

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE

- SUN JUNE 11 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
After – Hospitality
Rom 2:10-16 Mt 4:18-23 Tone 1
11:00 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and + Jerome Luecke by Helen M Luecke
- Tue June 13 8:30am For + Daniel Benier by Emma Bernier**
2:00am – 6:00pm Church Office hours
- Wed June 14 8:30am For + Henry & Roseanne Murer by Ann Kelly**
MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intention
- Thu June 15 8:30am For HGB Mary Ann Polansky by Steve Polansky**
6:00pm – ROSARY - Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club
- SUN JUNE 18 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
After – Hospitality
Rom 5:1-10 Mt 6:22-34 Tone 2
11:00 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners, Our Father's and HGB Adithia & Sasha Kusno by Betty May Hertz (6th Wedding Anniversary)

TODAY, June 11, after Divine Liturgy will be Security Team meeting - training. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.
Fr. Alex

Visitors, family and friends: Are you curious, do you have questions or inquirers about our church, icons, Divine Liturgy, or Byzantine Catholic traditions? Someone will be waiting to answer your questions after Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings in the vicinity of the icon corner at the front of the sanctuary. Don't be afraid to ask, there are no wrong questions.

Attention all Parishioners, Visitors, and Guests: please do your part to help us keep the Social Hall clean. After Sunday Hospitality and Pot Lucks please made sure the table area where you were sitting is wiped clean. **Also, please place your chair on top of the table.** Doing these things will be a big help and save much time in maintaining and keeping the floors clean. Thanks for your help and cooperation Fr. Alex
Let's be prepared and proactive for any event that may happen on church property during our Sunday Divine Liturgy and every day.

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, June Mathews, William McGraw, Thomas McGraw, Darren and June Hall, Aurora & Jaime Daquilanea, Mary Ann Drumtra, Katharina and Steven Margan
Thank you. Fr. Alex

Bible Study: The Gospel of John

It's not too late to join the Bible Study for 2023! Come and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ by diving deep in the life of Christ according to the beloved disciple John (and eat some great food as well!). We meet on the **2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (June13 and June 27) at 5:15 PM** in St. Philip Hall.

Respectfully,
Michael Jack Bracelin

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's team will have their next meeting on the **3rd Tuesday of June (June 20th)** at 6:00 PM in St. Philip Hall.

Respectfully,
Michael Jack Bracelin

2021 – 2022 Bishop's Appeal Monthly Update June

Goal - \$6,800 : WE DID IT Again. Tank YOU!!!!!!

Speak 5 lines to yourself every morning:

- 1. I'm the best**
- 2. I can do it**
- 3. God is always with me**
- 4. I'm a winner**
- 5. Today is my DAY**

Candles for June

Sanctuary Lamp... + John Labanish by Betta Labanish
 Tetrapod... HGB Roman Slysh by Dr. Nadia Shockley
 Theotokos & Child... HGB Larry Drumtra by Merle & Teresa Phillips
 John Baptist... HGB Mark Noonan by Christine Noonan
 St Nicholas... +Michael & Avanelle Bross by Angela Bross
 Protection Theotokos... In Love & Gratitude by Jim & Gia Hoolan
 Christ Teacher... Madeline Noonan by Christine Noonan

SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.

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.

Ascension Advisory board members.

Alex (Pastor) Property Committee; David Efimizt & Dr. Micheal Lechman: Trustees;
 Reader Adithia Kusno Facebook, Young Adult Education; Patty Duttry: Book Keeper;
 Don Merkley: Website, Liturgical Committee; Michael Bracelin: Men's Club President,
 Adult Bible Study; Mike Olson: Security Manager; Sasha Kusno: Children's Christian
 Formation Director; Ann Merkley Bookstore Manager

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 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

God bless America!!!

Help support our church



FINANCIALS, May 28, 2023

Monthly Dues -1010.00; Offertory -1,131.00; Candles-50.50; Special Gifts Nativity of St. John -50.00; Fuel - 100.00 In - 2,341.50; Out -3941.07

Happy JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st Melissa Karlson; 9th Ann Merkley; 9th Matthew Montgomery; 11th Patty Duttry;
 12th Anna & Sofia Carden; 14th Lisa Montgomery; 23rd Marc Picconi; 25th Mary Olson; 27th Keith Shockley; 28th Michael Lechman

Pierogi News!!

Many thanks to all of our volunteers last Friday and Saturday. As of the time this announcement is submitted we do not know how many dozen was produced, but whatever the count, I am sure they are the best, and the effort by all of our volunteers is much appreciated! Lee

We have started using the name Carpathian Kitchen for our group. It is inclusive of both men and women and describes our focus on Eastern European food. I hope you enjoy your personal time this week. Lee

Our Daily Bread – Not By Accident

Sometimes they come at our choosing, and other times not, but no one comes into your life by accident. And yes, I believe that sometimes God sends people into our life for a purpose. However they come, we are influenced and changed in some way. We may be influenced toward a better understanding and living of life, or influenced toward the vices and frame of mind that destroys our life, or something in between.

