

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE

SUN NOV 20

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

After – Hospitality

Eph 2:14-22 Lk 12:16-21 Tone 7

11:00

Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and +Dorothy Cooper by Dr. Mary Jean Sotack

Mon Nov 21

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

8:30am For Our Parishioners and + June McGraw by Thomas McGraw

Tue Nov 22

8:30am For Our Parishioners and For HGB Elisabeth Labanish by Fr. Alex

Wed Nov 23

8:30am For Our Parishioners and + Ernest Capitano by Thomas McGraw

MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intention

Thu Nov 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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

SUN NOV 27

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

After – Hospitality

Eph 4:1-6 Lk 13:10-17 Tone 8

11:00

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THE PARISH EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO TOM MCGRAW ON THE PASSING OF HIS BELOVED MOTHER JUNE MCGRAW. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY IN JUNE MCGRAW'S NAME. MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL. Fr. Alex

Celebrate Saint Nicholas on December 4. Stay in church after Divine Liturgy to hear a traditional Ukrainian Christmas story and enjoy a visit from Saint Nicholas too. There will be gifts for all. Following Saint Nicholas' visit, Father Alex will bless the new parish hall extension. Then enjoy some time with one another in the hall and some good food will be provided too, no need to bring a dish for potluck. See you December 4th.

Patty Duttry

God bless America!!!

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On Sunday December 4 we will celebrate St. Nicholas day with a children's program and a visit from St. Nicholas. On this special occasion the new hall addition will also be blessed and named the St. John the Baptist Hall in loving memory of John Labanish by Betta Labanish. After the blessing of the St. John the Baptist Hall a catered meal will be served instead of a pot luck by the generosity of Betta. May God grant Betta many happy years!
Fr. Alex

PEIROGI SALE

Today - \$10 per dozen. See Ann in the bookstore.
Hurry! We already sold nearly half of what was made.

Lee Alexander

HOSPITALITY - is in need of volunteers for 2023. Please see Chris Noonan if interested.

AS YOU ARE SHIFTING YOU WILL BEGIN TO REALIZE YOU ARE NOT THE SAME PERSON YOU USE TO BE.

THE THINGS YOU USED TO TOLERATE HAVE NOW BECOME INTOLERABLE. WHERE YOU ONCE REMAINED QUIET YOU ARE NOW SPEAKING TRUTH. WHERE YOU ONCE BATTLED AND ARGUED YOU ARE NOW CHOOSING TO REMAIN SILENT. YOU ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF YOUR VOICE AND THERE ARE SOME SITUATIONS THAT NO LONGER DESERVE YOUR TIME, ENERGY AND FOCUS

Our Daily Bread – The DJ Priest

Every once in a while, I get a “Love Dad Letter” in final draft and put it through a final review, only to toss it into a backwater file in favor of another subject. That’s what happened this week. As I sit here a couple hours before submission, I begin this piece. For I’ve got something to say that won’t keep.

As those who know me personally will tell you, I’ve been attending an Eastern Rite Catholic Church for over 30 years now. There are many reasons, but one of the more important reasons is the dignity and reverence found in the Liturgy and placed on the Holy Eucharist. This is very important to me.

Now, this will get me in hot water with some of my readers, but this reverence described above is not always found in other parishes, particularly those that celebrate the Novus Ordo. No, I am not condemning Novus Ordo Liturgies, but the setting, “versus populum” (Latin, “toward the people”) and latitude given the priest, provides a setting which seeks to entertain and even shock those attending. Instead of Holy Mass the laity is witness to a show.

With that said, there is a video that was posted recently on various sites which I was hesitant to believe at first. After researching it further today I found it to be authentic; and it breaks my heart. I seldom ask readers to look up and watch something on the internet, but this defies my ability to accurately explain it. So, I will give you the title to search and you can watch it for yourself. Go to You Tube and search **DJ Priest?** . It will be a short video found on the Taylor Marshall web site. The long version is 18 minutes and the short is a little over 4 minutes. The short is all you need to watch, but either the long or short version would be worth your time. Other sites also cover this as well.

In brief, the priest presiding over the Mass is at the consecration. A solemn moment when the bread and wine are blest and changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. This priest conducts the consecration in a way that is best described as a jiving disc jockey gyrating to some type of irreverent music and supported in the background by two female altar

attendants, who feign amazement at the spectacle wrought during the blessing. Spectacle indeed.

