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Sun Dec 24	11:00 a.m.	SUNDAY before CHRISTMAS of the ANCESTORS Hebrews 11:9-10 & 32-40 Matthew 1:1-25 Troparion & Kontakion pg 141, Prokeimenon& Alleluia pg 142 + For the blessed repose of the soul of + DANIEEL MOSKALIK requested by Anya Bobrinskaya and family Afterwards Hospitality
		VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS Pg 288
Sun Dec 24	9:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Carols and Compline Health and God's blessing for all ASCENSION PARISHIONERS and their FAMILY MEMBERS
		Christmas Day Pg 289
Mon Dec 25	9:00 a.m.	Galatians 4:4-7 Matthew 2:1-12 Health and God's blessing for all ASCENSION PARISHIONERS and their FAMILY MEMBERS
Tue Dec 26	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for all blessings in 2017
Wed Dec 27	8:30 a.m.	+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + GLORIA H. WALSAVAGE requested by Betty Mae Hertz
Thu Dec 28	8:30 a.m.	+ For the blessed repose of the souls of + STELLA and OLGA SLAWUTA requested by June Mathews
Sun Dec 31	11:00 a.m.	SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES Galatians 1:11-19 Matthew 2:13-23 Troparion p 146, Kontakion p 147, Prokeimenon & Alleluia p 148 Health and God's blessing for SERAPHIMA JOAN and YAROSLAVA MACY NICOLA COLLINS as they receive Holy Initiation into the church and for the Collins family Afterwards Hospitality

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May the Blessings of the Divine Child, the Love of Mary, His Mother, and the Protection of Saint Joseph, be with you this Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and worked so hard at keeping Ascension a safe place, kept in good repair, cleaned, well supplied with necessities, and having the resources to keep the lights on and all the bills paid. I appreciate your help, in-put, cooperation and eagerness to continue to make Ascension a vibrant parish under Mary's protection and Her Son's never ending love. Please pray for each other and please pray for me too!

Father Alex

Ascension parish family extend their prayers and deepest sympathy to Anya Bobrinskaya Hunter and her family on the death of her 11 day old cousin **+ Danieel Moskalik**. May Danieel's memory be eternal as he rests in peace and God's love.

The year is almost over, please do not forget the **Bishop's Appeal** for 2017. Checks are to be sent directly to the **Eparchy of Passaic** offices in Woodland Park, NJ before December 31, 2017. If you need a mailing form, envelope or brochure, please talk to Monica Ruscus, they are available in the office.

2018 calendars are available in St. Philip's Hall. Please take one home with you today.

Just a reminder for next weekend – PLEASE lock your cars before coming into church, no matter what time you arrive.

As we start the New Year we enter the months that bring snow, icy roads, freezing rains etc. If Liturgy is cancelled we will try to send out an email notice to everyone in ample time. Drive carefully during this time. It is better to arrive late, then not to arrive at all.

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday December 24- Regular Sunday Liturgy at 11 a.m.

Vigil of Christmas

Carols & Compline 9 p.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 p.m.

Monday December 25-Christmas Day Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.

**Sunday December 31- Holy Chrismation of Seraphima Joan & Yaroslava Macy
Nicola Collins**

Finance: Myron Kotyk
Ladies Guild: Ann Merkley, Monica M. Ruscus, Donna Ross, Ory Stefaniw
Liturgical: Lisa Edwards, Don Merkley, Mary Jean Sotack
Men’s Club: Eric Hunter, John Alexander, Mike Olson, David Efimetz
Outreach: Betty Mae Hertz
Property: Tom McGraw, Don Merkley, Ory Stefaniw, Mary Jean Sotack
Publicity: Mary Jean Sotack, Bob Linderman
Trustees: Myron Kotyk, Don Merkley, Monica M. Ruscus

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers		
☞☞☞ Our thanks to all of you who volunteer any day of the week! ☛☛☛		
	This Week (Dec 24)	Next Week (Dec 31)
Ushers	Bob Linderman	Adithia Kusno
Lector	Patty Duttry	Gloria Linderman
Hospitality	Donna Ross	Lolly Vinson
Offertory Recorders	Jeffrey Sotack & Monica Ruscus	Ory Stefaniw & Fred Dinglely

Thank you for your contributions (Dec 17, 2017)		
Offertory Recorders are reminded to complete an Operating Account (...401) deposit slip to be included in the Bank Bag. Thank you		
Offertory & Monthly Dues	\$ 1,110.00	\$50.00 Mortgage donations this week
Candles	94.75	
Bulletin Advertising	50.00	Mortgage donations to date: \$56,870.05
Special Gifts-St. Luke’s Icon Guild	<u>315.00</u>	
	\$ 1,569.75	

Information regarding the SACRAMENTS and SACRAMENTALS

Father Alex is available for the **HOLY MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** before Divine Liturgy on Sunday (10:00 a.m.) or a half hour before weekly Liturgy or by appointment.

