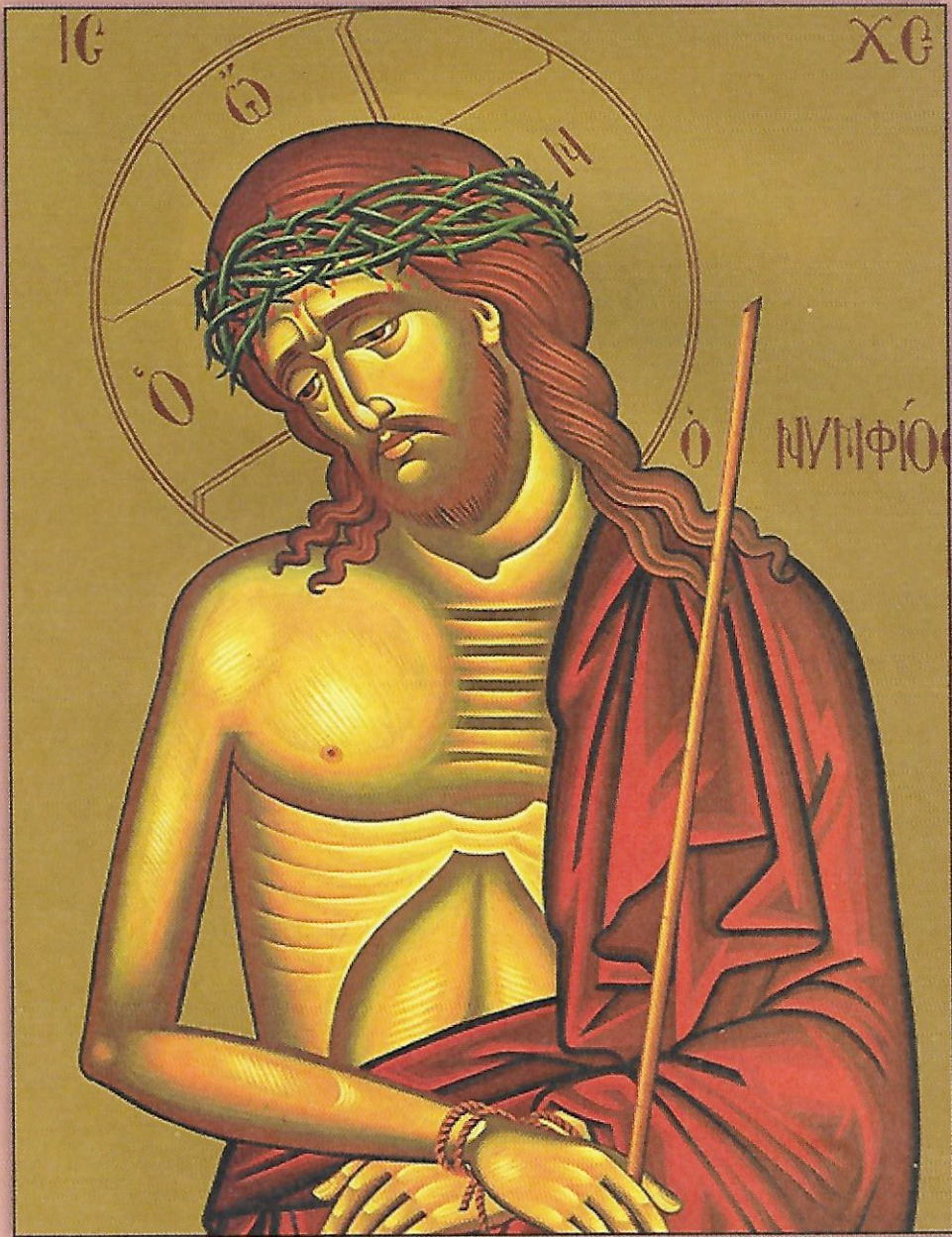


SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE

- SUN FEB 27 SUNDAY OF CHEES-FARE**
Rom 13:11-14:4 Mt 6:41-21 Tone 7 10:40 3rd Hour reading
11:00 **Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners** and + Mary Joanne Mayens by Dr. Mike and Linda Lechman
After – Hospitality
- Mon Feb 28 FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
- Tue Mar 1 8: 30am For Our Parishioners** and Lolly Vinson by Fr. Alex
- Wed Mar 2 8:30am For Our Parishioners** and HGB June Mc Graw by Tomas Mc Craw
MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
- Thu Mar 3 8:30am For Our Parishioners** and for Ukraine by Fr. Alex
After - Bible Study
6:00pm - ROSARY - Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club
- Fri Mar 4 5:30pm Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** for Our Parishioners and HGB Seamus Kearney by Eugene Kokinda
- SUN MAR 6 1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2 Jn 1:43-51 Tone 8 10:40 3rd Hour reading
11:00 **Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners** and HGB Helen Luecke by The Icon Guild
After – Hospitality

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

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

God bless America!!!

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.

God, I am so sorry For the way I complain about my circumstances. Please forgive me for my bad attitude when things don't go my way. I know you have a beautiful plan for my life and have already showered me with more blessing than I can count. Amen!

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

Did you miss the Bible Study this Fall, but you want to still participate? It's not too late! The Bible Study will restart on Tuesday January 18th at 5:15 pm and we will do a complete review of everything we learned in Fall. Please join us for great food and a wonderful conversation-based journey through Scripture! See Dr. Michael Lechman and Michael Bracelin for questions.

What kind of hands do you have?

Consider our hands. That's right, think about your hands and what they do for you. What kind of fruit do they bear? Our hands are amazing in many ways. With our hands we can pray, and make supplication to God. We can also use them to commit acts of evil. With our hands we can feed ourselves to nourish our bodies, or we can take drugs and other harmful substances that hurt us, and sometimes kill us. We can use our hands to save life, or to take life. We can use them to make peace, or to make war. To build up, or to tear down. To love, or to hate. Tell me my friend, what kind of hands do you have?

The size, shape and outward appearance of your hands will not matter. Only the fruit of their labor will tell you what kind of hands you have. Rough hands can look ugly and sometimes misshapen to another's eyes, however it is rough hands that built our cities and communities, the many fine buildings that provide us shelter. It is the rough hands that keep us fed. It is rough hands that have produced some of the finest works of art. It is rough hands that keep everything running. Similarly, it is the smooth, cleaned, manicured hands that we see in hospitals, that tend and care for the sick and suffering. These hands perform intricate surgery to save life. It is these outwardly gentle looking hands that are used to guide business and industry, that provide jobs and employment for many. It is these types of hands that tenderly feed and care for our children when they are so young and defenseless. These are the hands of those ordained, that daily touch the body and blood of Christ as they nourish the faithful. No, you will not be able to tell what kind of hands someone has by their outward appearance. Still, I ask you sincerely, what kind of hands do you have?

"Idle hands are the devils workshop." While you will not find that exact wording in the bible, you will find that concept addressed often in both the Old and New Testament. It reflects upon what happens when we have no goal, no purpose in life. Our minds begin to stray. We are basically adrift and become prone to temptation. Satan easily entices those who are idle, to sinful desires, and the sinful pleasures of this world. Read Paul's letters to the Thessalonians and you will find his warning. 1Thes. 5:14, 2Thes. 3:6-12. Paul even tells us to keep away from those who are walking in idleness, lest you also fall into temptation. So, tell me truly, are your hands productively employed, or are they idle? What kind of hands do you have?

How many times must have Jesus gazed on Joseph's hands, rough as they were from years of toil. How many times did Jesus see Joseph with blisters and cuts from his labors? How many bruises and splinters did Joseph patiently bear as he completed his work and provided for his family? These hands, so strong and harden through years of work, were also gentle, kind and reassuring to a young boy. These same hands, taught Jesus how to hold a chisel, a block plane, how to properly fashion wood into useful furnishings. These hands taught Jesus how to pray. What must Jesus have learned from the hands of Joseph?

How many times did Jesus gaze upon His mother's hands as she made bread, kept the house, and drew water from the well? How Jesus must have been amazed at the skill of those hands, as Mary went about her daily work? So many skills, weaving, sewing and mending clothes, keeping a home and preparing meals. Yet those loving hands were so fair and gentle. They spoke to Jesus of unconditional love. What must Jesus have learned from those hands?

During His ministry we hear of Jesus's many miracles and cures. Notice how often they began with His laying his hands on someone, or something, for blessing. There was great power in the hands of Jesus. We know what kind of hands Jesus had. For the power in His hands came from God, and God was with Jesus. God and Jesus were one.

Understand then, that the work of our hands becomes the fruit of our passions, desires and thoughts, that lie within us body and soul; heart and mind. For what is in your heart and within your mind will soon manifest itself into the labor of your hands. Your hands will not willingly work toward that which is not in your heart and mind.