Where? Not America. This time it is in a diocese in France. If you are a long-time reader though you know that this type of sacrilege happens in the States often. From a parade of vestal virgins, to a native American Shaman invoking blessings of the four winds with his eagle feather, to a priest text messaging yahoos in the pews, and then reading there “witty responses” back at certain points in the mass, oh yes, topped off with giving the final blessing holding the end of a guitar high in the air to make the sign of the cross. It is not right. The Reverent and the Sacred are being replaced by the profane, by the bizarre. Saint Augustine describes the Ape of God which is Satan. Others prophesied that the Ape of God will create an Ape of Holy Church. A false church, an anti-church which Satan seeks to set up, and it imitates the church Christ established. These shows described above are imitations of the real thing. Do not be fooled or swayed into its sphere of influence.

Transubstantiation in Latin, Metousiosis in Greek, a miracle in any language - The mystery of changing bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ found within the Mass and Divine Liturgy has been called one of the three great gifts our Lord gave us to guide us, to keep us strong and protected from evil*. The consecration should be approached and witnessed with all due reverence and solemnity. The priest is totally focused on the miracle taking place by the power of the Lord through his hands, not seeking to entertain an audience. For us, the laity, we should remember that we are preparing ourselves to receive the actual Body and Blood of Christ, not distracted by a show. For a brief moment, we are not of this world. We are told in the Eastern Liturgy to “Set aside all earthly cares.” We are surrounded by heavenly things. “Thousands of archangels and tens of thousands of angels, the Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, soaring aloft upon their wings, singing shouting and crying out the triumphal hymn, Holy, Holy, Holy,....”

We should be focused on Heaven and things that are of Heaven. Not things that are of this world, for we are not made for this world.

Love Dad

*The other two great gifts were the Holy Spirit and the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin to be our advocate in Heaven.

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, local honey.

SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.

FINANCIALS, November 13, 2022

Monthly Dues –200.00; Offertory –931.00; Candles-150.00; Holyday St Nicholas-100.00 In – 1381.00; Out –549.90

Happy NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Eric Hunter; 3rd Daisy Olson; 7th Walter Picconi; 16th Ann Kelly;
16th Delores Clinton; 18th Natalie Collions; 20th Michael Yackanich;
22nd Morgan Kelly;

The Williamsburg House of Mercy *feed and shelter your neighbors?*
This summer, Williamsburg House of Mercy gave food to 208 families in a single a day and has moved 25 households into stable housing. For more information on how to donate or our shopping list, please visit WilliamsburgHouseOfMercy.org. Will you help? Thank you for being the hands and feed of Christ to our community!
Thank you. God Bless, Larissa

We will still collect donations for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Cause. You may place your generous gift in the basket with the Ukrainian Flag. You will find it at the Icon Screen. Thank you for your gift of hope! Fr. Alex

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

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

Some of those who need special prayer are:

Frank and Chris Janke, Mary Grace Dorsey, Ben Pawers, Betta Labanish, Betty May Hertz, Emma Bernier, Lolly Vinson, William McGraw, June McGraw, Darren and June Hall, Aurora & Jaime Daquilanea, Mary Ann Drumtra, Katharina and Steven Margan

Thank you. Fr. A

Candles for Novemberr:

Sanctuary Lamp... + John Labanish by Betta Labanish

Tetrapod... + Elvira & Anthony DeGaspari by Ann Kelly

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

John Baptist... HGB Morgan Kelly by Ann Kelly

St Nicholas... HGB Merle & Teresa Phillips by MaryAnn Drumtra

Protection Theotokos... For Our Parishioners

Christ Teacher...HGB Norma Duttry by Patty Duttry

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**If any parishioners plan to visit Edmonton, Canada, please speak with
Father Alex regarding picking up a needed item for faith formation.**

**Our Children's Formation program has open enrollment. If you would like
your child to learn about the faith and have space to have thoughtful
conversations about God with peers, reach out to Sasha Kusno, 660-287-
1003. Upcoming dates include: November 13 & 20, December 4, 11, & 18.
Sasha Kusno**

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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.

Christ and the Law

When Christ says to him, “if you would enter life, keep the commandments,” the man expects him to add immediately, “My commandments.” “Which ones?” he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected, but simply pointed him to the law.

This is not because the law is perfection, for “no one is justified by the law,” as it is written, but because the life lived according to the law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. “For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ.”

The law is the starting point for social justice. Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in “eye for eye, tooth for tooth.”

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance, with the view to the greater good, teaching that “if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well.”

St. Cyril of Alexandria