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**9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**1 Cor 3:9-17; Matthew 14:22-34**

**Sun Jul 26**      **11:00 a.m.**      Health and God's blessing for **Rebecca Creehan** requested by the Ascension Ladies Guild and parish family  
**Afterwards**      **Hospitality and Farewell Reception for Rebecca**

*Festal  
Tone 8  
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**Tue Jul 28**      **9:00 a.m.**      + For the blessed repose of the soul of + **Betty Thibeault** requested by Scott Thibeault and family  
**Afterwards**      **Coffee Hours Discussion Group topic 1 Cor 15:29-38**

**Wed Jul 29**      **9:00 a.m.**      + For the blessed repose of the soul of + **Amanda Ponce** requested by Gary and Lolly Vinson

**Thu Jul 30**      **9:00 a.m.**      + For the blessed repose of the soul of + **Leigh Ann Corneliss** requested by mother Linda Farley  
**Afterwards**      **Recitation of the Holy Rosary in church**

**10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**1 Cor 4:9-16 Matthew 17:14-23**

**Sun Aug 2**      **11:00 a.m.**      Health and God's blessing for **Doyle and Norma Duttry** requested by Patty Duttry  
**Afterwards**      **Hospitality. No Pot Luck today!**


*Festal  
Tone 1  
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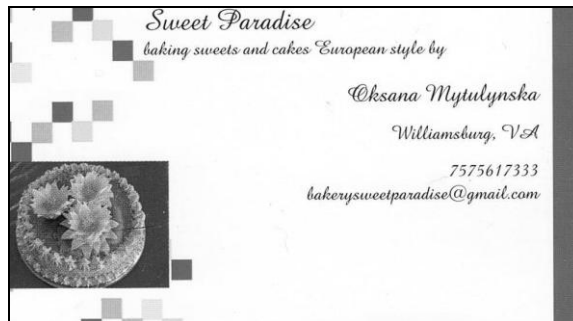
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**I am with you always and no one else has power over you!**

Ascension parish has a monthly mortgage payment of \$656.05 based on a \$95,000 loan at 3% interest for 15 years. Your monthly pledge/contribution will help us plan ahead. Mortgage envelopes are in the vestibule rack.

**GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH** to the **anonymous donor** of the powerful 4-wheel drive Red tractor. It is poetry in motion and the men love using it! Thank you again for making the job of landscaping maintainance so much easier and fun! God bless you for your generosity and grant you many years in peace, health and happiness.

Congratulations to **ALEXI COUCH**, son of **Dr. Mary Jean Sotack**, on his graduation from Williamsburg Christian Academy and on his becoming an Eagle Scout. Well Done! God grant Alexi and Mary Jean many blessed years in health, peace and happiness.

**Coffee Hour Discussion Group , TUESDAY July 28,** will be discussing the Epistle reading of the day as listed in the daily schedule. All are invited and welcomed to join us.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT GRILLERS** will be on vacation in August. They'll be back in September. Thank you to all who supported and made the Men's Club Sunday Breakfast sale a success.

The **MEN'S CLUB** will sponsor any Ascension kids' admission and kids' food for the Peninsula Pilots last game of the season in Hampton on Friday August 3 at 7 p.m. Details and directions at [www.peninsulapilots.com](http://www.peninsulapilots.com) Let's all plan to attend. Talk with **Eric Hunter**.

**PROSPHORA (communion Bread) BAKING** Monday, August 10 at 9 a.m. Those with Prospora Baking experience, please come to share your knowledge and talent with those eager to learn. All are welcome. Please prayfully consider being open to the experience of the Art of Prospora (Communion baking) baking. Talk with **Linda Lechman**.

**OPEN INVITATION and BRING A FRIEND:** We are establishing a **CANASTA and GAMES** afternoon on the **second Friday of each month** in St. Philip's Hall. The first game afternoon will be Friday, August 14 at 1 p.m. If you want, contact [orysiastefaniw@gmail.com](mailto:orysiastefaniw@gmail.com)

**PARISHIONER GREETERS** needed for about 20 minutes before the 11 a.m. Sunday Liturgy to be part of the Greeter rotation to welcome our visitors and hand out bulletins to everyone.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Friday August 3**-Peninsula Pilots last game of the season at 7 p.m. in Hampton