As Jesus was passing away on the cross, Luke tells us His last words were "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" Lk23:46. There will come a day when we will commit our soul into the hands of God for judgement. Tell me truly, what kind of hands do you have?

Love Dad

Saturday, 2 April 2022, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Holy Lent Day of Reflection

As we prepare for Great & Holy Week and Pascha (Easter), Fr. Brad Guillory (Chaplain, United States Navy) will lead us in an afternoon of prayer and reflection on the Liturgical Season. It will include an opportunity to celebrate the Mystery of Penance (Confession). The afternoon will flow into an evening Potluck Dinner in accordance with the Great Fast; i.e., exclusion of meat, dairy, eggs, etc. (it is a Saturday so seafood & wine are permitted, get out those old family recipes!). Fr. Brad will also preach at Divine Liturgy on Sunday 3 April, linking our themes and concluding our time of reflection. Please extend the invitation to your family, friends, and wider community.

*Every day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath, smile and begin again.
God woke you up today for reason. Trust in His plan, His timing is perfect.
He will make a way. Amen.*

ENVELOPES

There is a large box of offering envelopes at the back of the church. If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please ask the ushers to give you an package of envelopes

Attention Advisory Board, Security Team, Ushers, and Church Volunteers: Catholic Mutual (our insurance company) has developed on line training courses. Please see Mrs. Linda Lechman for information on how to access these training courses.

WHERE THERE IS LOVE, THERE IS LIFE. WHERE THERE I LIFE, THERE IS HOPE. WHERE IS HOPE, THERE IS FAITH. WHERE THERE IS FAITH, MIRACLES HAPPEN. WHERE THERE IS PEACE, THERE IS GOD. AND WHEN YOU HAVE GOD, YOU HAVE EVERYTHING.

If you are interested in being an Usher, Greeter, or helping with Security please contact Mike Olson at mikeo23608@gmail.com.

If you are interested in serving the church by leading 3rd Hour before Divine Liturgy please email Michael Bracelin at Michael.bracelin@gmail.com

Candles for February:

Sanctuary...For Our Parishioners

Tetrapod... For Our Parishioners

Theotokos & Child... HGB Kyra Noonan by Christine Noonan

Christ Teacher... HGB Mary, John, Patrick Alexander by Lee and Kathy Alexander

John Baptist... For Our Parishioners

St Nicholas... For Our Parishioners

Protection Theotokos... HGB June and Darren Hall by Mary Ann Drumtra

HARAMOTY

There is an envelope for the 5 All Souls Saturdays (which we celebrate on Sunday mornings) in your pack of envelopes. Please write on the card all changes to the list of deceased members of your family to be remembered in prayer. If there are no changes, please write "*no changes*". The offering should be for Father Alex Shuter, not Ascension.

Happy March Birthdays

2nd Myron Kotyk; 14th Bladimir Hunter; 21nd Josiah Cook;
21st Seraphima Joan Collins; 25th Ron Ruszkowski

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

Some of those who need special prayer are:

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

FINANCIALS, Feb 20, 2022

Monthly Dues –15,00.00; Offertory – 808.00; Candles-15.00; Fuel –13.0;
Initial Offering/Envelopes –0.00 In –863.00; Out – 0.00

Youth faith formation please contact Sasha Kusno
at sashaeckstein@gmail.com (4th grade and up).

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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.

“As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.” (Mark 2:19)

This evening, Forgiveness Vespers begins the Great Fast. Texts from the propers of Vespers include the following:

Entering into the arena of the Holy Fast, let us make every effort to humble our flesh by abstinence; in prayer and with tears let us seek the Lord our Savior, and, that we might turn away from our evil deeds, let us say to Him: we have sinned against You, O Christ our King, save us as You saved the Ninevites of old, and in Your goodness, grant us a share in the kingdom of heaven.

When I see my deeds that deserve such punishment, I am without hope, O Lord; for I have disobeyed Your holy commandments, and I have led a foolish

life. Therefore, I beseech You: purify me in the waters of repentance by fasting and prayer, O Savior, full of goodness; do not reject me, O Benefactor of the Universe.

Let us begin the time of this bright fast, giving ourselves over to spiritual struggle. Let us sanctify our soul and purify our flesh. Let us not fast only from food; let us also abstain from every passion and cultivate spiritual virtues. And let us faithfully preserve in this, so that we may be worthy to see the holy passion of Christ our God and the joy of His holy Resurrection.

*Text from the Lenten Triodion,
Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA.*