

## WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

**PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>NOV 27</b>	<b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> <b>After – Hospitality</b> Eph 4:1-6 Lk 13:10-17 Tone 8 <b>11:00</b> <b>Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and</b> + Myron & Bohdan Shuter by Fr. Alex
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Nov 29</b>	<b>8: 30am For Our Parishioners and For</b> + Jerry Luecke by Helen Luecke
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Nov 30</b>	<b>8:30am For Our Parishioners and</b> HGB Heather Peltier & Family by Paula Peltier <b>MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS</b> -Special Intention
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>8:30am For Our Parishioners and</b> HGB Emma Bernier by Fr. Alex <b>After - Bible Study</b> <b>6:00pm</b> - <b>ROSARY</b> - Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club
<b>SUN</b>	<b>DEC 4</b>	<b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Saint Nicholas visit.</b> Eph 5:9-19 Lk 17:12-19 Tone 1 <b>11:00</b> <b>Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and</b> +Mike & Avanelle Bross by Angela Bross <b>Following new hall addition will also be blessed and named the St. John the Baptist Hall in loving memory of John Labanish by Betta Labanish.</b>

On Sunday December 4 we will celebrate St. Nicholas day with a children's program and a visit from St. Nicholas. On this special occasion the new hall addition will also be blessed and named the St. John the Baptist Hall in loving memory of John Labanish by Betta Labanish. After the blessing of the St. John the Baptist Hall a catered meal will be served instead of a pot luck by the generosity of Betta. May God grant Betta many happy years!  
Fr. Alex

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

Some of those who need special prayer are:

Frank and Chris Janke, Mary Grace Dorsey, Ben Pawers, Betta Labanish, Betty May Hertz, Emma Bernier, Lolly Vinson, William McGraw, June McGraw, Darren and June Hall, Aurora & Jaime Daquilanea, Mary Ann Drumtra, Katharina and Steven Margan  
Thank you. Fr. A

### Candles for Novemberr:

Sanctuary Lamp... + John Labanish by Betta Labanish  
Tetrapod... + Elvira & Anthony DeGaspari by Ann Kelly  
Theotokos & Child... HGB Michael Noonan by Chris Noonan  
John Baptist... HGB Morgan Kelly by Ann Kelly  
St Nicholas... HGB Merle & Teresa Phillips by MaryAnn Drumtra  
Protection Theotokos... For Our Parishioners  
Christ Teacher...HGB Norma Duttry by Patty Duttry

### IN THIS CHURCH, WE BELIEVE

IN THE HOLY SPIRIT; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH; THE COMMUNION OF SAITS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND  
LIFE EVERLASTING

**If any parishioners plan to visit Edmonton, Canada, please speak with Father Alex regarding picking up a needed item for faith formation.**

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, local honey.

*SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.*

*FINANCIALS, November 20, 2022*

Monthly Dues –200.00; Offertory –387.00; Candles-35.00; Holyday - 0.00 In – 622.00; Out –275.00

Happy NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Eric Hunter; 3rd Daisy Olson; 7th Walter Picconi; 16th Ann Kelly;  
16th Delores Clinton; 18th Natalie Collions; 20th Michael Yackanich;  
22nd Morgan Kelly;

The Williamsburg **House of Mercy feed and shelter your neighbors?**  
*This summer, Williamsburg House of Mercy gave food to 208 families in a single day and has moved 25 households into stable housing. For more information on how to donate or our shopping list, please visit WilliamsburgHouseOfMercy.org. Will you help? Thank you for being the hands and feed of Christ to our community!*  
Thank you. God Bless, Larissa

We will still collect donations for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Cause. You may place your generous gift in the basket with the Ukrainian Flag. You will find it at the Icon Screen. Thank you for your gift of hope! Fr. Alex

**God bless America!!!**

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**PEIROGI SALE**

Today - \$10 per dozen. See Ann in the bookstore.  
Hurry! We already sold nearly half of what was made.

Lee Alexander

**HOSPITALITY -** is in need of volunteers for 2023. Please see Chris Noonan if interested.

**AS YOU ARE SHIFTING YOU WILL BEGIN TO REALIZE YOU ARE NOT THE SAME PERSON YOU USE TO BE.**

**THE THINGS YOU USED TO TOLERATE HAVE NOW BECOME INTOLERABLE. WHERE YOU ONCE REMAINED QUIET YOU ARE NOW SPEAKING TRUTH. WHERE YOU ONCE BATTLED AND ARGUED YOU ARE NOW CHOOSING TO REMAIN SILENT. YOU ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF YOUR VOICE AND THERE ARE SOME SITUATIONS THAT NO LONGER DESERVE YOUR TIME, ENERGY AND FOCUS**

