or not.

Hand sanitation stations will be set up. The asepsis protocol that we have been following during liturgies will be followed for this event as well. Thank you to the parish family for your continued cooperation during these difficult times! We all need a little break from COVID so come out and enjoy the warmth of the fire and the fresh cool night air at the bon fire!

Parishioner to Parishioners

To be a Saint

Child of God, or Child of the World?

You have heard me talk about biblical themes before. There is one whose message is germane to every generation. I think especially so to this generation. The old saying goes; "Home is where the heart is." Where is our home?

..... Oh yes, it's time to pull out our Bibles.

We read in Matthew "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Mt. 6:19-21

Later in Luke we read of the landowner who, after a great harvest, tore down his barns to make new ones to store his grain. "And I will say to my soul, soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry. But God said to him, fool! This night your soul is required of you... LK12:19-20

The Bible is full of references that we are on a journey through this world. Take the time to read the following verses from 1Chron. 29:15, Ps. 39:12; Ps. 119:54, Heb. 11:13-16. We hear words of sojourns, and pilgrimage, strangers and foreigners.

Indeed, God wants us to enjoy our life, and the good things in our life; our family and friends, our talents, the beauty of the world around us. God gives us these things and so much more, freely, to enjoy. Our purpose in life; however, is to manifest God by what we do, to bear good fruit. By doing this we store up great treasure in Heaven. By the same token, we should recognize evil in this world, and that which distracts us from God. Shun it, and be a stranger to it. It is not of God, but of the ruler of this world, Satan. For the

whole world is in his power, as we read in 1Jn. 5:19.

Now let's turn our thoughts toward Faith. In Hebrews, Paul tells us Faith is the "Assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hew. 11:1. I recommend reading the entire Chapter to see examples of true Christian Faith. A child of the world tends to associate faith solely with what somebody, possibly the government, will give them. Our Catholic Faith is so much deeper. Our Faith is Apostolic Faith, that which we profess in our Creed, and centered in what awaits us after this life. This is a more powerful Faith; a Faith that allows us to trust God despite personal calamity, abuse, suffering, confusion and fear. This Faith allows us to trust God even at times when we think He is not listening to us, or has forsaken us. This is the Faith of a Child of God.

As Jesus tells us, **"If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."** Jn.15:19.

Our true home is not of this world. The physical world will perish. All living things will die. Everything of this world will crumble and be destroyed. Love of wealth, materialism and worldly power is the ultimate illusion. It will all vanish at the moment of our death. All that will be left to you, all that will speak for you at your judgement, is how you conducted your life, what type of fruit you have borne. This in turn will be used to determine where you will spend your eternity.

Yours in Christ
Brother Joseph