Some of these individuals become our great supporters and advocates. Others seemingly come to challenge everything we do, and seek to undermine. We can learn from all.

Before receiving my commission, I was a young petty officer working at a Marine Safety Office. Although I suffered a bit in an office environment, my work kept me on the water in some fashion as a facility inspector and boat coxswain. Mom and I had just met and were dating. The work was easy, I had my girl, and life was just fine..... Well, you know what comes next.....

Someone up the chain of command saw some talent in me, and I was assigned as one of the service's first enlisted maritime investigating officers. I wore civilian clothes and investigated maritime accidents, explosions, injuries and deaths, etc... Our office also prosecuted offenders holding maritime licenses before the local Administrative Law Judge, and did maritime licensing work. The job required certain skill sets, including good language and writing skills. Well, it did not take me long to realize that I had neither.

My investigative reports were invariably rejected, sent back with so much marking on them I simply could not decipher the meaning. When I went to ask for clarification, I would get chewed up and spit out. In the field, meetings, interviews and inquiries were difficult. The way things were, there was no way I was going to be allowed anywhere near a court room environment. In short, I was failing at this job, miserably. The Executive Officer became the focal point, or rather the wall that was keeping me from completing anything. He was merciless in his criticism. A senior commissioned officer, it may have been because he did not agree with the enlisted investigator program, but in reality, he was right in his criticism and rejection of my work.

One day, after another tail chewing by the XO, I remember seeing a big dictionary on his desk. It was a blue, New World College, second edition. I also saw a Collins Thesaurus. I went out the same day and bought that dictionary and later the Thesaurus. I began to look up words at night. Words I would hear or read in some report, and did not fully understand. I learned how to use the Thesaurus. I began to read everything I could get my hands on. Encyclopedias were a favorite. I always was enrolled in two or three service courses. Mom would help me study in the evenings by asking me questions from the course book. I worked hard to assemble my thoughts before I spoke, putting a lot of effort in organization and structure. Probably the best thing that happened is that I picked up a mentor, a young lieutenant about my own age. He showed me how to assemble a report, how to be logical and concise in my writing. Later, he also pushed me toward applying for an officer's commission.

Anyway, ever so slowly, my work began to move through the XO's office. When work came back marked up, it was easy to fix. One day I was even ready to go into the XO's office and professionally defend my report, down to every fact, every conclusion and recommendation. I began to be called in frequently to brief the Commanding Officer on ongoing cases, incidents and threats. I was asked for my opinion and recommendations. I was trusted.

No, I never became a great orator or writer. I still have so many faults I can barely stand to read my own writing, and I have an absolute dread of hearing my voice. I did become good enough to

do my work, and the work that would come to me throughout my career. What would have happened if I had not been put through that experience at the Marine Safety Office?

Looking back on it all, I can see clearly how each of the individuals mentioned above shaped my life. Each one played a role. One to bring home to me the stark reality of my weakness. One to teach and guide me along. One (mom) to be there beside me no matter what happened, win or lose. She's still there, and I rely on that.

You know I still have that old blue dictionary. It is well worn and thumbed through, just like my bible. I am reluctant to throw out tools that have served me so well.

Love Dad

Eastern European Food Tasting today - After Liturgy there will be sauteed Pierogi and fried Piroshki for sale in the Hall. The pierogi are what you remember from the Ethnic Dinners, sauteed in butter and onions; oh so good and filling. The Piroshki is new to the parish. It is a dumpling (like the pirogi) but filled with savory ground beef and sauteed cabbage, carrots and onions, then deep fried. Come and try them both while they last! We will also have the remainder of our potato and cheese pierogi for sale at the bar. All proceeds will go toward the Circle of Hope Charitable outreach program.

A Warm Thanks. A special thanks to all those who have worked so hard to bring back our parish kitchen activities over the past year or so. For those parishioners and friends of the parish that are looking for some way to get involved in the parish activities, I cannot think of a better way than to join our Carpathian Kitchen group. I would recommend as a first step to get on our e-mail list, which will keep you updated on our schedule, activities and a little inside news... Also review the bulletin for announcements, and pay attention to the slide show in the Hall which lists the schedule of events. See me to get your name on the e-mail newsletter. Lee

(Father, this announcement below is a repeat from last week. I would like to run it one more week to gain visibility.)

On Piroshki: Nothing brings us together quite like food. Nothing brings back stronger memories of our childhood and family than the dishes we ate sitting around the supper table in our youth. The taste, the smell, the look, all create an ambiance that brings us comfort and joy. This is a gift from God..

