

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE

SUN	APR 17	RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - PASCHA Acts 1:1-8 Jn 1:1-17 Festal Tone
	10:00	Resurrection Matins
	11:00	Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners followed by blessing of Easter Baskets
Bright Mon Apr 18	8:30	For Our Parishioners and HGB Mary Sullivan by Fr Alex
Bright Tue Apr 19	8: 30am	For Our Parishioners and for + John Labanish by Betta Labanish
	5:15pm	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Bright Wed Apr 20	8:30am	For Our Parishioners and HGB Anne Cahill by Chris Noonan
		MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
Bright Thu Apr 21	8:30am	For Our Parishioners and HGB Mrs. Mary Faith West by Fr. Alex
	6:00pm	- ROSARY - Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club
SUN	APR 24	THOMAS SUNDAY Acts 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31 Festal Tone
	11:00	Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and For PEACE in UKRAINE

Dear Parishioners and Visitors. The fantastic signs of spring time bring the true spirit of Easter. Enjoy this happy time of cheerfulness and hope. May the lesson of Easter lighten your heart and the blessings of the Lord are bestowed in your life always! Have a great Easter. Fr. Alex

All Are WELCOME, PLEASE ATTEND:

On Wednesday, after Liturgy, Moleben to the Theotokos. On Thursday, after Liturgy, Bible Study, reflecting on Sunday's Gospel Reading

Speak 5 lines to yourself every morning:

1. I'm the best
2. I can do it
3. God is always with me
4. I'm a winner
5. Today is my DAY

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

Happy APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd William Fetsko; 3rd Adriana Shockley; 5th Anya Bobrinskaya
Hunter; 22nd Jim Hoolan; 22nd Aurora DaQuilanea; 24th Nadia Hunter;
28th Betta Labanish

We have several faithful from Ascension who are in need of special prayer.

Some of those who need special prayer are:

Ann Harmeyer, Frank and Chris Janke, Mary Grace Dorsey, Ben Pawers, Betta Labanish, Betty May Hertz, Emma Bernier, Lolly Vinson, June McGraw, Darren and June Hall Thank you. Fr. Alex

PARISH ACTIVITIES: **All activities should be recorded on the main calendar 2022 in the office.** Please write in the activity you are responsible for and let Fr. Alex know the details so he can include it in the bulletin

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held on the first and third Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be on April 15. The subject this week will be the Book of Judges (and if time permits we may introduce the Book of Ruth), Please join us for great food and a wonderful conversation-based journey through Scripture! See Dr. Michael Lechman and Michael Bracelin for questions.

Candles for April :

Sanctuary...For HGB Makoweic Family by Oksana Makoweic
Tetrapod... For Our Parishioners
Theotokos & Child... HGB Mark Noonan by Chris Noonan
John Baptist... For Our Parishioners
St Nicholas... For + Anna Marie Duttry by Patty Duttry
Protection Theotokos... HGB Adriana Shockley by Keith and Nadia Shockley
Christ Teacher...For HGB Doyle Duttry by Patty Duttry

Many unique items come into the shop weekly. We have a great selection of special-occasion gifts and religious items unique to the Williamsburg area, including a wide selection of spiritual books, music, icons and devotional and inspirational articles plus hand-made soaps and local honey.

SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.

God bless America!!!

I would like to thank Snow-Wood, LLC for donating Parcel 10/10A to our parish. This is the piece of land that runs between our parking lot and the school and extends to the parking lot of Snow-Wood, LLC. This has been a long project and I would like to especially thank Mr. Robert Pfeifer, Esquire for his diligence in this matter. We are blessed to have our property increased in size and value.

2021 – 2022 Bishop's Appeal Monthly Update March

Goal - \$6,800 Total. Collected - \$ 3,040. Needed to meet goal - \$3,760

FINANCIALS, Apr 10, 2022

Monthly Dues – 200.00; Offertory – 1,858.00; Candles-37.00; Holyday–25.00;
Flowers Ester –25.00; In –2,145.00; Out – 4,203.93

10 signs you're doing well in life:

- 1.) you have a roof over your head.
- 2.) You ate today.
- 3.) You have a good heart.
- 4.) You wish good for others.
- 5.) You have clean water.
- 6.) Someone cares for you.
- 7.) You strive to be better.
- 8.) You have clean clothes.
- 9.) You have a dream.
- 10.) You're Breathing.

Be Thankful For The Little Things

The Power to Defeat Satan's Temptations

And God created man in His own image, and so loved mankind that He sent His only Son to redeem it.

The Divine Plan of salvation is played out each year in the church's liturgical calendar, culminating with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the establishment of His Church on Earth. Within this cycle there are many lessons for us. This Easter, consider it from the standpoint of the triumph of Christ over the temptations of Satan.

Satan's primary weapons against mankind is through manipulation of our weaknesses and passions, with lies, deceit and temptation. It was the weapons used to deceive Eve in the garden, which led to Adam's disobedience and downfall.

Satan was knowledgeable of the prophecies of a redeemer being born of a virgin and determined to use all of his powers to thwart it. Satan started his attacks early, centering on the Holy Family. The Bible gives us glimpses but tells us little of the personal temptations of Mary and Joseph. It does however provide us a great deal of information about the physical threats to the Holy Family. In these threats we see the direct guidance from heaven to protect and guide Mary and Joseph. Within this heavenly protection and guidance, the Holy Family thrived and prospered. It was in Jesus' public life that we see clearly Satan's direct attack.

Satan's first recorded attack on Jesus occurred after His baptism. It is of importance to note that by His baptism, Christ surrendered His life to the obedience to the Will of God. At this moment he was filled with the Holy Spirit. "Then Jesus was led up by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." Mt.4:1. This passage is significant, for the fight with Satan was sought out. Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, would be on His own.

Satan personally tried to seduce Jesus with three temptations. The attacks were focused on the human nature of Christ, and Satan waited to attack until the end of the fast when Jesus would be at His weakest. Take note of this, for Satan attacks us when we are at our weakest physically and mentally. The first temptation dealt with satisfying concerns of the flesh over duty to God. The second temptation concerned trying to control and manipulate the Will of God. The third one concerned an attempt to escape God's Will by bowing to Satan. Satan, with all of his power and pride, attempted to sway Christ to forget the Will of the Father three times, and he failed in each attempt, with the last failure causing Satan to flee. This was the last time the Bible records that Satan

exposed himself openly to attack Christ, and the demons were forever subject to Jesus.

Satan quickly turned to indirect attacks by using others to openly attack and persecute Christ, most notably the Jewish Sanhedrin, as well as through others who saw Jesus as a threat. In this, Satan manipulated the pride and jealousy of others. These same human weaknesses are the ones manipulated by Satan even today, through his lies, deceit and temptations.

Were there other temptations of Christ? Most assuredly, for we read in Matthew, Chapter 16, that after Jesus discloses his future suffering and death in Jerusalem, Peter attempts to dissuade Jesus, at which Jesus admonishes Peter with the words, "Get behind me Satan." In this episode we see Jesus is quick to recognize the work of Satan through one of His most trusted friends, and the decisive way He handled it. We also learn that once defeated, Satan will seek other ways to tempt us. If Satan did thus to Jesus, understand he will attempt the same to each of us. We should always be on guard.

There were other temptations, including the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus wrestled mentally with what was to come. In this last attempt, Jesus grappled with what is perhaps Satan's most effective weapon against man, that of self-preservation. This attack was not a physical manifestation of Satan, nor Satan working through others. It was an internal attack on the mind and heart of Jesus. Jesus defeated this attack with the words we should all commit to heart; "Thy will be done." For in this statement, we commit ourselves fully to the Will of God and thus to God's Divine Plan.

Today we celebrate the victory of Christ over death. The victory of God's plan of salvation. Satan is still with us, for Satan is the prince of this world, but in Christ we have victory over death, victory over Satan. We have been freely given the means necessary to preserve ourselves against Satan's power through the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christ is Risen; Glorify Him.

Yours in Christ

Brother Joseph

ADVICE

WHEN PEOPLE THROW YOU STONES, IT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE A GOOD TREE FULL OF FRUITS. THEY SEE A LOT OF HARVEST IN YOU. DON'T GO DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL BY THROWING THEM BACK THE STONES, BUT THROW THEM YOUR FRUITS SO THE SEEDS OF YOURSELF MAY INSPIRE THEM TO CHANGE THEIR WAYS.