Our Children's Formation program has open enrollment. If you would like your child to learn about the faith and have space to have thoughtful conversations about God with peers, reach out to Sasha Kusno, 660-287-1003. Upcoming dates include: November 13 & 20, December 4, 11, & 18.  
Sasha Kusno

To be a Saint – Signs, Part 3 - The Healing of the Lame Man at the Pool. (John 5)

Prelude - After healing the official's son, Jesus returns to Jerusalem for a Jewish feast. Word of Jesus' second sign must have traveled quickly to Jerusalem. What must the Sanhedrin have thought? It is very probable that Nicodemus reported to the Sanhedrin about his earlier conversation with Jesus, and Jesus' troubling message about the need to be reborn with water and spirit in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The Sanhedrin's curiosity about this Rabbi Jesus was turning to suspicion and fear. Jesus must be watched closely.

The third sign took place at the pool of Bethesda, which is located near the Sheep Gate, on the north side of the city wall of Jerusalem, just north of the Temple. According to an ancient tradition, Bethesda is also where Jesus' maternal grandparents, Anne and Joachim lived, and where the Blessed Virgin was born. The Sheep Gate was adjacent to the sheep market just inside the wall, and used by the Temple officials to lead sheep to the pool to be cleansed and inspected prior to sacrifice.

Bethesda is a compound word from *beth* ("house") and *chesed* ("mercy"). The pool was sheltered by 5 porticoes in which many sick and invalid lay. It was a place many believed to possess healing powers. People who were sick or disabled went to the pool in hope of being made whole. They believed that on occasion, an angel would stir up the waters, and the first person to get in the pool would be healed. When the water was stirred, it must have been a mad rush to be first in the pool. The invalid would need to be assisted into the water. Those who had no one to assist them would languish in a near hopeless wait. The lame man Jesus healed had waited 38 years!

The Sign - Jesus arrived at the pool and sought out the lame man, who He knew had been laying there a long time. Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to be healed?" The man, not recognizing who was talking to him, explained he had no one to help him to the pool when the waters are troubled. Someone always gets to the pool before him. Notice he did not answer Jesus' question. He did not request the healing.

Never-the-less, Jesus was moved to compassion and replied to the man "Rise, take up your pallet and walk." The cure was immediate. After decades of helplessness, that man was able to pick up his pallet and walk normally. He did not require months of rehabilitation to strengthen leg muscles and regain balance. In the healing of Jesus, we are made whole.

This healing took place on the Sabbath, and the local Jews who saw the man carrying his pallet told him that Jewish Law forbade him to carry it on this day. The man tells them that he had been told to do so by the man who had healed

him. The Jews asked him who this healer was, but he is unable to tell them because Jesus had slipped away into the crowd.

Later Jesus found the man in the Temple, located just south of the Sheep Gate. Notice where this man's priorities lay. He went to thank God for his cure. Jesus approached this man at the temple and told him to go and sin no more. This time the man recognized Jesus and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him on the Sabbath.

These Jews found Jesus and began to accuse Him. Notice, despite the great sign and good that came out of the healing of the lame man, the Jews were only concerned for the breaking of their petty law. Disregarding the good done, they sought to persecute the one who accomplished it. Whereas there should have been great rejoicing there was only acrimony and anger.

There is treasure here. How many times have I acted like these Jews? Blinded to the good, only to pursue some personal agenda or grudge. Focused on the irrelevant, disregarding the truth. Truly there is a little Pharisee in each of us.

Aftermath - Jesus' reply to the accusations is sometimes called His discourse with the Jews. Within it we find Jesus giving His bona fides, specifying clearly who He is and what powers have been given Him by God the Father. This "discourse" Jn. 5:17-47 should be read and understood by all who seek Christ.

The Jews though were not seeking the true Christ. Not a Christ like this. They wanted a Christ like themselves. One that would be perfect in his obedience to their "Law". One that would live under obedience to the Sabbath. What they found in Jesus was a man who was not subject to the sabbath, but one who was indeed Lord of the Sabbath. See Matthew 12:8, Mark 2:28, and Luke 6:5.

Within this "discourse", Jesus sealed His death warrant. John relates that the Jews sought all the more to kill Him. Members of the Sanhedrin must have heard Him speak and there was no doubt now that this man would be trouble for them.

Jesus did not linger in Jerusalem, a place now that was hostile to Him. He departed for Galilee to an area just north of the Sea of Galilee, in and around the region of Capernaum. But not all Jews were hostile, for John records a multitude followed Him. Jesus still had much work to accomplish.

Yours in Christ  
Brother Joseph

## 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.**

## *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 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.**

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.**

### **Psalm 15**

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### **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.**

#### **Psalm 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,  
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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.**

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.**

## **Psalm 85**

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace