

## WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

**PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>JAN 16</b>	<b>34 SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 1 Tim 15:17 Lk 18:35-43 Tone 1 10:40 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour reading Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and HGB Betty May Hertz by Fr. Alex After – Hospitality
Tue	Jan 18	8: 30am For Our Parishioners and Paul Joseph Piszko by Fr. Alex 4:30pm <b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY</b>
Wed	Jan 19	8:30am For Our Parishioners and HGB Betta Labanish by Fr. Alex MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
Thu	Jan 20	8:30am For Our Parishioners + John and Monika Ruscus by Patricia Dunhan After - Bible Study 6:00pm – <b>ROSARY</b> - Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club
<b>SUN</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>35 SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 Mt 15:21-28 Tone 2 10:40 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour reading Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and HGB Betty May Hertz by Fr. Alex After – Hospitality

### 7 Messages from God.

1. You will prosper. 2. You will smile again. 3. Your storm is over. 4. You will find peace. 5. You are forgiven. 6. You are safe with me. 7. You are Loved. Amen.

Happy JANUARY Birthdays

23<sup>rd</sup> Lee Alexander; 24<sup>th</sup> Ryan Collins; 30<sup>th</sup> Joan Ruskowski

**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

*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, I am so sorry For the way I complain about my circumstances. Please forgive me for my bad attitude when things don't go my way. I know you have a beautiful plan for my life and have already showered me with more blessing than I can count. Amen!**

**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

Father Alex NEVER emails or texts anyone asking for gift cards or money. If you have received any communication like this please do not respond and let Father know you have received requests. These are a scam!

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Did you miss the Bible Study this Fall, but you want to still participate? It's not too late! The Bible Study will restart on Tuesday January 18th at 4:30 pm and we will do a complete review of everything we learned in Fall. Please join us for great food and a wonderful conversation-based journey through Scripture! See Dr. Michael Lechman and Michael Bracelin for questions.

**Youth faith formation** please contact Sasha Kusno at [sashaeckstein@gmail.com](mailto:sashaeckstein@gmail.com) (4th grade and up).

9+:15 am Sunday, January 9. Students and parents are encouraged to sit with catechists at potlucks when possible to stay connected and up-to-date. Families may also contact Sasha Kusno at 660-287-1003 or [sashaeckstein@gmail.com](mailto:sashaeckstein@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions. Parents are also welcome at monthly catechist meetings.

We also ask parents to pray for the fruit of their student's learning, especially during class time.

Catechist Meetings: Sunday, December 19; 1 pm Sunday, January 16; 1 pm Sunday, February 20 ; 1 pm Sunday, March 20

Children's faith formation will follow the COVID precautions in place at the parish. Any person experiencing symptoms, under quarantine due to an exposure, or in isolation is asked to remain home out of charity for others. Make-up catechesis sessions are available on request in person or through Zoom. We look forward to learning, praying, and worshipping together!

## Attention Advisory Board, Security Team, Ushers, and Church

Volunteers: Catholic Mutual (our insurance company) has developed on line training courses. Please see Mrs. Linda Lechman for information on how to access these training courses.

MAY GOD GRANT YOU ALWAYS A SUNBEAM TO WARM YOU, A MOONBEAM TO CHARM YOU, A SHELTERING ANGEL SO NOTHING CAN HARM YOU. LAUGHTER TO CHEER YOU, FAITHFUL FRIENDS NEAR YOU, AND WHENEVER YOU PRAY HEAVEN TO HEAR YOU. (An Irish blessing)

If you are interested in being an Usher, Greeter, or helping with Security please contact Mike Olson at [mikeo23608@gmail.com](mailto:mikeo23608@gmail.com).

If you are interested in serving the church by leading 3rd Hour before Divine Liturgy please email Michael Bracelin at [Michael.bracelin@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.bracelin@gmail.com)

## Candles for JANUARY:

Sanctuary...For Our Parishioners  
Tetrapod... For Our Parishioners  
Theotokos & Child... For Our Parishioners  
Christ Teacher... For Our Parishioners  
John Baptist... For Our Parishioners  
St Nicholas... For Our Parishioners  
Protection Theotokos... For Our Parishioners

**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, Ben Pawers, Betta Labanish, Betty May Hertz, Emma Bernier, Thank you. Fr. Alex

## FINANCIALS, Jan 9, 2022

Monthly Dues –164.00; Offertory – 461.00; Candles-62.00; Holyday –310.0;  
Initial Offering/Envelopes – 22.00 In –1,059.06; Out – 1,439.58

## Ruminations of an Old Man

It's hard to remember a time when there was not some controversy in our society. I suppose there has always been something or other for people to worry about. Afterall it is controversy that sells newspapers and magazines. Why? Who knows, I guess it's in our nature to worry and argue about things.

I cannot remember a time though when we were bombarded with so many controversial dividing issues. To me it seems feelings are hardening, with the potential to divide us in so many ways. COVID, immigration, the economy, cultural and racial strife, and of course politics. There's more, but why go on, you know what I'm talking about.

We rarely get factual news these days. Seems like everything is hyperbole. Factual news has been largely replaced with opinion pieces that support one narrative or another. The end result being to push our buttons and stir us up.

There was a story a couple of weeks ago about how the IRS now requires folks to report their "stealing's" and "bribes" on their 2021 tax return. I was skeptical, so I looked it up on the schedule 17, and sure enough there it was. I guess that's how the IRS intends to pursue crime; make a buck on it, while normalizing crime as just another way to earn a living. My buttons pushed, and emotions all stirred up. Yet something else to add to the fire inside. So, the fire of emotion burns higher, hotter, but for what purpose?

Don't get me wrong, emotion at some level is a good thing. It is emotion that often spurs us to beneficial action. It is emotion that gets us out of bed and walk out of a burning building. Passionate, unbridled emotion is another animal, for in it we lose all sense, we lose the ability for dispassionate thought and reasoning. While I was working down around Haiti, it was this type of emotion on display when innocent people were burned alive by mobs who stacked tires over their head, dousing them with gasoline and lighting them afire. Why? Because of politics and rumored disease, substitute the words hatred and fear. Yes, some of the world's greatest atrocities have been committed using these types of emotions. It is this type of emotion we need to bear in mind as passions rise on either side.

As a society we are running more and more on raw emotion, with our mind and hearts often closed to the guidance and wisdom that comes from dispassionate reasoning and from the laws of God. Think, think about the times

proceeding great wars, economic collapses, and sweeping political changes. The times proceeding these events were marked by a period of great turmoil and stress caused by unbridled Godless emotion. The general public was swept along one path or another and whipped into a frenzy of fear and passion. Think about the political passion of the Bolshevik revolution, the economic panic of the 1920s, the raw emotion and fear turned to hatred in 1930s Germany. Nothing good comes from these passions, for they are manipulated by those seeking to control; those seeking to force people to do their will.

That could not happen today, could it? The answer lies within each of us.

Let's alter course slightly. Instead of the politics of division, let's talk about the strength of unity. At least on a local level, I still see honest hard-working people, who still lend a hand to others when needed. Those who take care of their families, and want to raise their children with the same traditional values they have. These Americans care about their community, and want to see it kept free of the unbridled emotions that are destroying other communities.

I see many Americans, who believe in the good of our nation, and respect her constitution and laws. Americans who still find common ground with each other, and place their faith and trust in God. These Americans focus on what binds us together, what we hold in common. They use that as a basis to come together to solve other problems. If I see this locally, I know it to be so all around our nation. So, this then becomes part of the answer to the ongoing division in our nation. Find that which unites us, and build on that. All the while placing our trust in God and holding to God's laws.

Love Dad

*Never regret a day in your life. Good days give you happiness, bad days give you experience, worst days give you lesson and the best days give you memories. . . . .*

## *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.**

**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.**

## **Psalm 85**

**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.**