Nothing but a Number

Japanese mountain climber Yuichiro Miura reached the summit of Mount Everest at age 70. George Brunstad was also 70 when he swam the English Channel. Naval officer Grace Hopper became the first female rear admiral of the United States Navy when she was 79. Margaret Haggerty completed her quest to run a marathon on each of the seven continents when she was 84.

If stories like these teach us anything, it's that senior adults are capable of amazing things.

That was certainly true of Joshua. Even though he was probably nearing the century mark, God had a plan for him. Age didn't matter to God. Rather than telling Joshua to rest, retire or step aside for a younger replacement, God instructed him to get to work.

Perhaps we should take a cue from God in our attitude toward older adults. From an early age most of us were taught to respect our elders. However, too often we confuse politeness for respect. What's the difference? Politeness might include offering a hand to senior adults when they struggle with steps or making awkward small talk with aging relatives at family gatherings. Respect, however, would include realizing that with their years of challenges and experiences these adults are a rich, God-given resource.

In this age of politically correct labels, perhaps a better name for senior citizens is "ultra-experienced adults." God entrusted Joshua with an important duty a quarter century after Joshua reached retirement age because of his vast military experience and knowledge.

Think of the older adults you know. How does God want to use them in your life? What experiences of theirs might benefit you? What life lessons have they learned that might keep you from making a bad decision? And what might you be able to learn from hearing their stories and asking for their advice?

To Take Away

- How would you describe your attitude toward senior adults?*
- Think of two or three seniors you know. What might getting to know them better add to your life?*
- What steps can you take this week to build a mutually beneficial relationship with an older adult?*

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked
Nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
But delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree
planted near running water,
That yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so, the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Messiah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 23

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Psalm 16

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Psalm 138

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple,
and give thanks to your name.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Because of your kindness and your truth,
you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Psalm 113

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

From the rising to the setting of the sun
is the name of the LORD to be praised.
High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
To seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Psalm 104

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of your creatures.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 11

The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD's throne is in heaven.
His eyes behold,
his searching glance is on mankind.

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

The LORD searches the just and the wicked;
the lover of violence he hates.
For the LORD is just, he loves just deeds;
the upright shall see his face.

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

Psalm 103

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Psalm 15

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
By whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things
shall never be disturbed.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Exodus 15

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
He is my God, I praise him;
the God of my father, I extol him.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

The LORD is a warrior,
LORD is his name!
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Psalms 69

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I am sunk in the abysmal swamp
where there is no foothold;
I have reached the watery depths;
the flood overwhelms me.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

But I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

But I am afflicted and in pain;
let your saving help, O God, protect me;
I will praise the name of God in song,
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not."

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Psalm 106

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Our fathers made a calf in Horeb
and adored a molten image;
They exchanged their glory
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

They forgot the God who had saved them,
who had done great deeds in Egypt,
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,
terrible things at the Red Sea.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Then he spoke of exterminating them,
but Moses, his chosen one,
Withstood him in the breach
to turn back his destructive wrath.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Psalm 99

Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,
and worship at his footstool;
holy is he!

Holy is the Lord our God.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
and Samuel, among those who called upon his name;
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

Holy is the Lord our God.

From the pillar of cloud he spoke to them;
they heard his decrees and the law he gave them.

Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for holy is the LORD, our God.

Holy is the Lord our God.

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tested me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 106

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

We have sinned, we and our fathers;
we have committed crimes; we have done wrong.
Our fathers in Egypt
considered not your wonders.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

But soon they forgot his works;
they waited not for his counsel.
They gave way to craving in the desert
and tempted God in the wilderness.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

They forgot the God who had saved them,
who had done great deeds in Egypt,
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,
terrible things at the Red Sea.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Then he spoke of exterminating them,
but Moses, his chosen one,
Withstood him in the breach
to turn back his destructive wrath.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Psalm 97

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him,
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace
To his people, and to his faithful ones,
and to those who put in him their hope.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and salvation, along the way of his steps.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.