**Sunday August 9**- Blessing of Fruit. There will be Miravanja after Liturgy too.

**Monday August 10**-Making of the Prospora Bread (Communion bread) at 9 a.m.

**Friday August 14**-Canasta and Games from 1 p.m. until about 4-4:30 p.m.

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers		
ଋଋଋ Our thanks to all of you who volunteer any day of the week! ଯଯଯଯ		
This Week (July26)		Next Week (Aug 2)
Ushers	Bob Linderman	Bob Linderman
Lector	David Efimetz	Patty Duttry
Hospitality	Maureen Baysura	Donna Ross
Offertory Recorders	Don Merkley & Myron Kotyk	Lisa Montgomery & John Ruscus
Offertory Recorders are gently reminded to complete an Operating Acct. (...401) deposit slip to be included in the Bank Bag. Thank you.		
Trustees: Lee Alexander, Robert Linderman, Myron Kotyk		
Property Maintenance: Lee Alexander, Don Merkley, Tom McGraw		
Sotack		
Financial Secretary: Patty Duttry; Assistant: Don Merkley		
Parish Secretary: Monica Ruscus; Assistants: Ann Kelly, Chris Noonan;		
Sanctuary Supplies: Betty Mae Hertz		
If you would like to become involved as a volunteer in any area, just ask a Trustee.		
Thank you for your contributions (July 19, 2015).		
Offertory & Monthly Dues	\$944.00	• Mortgage donation envelopes are available in the entry hall magazine rack.
Candles	18.00	
Catholic Church in Greece	64.29	• \$200 Mortgage donation this week.
Initial offering	6.00	
TOTAL	\$1,032.29	
MORTGAGE contributions to date: \$40,625.00		
God loves a cheerful giver. St. Paul		
Recurring Events Reminders		
ROSARY will be said in church after Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.	Thursday	Weekly
POT LUCK Luncheon and Bring-A-Friend Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Sep 6
LADIES GUILD meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Sept 1
OUTREACH meeting @ 11:30 a.m.@ Capital Pancake House (Alternate months)	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Sept 3
MONTHLY BIRTHDAY celebration	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	Aug 9
ADVISORY BOARD meeting in St. Philip’s Hall at 7 p.m. (Alternate months)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Sept 8
CANASTA AND GAMES in St. Philip’s Hall at starting at 1:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	Aug 14
F*I*S*H: Non-perishable foods, cleaning & household products, clothing, etc.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	Aug 16
MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST SANDWICHES after Liturgy (Alternate months)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	Sep 20
MEN’S CLUB meeting St. Philip’s Hall at 7:00 p.m. (Alternate months)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Sep 15
ST. LUKE’S ICON GUILD in St. Philip’s Hall (3:00-6:00 Sunday, all day Mon & Tue)	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	Aug 16-19
Information Regarding Sacraments and Sacramentals		
*Father Alex is available for the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation before Divine Liturgy on Sundays (10:00 a.m.) or a half hour before weekday liturgies. By appointment as well.		
*Receiving the Mystery of Holy Eucharist: As you approach Father please tell him your name so that the prayer can be personalized for you; lift the cloth beneath your chin; next tilt your head back; widely open your mouth but do not extend your tongue. No response is required for the prayer. The Body and Blood of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ will be dropped into your mouth from a golden spoon. Mirovanja is a sacramental blessing with holy oil, which is applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross by the priest while proclaiming the appropriate greeting of the season. Proclaim the appropriate response and then receive a piece of blessed, leavened bread. Greetings and responses include: Christ is among us! He is and He shall be! //Christ is Born! Glorify Him! // Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan! // Christ is Risen! Indeed He is risen! // Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!		

Prayer Intentions for JULY		
Sanctuary Lamp—The lamp is burning for God’s mercy and blessings on our country, America		
Christ the Teacher—The candle burns for the blessed repose of the souls of + Anne and Ralph		
DeMartino requested Christine Noonan		
Theotokos & Child—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for David Noonan requested by Christine Noonan		
Saint Nicholas—The candle burns for the blessed repose of the soul of +Anna Marie Duttry requested by Patty Duttry		
Saint John the Baptizer—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for John Ruscus		
Tetrapod—The candles burn for health and God’s blessing for John and Monica Ruscus		
✂ Icon sponsorship is \$11.00/month; Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship is \$20.00/month; Tetrapod \$22.00. ✂		
Icon Candle sponsorship is still available for 2015.		
Please keep in your prayers those who are ill and/or infirmed or in need of prayers:		
Linda Farley, Kathleen Park, Larry Vaughan, Ed Scott, Callie Fachko, Karen Pfeifer, Kathy Alexander, Myron Kotyk, Ray C. Williams, June Mathews, Samuel Lee, Evanlyn Kirby, Helen Luecke, Peter & Hope Van Alstine, Kathleen Stangas, Gene & Mary Lou Bednar, Larry & Mary Ann Drumtra, Keith Cooper, Tim Culpepper, Amelia Schmidt, Jessica Hill, Mary Sullivan, Joan Griffin, George Sperry, Sandy Acker, Jason Haag, John & Monica Ruscus, Janie Young, Helen & Joe Petro, Brian Hurtig, Don Merkley, Ron Radda, Fr. Bob Chope, Patty & Michael Dunham, Jo, Joe & Courtney Horvath, Audrey Bill, Merle Phillips, Robert Sotack, Prof. John A. Williams.		
If you or someone you know is sick or in need of prayers, please contact Monica Ruscus at 259-5890 or email out2sea@reagan.com to add or remove names from this prayer list.		
Pray for our Military and their Leaders		
Lord, please hold our troops in Your loving hands.		Captain Jeremy Blascak
Protect them as they protect us.		Cmdr. Carol Burroughs, USN
Bless them and their families		Col. Ted Mathews Jr., USAF
for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.		MSgt Donald Allen, USAF
Amen.		
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**Happy JULY Birthday**

- 1 Tom McGraw**
- 2 Ory Stefaniw**
- 2 Monica Ruscus**
- 6 Tony Kass**
- 13 Steven Margan**
- 13 Kevin Kelly**
- 14 June Mathews**
- 14 John Alexander**
- 15 Maureen Baysura**
- 15 Hanh Falke**
- 16 Nadiya Carden**
- 21 John Ruscus**