MIROVANJA, 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. After kissing the hand cross, take a piece of blessed bread.

Candle and Prayer Intentions for December

Sanctuary Lamp—The lamp is burning for the blessed repose of the soul of + **LORRAINE M. PUGLIESE** requested by Monica Ruscus

Christ the Teacher—The candle burns for health and God’s blessings for **MYRON ANDREW KOTYK** requested by Debbie and Myron Kotyk

Theotokos and Child— The candles burn for the blessed repose of the soul of the + **JOHN RUSCUS** requested by Monica Ruscus

Saint Nicholas— The candles burn for health and God’s blessing for **KRISTEN MARIE KOTYK** requested by Debbie and Myron Kotyk

Saint John the Baptizer—The candle burns for health and God’s blessings for **THE PARK AND MOORE FAMILIEIS** requested by Linda and Michael Lechman

Tetrapod— The candles burn for the health and God’s blessing for the **TOMASIC FAMILY** requested by Joyce and Joe Tomasic

Protection of the Theotokos- The lamp is burning for health and God’s blessings for **MARY SULLIVAN**

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill and/or infirmed or in need of prayers:

ROBERT Edmonds, **JUNE** McGraw, **LISA** Margan, **JUSTIN** Blascak, **KIMBERLEY** Ann Parisi, **SYLVIA** Lechman, **KATHY** Haring, **CLAY** Krause, **STEVEN** Margan, **CORBIN, HOLLIE & RACHELLE** Haycock, **KATHRYN** Profitt, **HANK** Janke, **SANDY** Gilmore, **MARILYN** Horne, **TOMMY** LeBlanc, **MARTA** Garrett, **SUSAN** Krause, **MAURICE** Bernier, **ANN** Harmeyer, **DOROTHY** Waschko, **AMY** Claxton, **TERESA** Mayata, **KEVIN** Berry, **MICHAEL** Lechman, **JOE** Catania, **ANGELITA** Quan, **BETH** Kirsch, **ARI** Simon, **MARTHA** Kim, **CAROL** Simon, **CHARLOTTE** Castleberry, **NICHOLAS** Couch, **ALEXANDER** Sherman, **SHELLY** Compton, **FE** Mendoza, **DANIEL** Anderson, **VIRGINIA** Henry, **NOAH** Cross, **MARIE** Robredo, **JUNE & DAREEN** Hall, **KATHY** Alexander, **MYRON** Kotyk, **RAY & PAMELA** Williams, **LARRY & MARY ANN** Drumtra, **MARY** Sullivan, **JOAN** Griffin, **KAREN & GEORGE** Sperry, **MONICA** Ruscus, **JANIE** Young, **BRIAN** Hurtig, **DON** Merkley, **RON** Radda, **Fr. BOB** Chope, **PATTY & MICHAEL** Dunham, **JOE** Horvath, **MERLE** Phillips, **ROBERT** Sotack, Prof. **JOHN A.** Williams. **Contact Monica Ruscus 259-5890 or email: secretary@ascensionva.org to add/delete someone from this list**

<i>For our Military and their Leaders</i> <i>Lord, please hold our troops in Your loving Hands, especially when they are in harm’s way. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our country’s time of need. Amen.</i>	Lt. Cmdr. Alexander Kaczur, USN Captain Jeremy Blascak, USA Capt. Carol Burroughs, USN SFC Theodore Cason, USA Col. Michaela Munger-Dulong, USA PvtE2 Jose Ramirez
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Happy DECEMBER Birthday

- 1 John Labanish**
- 3 Gwendolyn Rose Picconi**
- 4 Robert G. Sotack**
- 7 Yaroslava Macy Nicola Collins**
- 7 Ann Harmeyer**
- 11 Michael Park**
- 11 Joshua Karlson**
- 19 Joe Baysura**
- 20 Kathy Alexander**
- 27 Rebecca “Becky” Kaczur**