

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE

SUN APR 24

THOMAS SUNDAY

Acts 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31 Festal Tone

11:00

Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and For PEACE in UKRAINE

Tue Apr 26

8:30am MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country

Wed Apr 27

8:30am MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our v Country

Thu Apr 28

8:30am MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our v Country

6:00pm - ROSARY - Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club

SUN MAY 1

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

Acts 6:1-7 MK 15:43-16:8 Festal Tone

11:00

Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and HGB

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR PRAYERS, SUCH A THOUGHTFUL GIFTS AND THINKING OF ME THIS EASTER. GOD BLESS YOU. Fr. Alex

A very Good "GOOD FRIDAY" present, Theodor Rex Bracelin, Born 4-15-2022 @ 9:00am 8ibs2oz, 21". Mom and baby are good! GOD bless All Bracelin Family!!!

All Are WELCOME, PLEASE ATTEND:

On Wednesday, after Liturgy, Moleben to the Theotokos. On Thursday, after Liturgy, Bible Study, reflecting on Sunday's Gospel Reading

God bless America!!!

2021 – 2022 Bishop's Appeal Monthly Update March

Goal - \$6,800 Total. Collected - \$ 3,040. Needed to meet goal - \$3,760

FINANCIALS, Apr 17, 2022

Monthly Dues – 15.00; Offertory –881.00; Candles-66.00; Holyday–645.00;
In –1,634.00; Out – 296.87

10 signs you're doing well in life:

- 1.) you have a roof over your head.
- 2.) You ate today.
- 3.) You have a good heart.
- 4.) You wish good for others.
- 5.) You have clean water.
- 6.) Someone cares for you.
- 7.) You strive to be better.
- 8.) You have clean clothes.
- 9.) You have a dream.
- 10.) You're Breathing.

Be Thankful For The Little Things

Peter Pan, and the Age of Innocence.

“So Dad, what do you think about the child grooming at Disney?”

“We are in a battle. I remember making a port call in Homer Alaska.....”

“Oh no, there Dad goes again.”

We moored next to a World War II vintage buoy tender commanded by one of my early mentors, and good friend. His ship was in the midst of a dockside availability and conducting all sorts of modernization. Part of that work involved cutting out the old bench style seating on the mess deck and putting in something more up to date. The new chairs looked very uncomfortable. Anyway, they opened up one bench seat, and in the hollow, there were several vintage 35mm movies stored as some kind of time capsule. Back then the armed services movie reels were still being distributed to units outside the continental U.S... Every few months we would receive a shipment of new movies and would return the old ones. Anyway, my friend offered to give us a movie to take with us. I chose the old 1953 Disney movie Peter Pan. My crew, all 18 of them, were certainly disappointed I did not get one of the classic action movies.

We got underway and headed west into Cook Inlet and then south toward the Gulf of Alaska. There was a terrible storm brewing, so that night we navigated into Port Chatham and anchored. Port Chatham was the site of the abandoned town Portlock. The legend goes that the town was abandoned after some type of monster started killing off the town folk. It was described as something like a combination bigfoot and evil spirit. Whatever it was, it would have to find its own shelter that night.

The storm developed hurricane force winds, but we were relatively protected from the tremendous seas building on the open water. Thus we settled in with monsters on the shore and a monstrous storm above us. Movie Night! For the first and last time I can remember, I got to choose the movie we would watch. Peter Pan of course. I thought I would be the only one to show up, but to my surprise the mess deck was packed. Everyone showed up except the watch standers. The “Movie Officer” loaded the reel to the projector and got the screen ready. And with that the movie began. For a

brief time, we were transported to neverland, where we were all young kids again sitting in the living room with the family and watching Walt Disney. It was reassuring on many levels.

The story of Peter Pan is based on a story written by J. M. Barrie at the turn of the 20th century. It is about a boy who refuses to grow up. Within the story are some real-life lessons, among which, having faith and trust, keeping your word, and the strength found in a mother's love. In its style, Peter Pan is escapism literature and is meant to distract from the unpleasant realities of life. Yet, like so many early Disney movies, and indeed many films of that era, it teaches and reinforces fundamental moral lessons.

Peter Pan is judged today as a politically incorrect film. Something we must protect our young children from. So many things of the past are deemed as being insensitive and even dangerous for our young children to watch or to read. So, we censor these things, and cull our shelves of them along with other classics, because they do not fit in our society. But nature abhors a vacuum, and in their place, we see work that promotes lifestyles and values of what we see taking place within the Disney organization. People will argue that Disney is only reflecting the changing morals of today's society. So, that somehow makes it OK.

It's not just Disney. There seems to be a predilection for fostering this corrupt behavior within society in general. Where are the old moral values taught in school and church, and played out daily in the society of yesteryear? We no longer live in the age of innocence; however, I believe those values are still there and doing their best to cope in today's society. In some places they may be growing stronger as young families instinctively are turning back to the old values. They are there in most families I know, as well as in our churches, some schools and a lot of small-town community events. They are in competition though with a well-funded and over the top campaign for the attention of our children. These forces seek to insert their influence in every facet of our children's life. This is the Battle I spoke of. It will take an effort to win it.

Love Dad

Candles for April :

Sanctuary... For HGB Makoweic Family by Oksana Makoweic

Tetrapod... For Our Parishioners

Theotokos & Child... HGB Mark Noonan by Chris Noonan

John Baptist... For Our Parishioners

St Nicholas... For + Anna Marie Duttry by Patty Duttry

Protection Theotokos... HGB Adriana Shockley by Keith and Nadia Shockley

Christ Teacher... For HGB Doyle Duttry by Patty Duttry

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 and local honey.

SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.

ADVICE

WHEN PEOPLE THROW YOU STONES, IT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE A GOOD TREE FULL OF FRUITS. THEY SEE A LOT OF HARVEST IN YOU. DON'T GO DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL BY THROWING THEM BACK THE STONES, BUT THROW THEM YOUR FRUITS SO THE SEEDS OF YOURSELF MAY INSPIRE THEM TO CHANGE THEIR WAYS.

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

Happy APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd William Fetsko; 3rd Adriana Shockley; 5th Anya Bobrinskaya
Hunter; 22nd Jim Hoolan; 22nd Aurora DaQuilanea; 24th Nadia Hunter;
28th Betta Labanish

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

Some of those who need special prayer are:

Ann Harmeyer, Frank and Chris Janke, Mary Grace Dorsey, Ben Pawers, Betta Labanish, Betty May Hertz, Emma Bernier, Lolly Vinson, June McGraw, Darren and June Hall Thank you. Fr. Alex

PARISH ACTIVITIES: All activities should be recorded on the main calendar 2022 in the office. Please write in the activity you are responsible for and let Fr. Alex know the details so he can include it in the bulletin

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

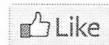
Bible Study is held on the first and third Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be on April 15. The subject this week will be the Book of Judges (and if time permits we may introduce the Book of Ruth), Please join us for great food and a wonderful conversation-based journey through Scripture! See Dr. Michael Lechman and Michael Bracelin for questions.

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS AND SACRAMENTALS

Father Alex is available for the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation before Diving Liturgy o Sunday (10:00 am) or half hour before weekly Liturgy (8:00 am) or by appointment.

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. After kissing the hand cross, take a piece of the blessed bread. You may offer a donation.