Over the years Ascension has developed special recipes and worked hard to keep alive traditions that go back to its Eastern European roots. Pierogi, Kielbasa, Halushki, Halupke, Kolache, and now we are proud to introduce a new item to our Eastern European fare, Piroshki. Well, maybe new to the parish, but not exactly new in its history. Piroshki goes back at least 1000 years. They were documented as being served in Medieval Kyiv. They are small little pies filled with a combination of meat, vegetables, rice or whatever might be at hand. They are either made with leavened or unleavened bread and are fried or baked until golden brown.

Here in the Kitchen, we are still working out the details on production scheduling and packaging. In God's good time we think we will have another product worthy of the Ascension label, and something to be enjoyed with your family gathered around your own supper table to create those special lifetime memories. - From the Carpathian Kitchen - From the Carpathian Kitchen

Psalm 1

Nothing but a Number

Japanese mountain climber Yuichiro Miura reached the summit of Mount Everest at age 70.

George Brunstad was also 70 when he swam the English Channel. Naval officer Grace Hopper became the first female rear admiral of the United States Navy when she was 79. Margaret Haggerty completed her quest to run a marathon on each of the seven continents when she was 84.

If stories like these teach us anything, it's that senior adults are capable of amazing things.

That was certainly true of Joshua. Even though he was probably nearing the century mark, God had a plan for him. Age didn't matter to God. Rather than telling Joshua to rest, retire or step aside for a younger replacement, God instructed him to get to work.

Perhaps we should take a cue from God in our attitude toward older adults. From an early age most of us were taught to respect our elders. However, too often we confuse politeness for respect. What's the difference? Politeness might include offering a hand to senior adults when they struggle with steps or making awkward small talk with aging relatives at family gatherings. Respect, however, would include realizing that with their years of challenges and experiences these adults are a rich, God-given resource.

In this age of politically correct labels, perhaps a better name for senior citizens is "ultra-experienced adults." God entrusted Joshua with an important duty a quarter century after Joshua reached retirement age because of his vast military experience and knowledge.

Think of the older adults you know. How does God want to use them in your life? What experiences of theirs might benefit you? What life lessons have they learned that might keep you from making a bad decision? And what might you be able to learn from hearing their stories and asking for their advice?

To Take Away

- *How would you describe your attitude toward senior adults?*
- *Think of two or three seniors you know. What might getting to know them better add to your life?*
- *What steps can you take this week to build a mutually beneficial relationship with an older adult?*

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked
Nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
But delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree
planted near running water,
That yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so, the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Messiah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 23

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Psalm 16

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Psalm 138

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple,
and give thanks to your name.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Because of your kindness and your truth,
you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Psalm 113

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

From the rising to the setting of the sun
is the name of the LORD to be praised.
High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
To seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Psalm 104

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of your creatures.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 11

The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD's throne is in heaven.
His eyes behold,
his searching glance is on mankind.

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

The LORD searches the just and the wicked;
the lover of violence he hates.
For the LORD is just, he loves just deeds;
the upright shall see his face.

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

Psalm 103

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Psalm 15

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
By whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things
shall never be disturbed.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Exodus 15

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
He is my God, I praise him;
the God of my father, I extol him.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

The LORD is a warrior,
LORD is his name!
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Psalm 69

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I am sunk in the abysmal swamp
where there is no foothold;
I have reached the watery depths;
the flood overwhelms me.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

But I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

But I am afflicted and in pain;
let your saving help, O God, protect me;
I will praise the name of God in song,
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.”

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Psalm 106

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Our fathers made a calf in Horeb
and adored a molten image;
They exchanged their glory
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

They forgot the God who had saved them,
who had done great deeds in Egypt,
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,
terrible things at the Red Sea.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Then he spoke of exterminating them,
but Moses, his chosen one,
Withstood him in the breach
to turn back his destructive wrath.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Psalm 99

Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,
and worship at his footstool;
holy is he!

Holy is the Lord our God.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
and Samuel, among those who called upon his name;
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

Holy is the Lord our God.

From the pillar of cloud he spoke to them;
they heard his decrees and the law he gave them.

Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for holy is the LORD, our God.

Holy is the Lord our God.

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tested me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 106

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

We have sinned, we and our fathers;
we have committed crimes; we have done wrong.
Our fathers in Egypt
considered not your wonders.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

But soon they forgot his works;
they waited not for his counsel.
They gave way to craving in the desert
and tempted God in the wilderness.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

They forgot the God who had saved them,
who had done great deeds in Egypt,
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,
terrible things at the Red Sea.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Then he spoke of exterminating them,
but Moses, his chosen one,
Withstood him in the breach
to turn back his destructive wrath.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Psalm 97

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him,
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 85

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace
To his people, and to his faithful ones,
and to those who put in him their hope.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and salvation, along the way of his steps.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.