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<p>Sun Dec 3</p> <p>9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Afterwards</p>	<p>TWENTY-SIXTH (26TH) SUNDAY after PENTECOST Ephesians 9:9-19 Luke 18:18-27 <i>Troparion pg 125, Kontakion pg 126, Prokeimenon, Alleluia pg 127</i></p> <p>Eastern Catholic Formation (ECF) classes Health and God's blessings for the FOUNDERS AND BENEFACTORS OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH</p> <p>Youth Choir practice St. Nicholas Festival Craft & Bake Sale Men's Club selling pulled pork on a sandwich or by the pound!</p>	<p>Tone 1 Pg 125</p>
<p>Tue Dec 5</p> <p>8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Afterwards</p>	<p>+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + TRAVIS CHUFF requested by Mark and JoAnne Chuff</p> <p>Coffee Hour Discussion Group Ladies Guild meeting 6:30 St. Philip's Hall</p>	
<p>Wed Dec 6</p> <p>8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Afterwards</p>	<p>Feast day of St. Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop Health and God's blessing for all the ASCENSION PARISH CHILDREN</p> <p>Moleben in Church</p>	
<p>Thu Dec 7</p> <p>8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>+ For the blessed repose of the souls of ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL</p>	
<p>Sat Dec 9</p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Church decorating for Christmas Youth Group decorating Christmas cookies in St. Philip's Hall</p>	
<p>Sun Dec 10</p> <p>11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Afterwards</p> <p>3:00-6:00</p>	<p>TWENTY-SEVENTH(27th) SUNDAY after PENTECOST Ephesians 6:10-17 Luke 17:12-19 <i>Troparion pg 130, Kontakion pg 131, Prokeimenon, Alleluia pg 132</i></p> <p>+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + MARY ANN MUSCARA requested by Betty Mae Hertz</p> <p>Youth Group's Christmas play Selling decorated Christmas cookies and Kolachy St. Luke's Icon Guild</p>	<p>Tone 2 Pg 130</p>

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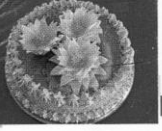
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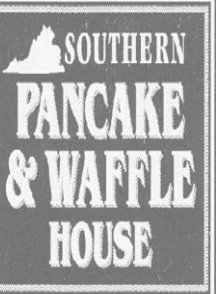
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PLEASE Parishioners do not forget the **Bishop's Appeal** for this year. Our set goal is \$6,800. Checks are to be made payable to and sent directly to the **Eparchy of Passaic** offices in Woodland Park, NJ before December 31, 2017. If you need a mailing form, envelope or brochure, please talk to Monica Ruscus, they are available in the office.

Ascension parishioners congratulate **FRED and VICTORIA MIKULA-DINGLEDY** on the recent birth of their daughter, **ALEXANDRA**. God grant the new family many happy and blessed years.

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL CONTINUES. Come to the Hall after Liturgy to buy some home made bargains for those on your Christmas list. The **MEN'S CLUB** will also be selling pulled pork sandwiches and "pulled pork by the pound" at the St. Nicholas Festival.

Christmas POINTSETTA'S : two (2) large pointsetta's and nine (9) small pointsetta's are still available. The form is on the small table outside St. Philip's Hall.

***** NEXT SATURDAY***COOKIE DECORATING!** Please contact Mary Jean Sotack @ 757-234-1980 to let her know if your child will participate in the Christmas cookie decorating on Saturday December 9, so she knows how much icing to prepare. Each child should bring a dozen sugar cookies to add to what will be provided.

YOUTH GROUP Christmas Play and a visit from Bishop Nicholas on **12/10**. The same day the Youth Group will be selling decorated Christmas cookies. **LADIES GUILD** will be selling Kolachi.

The **OLD TESTAMENT GRILLERS** will have a **Christmas Pot Luck** luncheon on Sunday December 17th. Main course to be announced.

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday December 3 - St. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL after Liturgy

Men's Club selling **Pulled Pork sandwiches (?)** or buy **by the pound**

Tuesday December 5 - LADIES GUILD meeting S. Philip's Hall

Saturday December 9 - YOUTH GROUP decorating Christmas cookies for St. Jude's Fund

Decorating the church for Christmas

Sunday December 10 - YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PLAY

Kolachy and decorated Christmas cookies for sale

Thursday December 14- I Don't Give A Stitch Quilters 10 a.m. til 2:00 p.m.

Sunday December 17- MEN'S CLUB **Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon**

Sunday December 24- Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy 11 a.m.

Carols & Compline 9 p.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 p.m.

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

Sunday Decembe 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

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Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

☪☪☪ Our thanks to all of you who volunteer any day of the week! ☪☪☪

	This Week (Dec 3)	Next Week (Dec 10)
Ushers	Adithia Kusno	Bob Linderman
Lector	Don Merkley	Daniel Kaczur
Hospitality	Holly Gilman	Chris Noonan
Offertory Recorders	Patty Duttry & Lisa Montgomery	Don Merkley & Myron Kotyk

Thank you for your contributions (Nov 26, 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	\$ 1,194.50	\$1,050.00 Mortgage donations this week
Candles	18.00	
Flowers-Christmas	80.00	Mortgage donations to date: \$56,270.05
Fuel	90.00	
Special Gifts	<u>100.00</u>	
	\$ 1,482.50	

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 FAMILIES** 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:

LISA Margan, **JUSTIN** Blascak, **KIMBERLEY** Ann Parisi, **SYLVIA** Lechman, **KATHY** Haring, **CLAY** Krause, **STEVEN** Margan, **CORBIN, HOLLIE & RACHELLE** Haycock, **KATHRYN** Profitt, **DAVID** Janke, **SANDY** Gilmore, **MARILYN** Horne, **TOMMY** LeBlanc, **MARTA** Garrett, **SUSAN** Krause, **MAURICE** Bernier, **ANN** Harmeyer, **DOROTHY** Waschko, **AMY** Claxton, **TERESA** Mayata, **KEVIN** Berry, **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 & DEBBIE** 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

For our Military and their Leaders

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.

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

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**