

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	JAN 3	<u>SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY</u> 2Tim 4:5-8 Mt 1:1-8 Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + Annaliese Niestroy by MaryJean Sotack
Tue	Jan 5	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + Michael Joseph Hertz by Betty Mae Hertz
Wed	Jan 6	<u>THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD</u> 8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB MaryGrace Dorsey by Chris Noonan After Moleben to the Theotokos -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
Thu	Jan 7	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB John and Arlene Rayno After Short Bible Reflection 6:00pm “ROSARY” Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men’s Club
SUN	JAN 10	<u>SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY</u> Eph 4:7-13 Mt 4:12-17 Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + Don Noonan by Ghris Noonan

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR SUCH A THOUGHTFUL GIFTS
AND THINKING OF ME THIS CHRISTMAS. GOD BLESS YOU
Fr. Alex

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

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/> 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 JANUARY Birthdays

23rd Lee Alexander; 24th Ryan Collins; 30th Joan Ruskowski

JANUARY Candles:

Sanctuary...HGB Margan Family...Requested by Katarina Margan
Tetrapod...BRS Bill Kelly...Requested by Ann Kelly
Theotokos & Child...HGB...Morgan & Kevin Kelly Requested by
Ann Kelly
Christ Teacher...HGB Patrick Alexander & Family Requested by
Lee & Kathy Alexander
John Baptist...HGB John Alexander Requested by Lee & Kathy
Alexander
St Nicholas...For Our Parish
Protection of the Theotokos...For Our Parish

Reminder: Hospitality is **SUSPENDED**

FINANCIALS Dec. 27

Total Contributions: Flowers – 20.00 Monthly Dues -100.00 Holyday
950.00 Offertory –725.00 Non-Monetary Donation – 0.00 Fuel –0.00 Rainy
Day Fund-0.00 Candles –0.00 Religious Education –0.00
IN – \$ 1775.00; OUT— \$ 212.82

We have several faithful from Ascension who are in need of
special prayer. Some of those who need special prayer are:
*Ann Harmeyer, Chris Janke, Mary Grace Dorsey, Adithia and
Sasha Kusno, Patrick Cook, Betta Labanish*
Thank you. Father Alex

“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.*

HRAMOTY

There is an envelope for the 5 All Souls Saturdays (which we
celebrate on Sunday mornings) in your pack of
envelopes. Please write on the card all changes to the list of
deceased members of your family to be remembered in
prayer. If there are no changes, please write "*no changes*". The
offering should be for Father Alex Shuter, not Ascension.

ENVELOPES

There is a large box of offering envelopes at the back of the
church. If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please
ask the ushers to give you an package of envelopes

Parishioner to Parishioners

The Most Important Gift

What is the most important gift we can give our children? Certainly, a good home and upbringing when they are young. The strength of a loving home will be a source of strength in later years and serve as a guide for them. Aside from that, what would you consider the most important gift you could give your children.

The best education you can afford? A good financial start in life? Maybe teaching them how to invest their money wisely. How to recognize opportunity and act on it. These are all certainly good things. Each one valuable in their own right.

What about giving them your most valuable possession? Why not give them your faith? Think about it. Your faith should be your most valuable possession. For with it you have the means and guidance to live a good life in this world and have eternal salvation for your soul in the next world.

Without this gift, made to your children at an early age; a gift given with loving patience and years of gentle persistence, what will be the probability that they may steer their life in another direction, blown by the winds of happenstance and possibly something more evil.

What a tragedy it would be for a parent to withhold this gift from their child. An equal tragedy it would be to just plant the seed of faith through baptism, and then not water it and tend the vine as it grows. How many poor souls are walking around today that were baptized early and never developed their faith, or fell away from their faith at an early age.

Teach our children their faith, show them our traditions and teach them to pray. Most of all set the example for them. If it is important to you, it will be important to them also.

Love Dad.

"It is true, in every family there are problems, and at times arguments... I would like to say something to you: if you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace... Because cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous. It does not help. And then, in the family there are three words, three phrases that must always be held dear: "Please", "Thank you", and "I am sorry". "Please", so as not to be intrusive in the life of others. Please: may I do something? Is it alright with you if I do this?... "Thank you"... Gratitude is the lifeblood of the noble soul. And then, the hardest to say: "I am sorry". Because we always do bad things and very often someone is offended... Do not forget the three words: "please", "thank you", and "I am sorry". If in a family, in the family environment there are these three words, the family is fine."

Pope Francis