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**Served by Reverend Father Alex Shuter, Pastor**

<b>Sun Dec 31</b>	<b>SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS DAVID, JOSEPH &amp; JAMES</b> <b>Galatians 1:11-19 Matthew 2:13-23</b> <i>Troparion p 146, Kontakion p 147, Prokeimenon &amp; Alleluia p 148</i> 11:00 a.m. Health and God's blessing for <b>SERAPHIMA JOAN and YAROSLAVA MACY NICOLA COLLINS</b> as they receive Holy Initiation into the church and for the <b>Collins family</b> Afterwards <b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Tone 5 Pg 146</b>
<b>Tue Jan 2</b>	8:30 a.m. Health and God's blessing for all the <b>ASCENSION PARISH MEMEBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES</b>	
<b>Wed Jan 3</b>	8:30 a.m. Health and God's blessing for those listed on our <b>PRAYER LIST</b> Afterwards <b>Moleben to the Theotokos</b>	
<b>Thu Jan 4</b>	8:30 a.m. Health and God's blessing for the <b>SHUTER FAMILY</b>	
<b>Fri Jan 5</b>	6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild meeting in St. Philips Hall	
<b>Sat Jan 6</b>	<b>THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD</b> (Page 312) 10:00 A.M. Health and God's blessing for the <b>ASCENSION PARISH MEMEBERS AND THEIR FAMILIS</b>	
<b>Sun Jan 7</b>	<b>SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY</b> (Page 309) <b>Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17</b> <i>Troparion &amp; Kontakion p 152, Prokeimenon &amp; Alleluia p 153</i> 9:45 a.m. Eastern Catholic Formation classes resume 11:00 a.m. + For the blessed repose of the soul of + <b>JAMES RICHARDS</b> requested by Gloria and Bob Linderman Afterwards <b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Tone 6 Pg 151</b>

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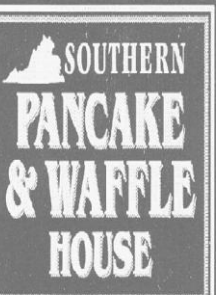
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Thank you so very much for remembering me in your kind and generous way this Christmas. I sincerely thank you for your gifts, cards, prayers and goodies. You do have a way of making me feel special. May God the Son continue to bless you and His Mother protect you and St. Joseph guide you this coming new year. Pray for each other and pray for me, too.

Father Alex

The year is over but you can still contribute to the **Bishop's Appeal** for 2017. Checks are to be made out to and sent directly to the **Eparchy of Passaic** offices at 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-2969. Your contribution will be listed on your 2018 financial report.

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

***Just a reminder- 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.

**JANUARY 2018**

**Friday January 5 - Ladies Guild meeting 6:30 p.m. St. Philips Hall**

**Tuesday January 9 - 7:00 p.m. Advisory Board meeting**

**Thursday January 11 - Quilters group 10 a.m.- 2 pm.**

**Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, January 14,15,16 - St. Luke's Icon Guild**

**Tuesday January 16 - Men's Club meeting**

**Sunday January 21 - Men's Club Breakfast Sandwiches for sale**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday - January 25,26,27 Quilters Group 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

**Tuesday February 6 - Ladies Guild meeting 6:30 St. Philip's Hall**

**Thursday February 8 - Quilters group 10 a.m.- 2 pm.**

**Monday February 12 - First day of the Great Fast**

**Friday's February 16, 23 - Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts**

**Finance:** Myron Kotyk

**Ladies Guild:** Ann Merkley, Donna Ross, Ory Stefaniw, Monica M. Ruscus

**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! ☪☪☪

	<b>This Week (Dec 31)</b>	<b>Next Week (Jan 7)</b>
Ushers	Adithia Kusno	Bob Linderman
Lector	Gloria Linderman	Don Merkley
Hospitality	Lolly Vinson	Ory Stefaniw
Offertory Recorders	Ory Stefaniw & Fred Dingledey	Don Merkley & Myron Kotyk

**Thank you for your contributions (Dec 24-25-31, 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	\$ .00	\$0.00 Mortgage donations this week
Candles	.00	
Bulletin Advertising	.00	Mortgage donations to date: \$56,870.05
	<b>\$ .00</b>	

**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 JANUARY***

**Sanctuary Lamp**—The lamp is burning for health and God's blessings for the **MARGAN FAMILY** requested by Katarina Margan

**Christ the Teacher**—The candle burns for blessed repose of the soul of + **MARY H. MEEVE** requested by Mary Sullivan

**Theotokos and Child**— The candles burn for the blessed repose of the soul of the + **FLORENCE PHILLIPS** requested by Mary Sullivan

**Saint Nicholas**— The candles burn for the blessed repose of the soul of +**RICHARD ROBELLO** requested by Mary Sullivan

**Saint John the Baptizer**—The candle burns for the blessed repose of the soul of + **PATRICK J. CONROY** requested by Mary Sullivan

**Tetrapod**— The candles burn for the blessed repose of the soul of + **JOHN J. CONROY** requested by Mary Sullivan

**Protection of the Theotokos-** The lamp is burning for the blessed repose of the soul of + **MICHAEL E. SULLIVAN** requested by Mary Sullivan

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

**RICHARD** Koerner, **DERKACH** VasyI, **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, **ANN** Harmeyer, **DOROTHY** Waschko, **AMY** Claxton, **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, **JOHN A.** Williams.  
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***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. Michaella Munger-Dulong, USA  
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**Happy JANUARY Birthday**

**5 Joseph Horvath**

**6 Sharon Guethe**

**23 Lee Alexander**

**23 Aiden Park**

**24 Ryan Collins**

**27 Ron Radda**

**30 Joan Ruszkowski**