

**Ascension of Our Lord**  
**Byzantine Catholic Church**  
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Served by Reverend Father Alex Shuter, Pastor

**Schedule of Services and Activities**

<b>Sun</b> Dec 16	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday of the Forefathers Eastern Christian Formation Class For Health and God's Blessings for Lee Alexander and family by Lina Dearing</i>	Tone 4 Page 141 And Page 281
<b>Mon</b> Dec 17		<i>Take time for private devotions.</i>	
<b>Tue</b> Dec 18	5:30 p.m.	<i>For Health and God's Blessings for Christopher Danishewsky by Eugene Kokinda</i>	
<b>Wed</b> Dec 19	5:30 p.m.	<i>For Natalia Chaplenko and Vacil Chaplevko by Maria and Bohdan Polanskyj</i>	
<b>Thu</b> Dec 20	5:30 p.m.	<i>For Health and God's Blessings for Merle and Teresa Phillips by Mary Ann Drumtra</i>	
<b>Fri</b> Dec 21		<i>Take time for Private Devotions.</i>	
<b>Sat</b> Dec 22		<i>Take time for Private Devotions.</i>	
<b>Sun</b> Dec 23	11:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday of the Holy Ancestors of Our Lord NO Eastern Christian Formation Class For Health and God's Blessings for Samantha Noel Quesinberry by Robbie Linderman</i>	Tone 5 Page 146 And Page 285

+If you would like to **become a member** of the Ascension parish family and need a **Census Form** or need **offertory envelopes**, ask for one of the **Trustees**. Census forms are located at the bulletin board/info table.

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**Ascension Parish News**

**THANK YOU** all for attending the **St. Nicholas Celebration** last week and for all who helped out. We so appreciate that St. Nicholas could visit us for the day. Thanks to the Williamsburg Christian Academy String Orchestra, Chamber Ensemble, and Choir for the concert; it was wonderful, especially their rendition of our traditional hymn *Heaven and Earth*.

**PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT COMING**—We will soon be installing a door to separate the church hall from the church. When we have activity in the hall the noise interferes with services or activities in the church. A door would also increase safety to church property when we rent the hall out. To offset the cost of the installation we anticipate having a fundraiser which will be announced.

**NO ECF DECEMBER 23, 30, OR JANUARY 6**

**FISH** needs your help keeping their shelves stocked. Please consider a donation of canned goods (baskets are in the back of the nave). Proteins are always in demand. Please avoid expired items. As winter arrives, new or gently used **mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, ear muffs, socks, and other warm woolies** would be much appreciated.

**HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS**—Anyone wishing to be added to or deleted from the Hospitality list, those who prepare coffee and clean up, please see Chris Noonan before December 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember, the more volunteers we have the less often you are scheduled. Thank you for volunteering.

**NEW VOLUNTEERS for Ushering or Financial Recording** are welcome to contact Patty Duttry ([pmduttry@gmail.com](mailto:pmduttry@gmail.com)) for inclusion on next year's schedule.

**PHILLIPS FAST/FILIPOVKA POST'**—Currently we are observing the 40-Day Fast Period in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. This Fast mirrors the Great 40-Day Fast before the Glorious Resurrection. *Simple Abstinence from meat* is recommended on *Wednesdays* (in addition to *Fridays*) and it would be appropriate to devote time to spiritual preparation amid all of our other tasks, as we anticipate the Feast of Christ's birth.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PRIESTS**—Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests -- and through her intercession, strengthen them for their ministry. We pray Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you (John 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love, seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen

**COMING EVENTS:**

**January 6, 2013—Theophany Luncheon**

## Prayer Intentions

### For December

**Sanctuary Lamp**—The lamp burns for the Blessed Repose of the soul of Lorraine Pugliese by John and Monica Ruscus.

**Christ the Teacher**—The candle burns for Health and God’s Blessings for Cpt. Jeremy Blascak by Joseph and Josephine Horvath

**Theotokos & Child**—The candle burns for the Blessed Repose of Ingrid Weigard by Lisa Branden.

**Saint Nicholas**—The candle burns for Health and God’s Blessings for Patrick Alexander by his parents.

**Saint John the Baptizer**—The candle burns for the Blessed Repose of the soul of Jonathan Duttry by his sister.

**Tetrapod**—The candles burn for the Health and God’s Blessings for Margan Family by Katarina Margan.

✂ Icon candle sponsorship is \$11.00/month; Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship is \$20.00/month; Tetrapod \$22.00. ✂

### Please keep in your prayers those who are ill or infirm:

Mike Hooley, Bruce Marcy, Fr. Bob, Michael Dunham, Lea Hraskey, Don Merkley, Stephen Brown, Anthony Kass Jr., Josephine Horvath, Audrey Bill, Dn. Daniel Wolfe, Jesse Hall, Laura Michael, Tim Baker, Sherri Hokanson, Merle Phillips, Ryan Nichols, Michael Sotack, Jeffrey Sotack, Debbie Nyman, Kathleen Zavada, Eva Delgado, Joseph Miller, Robert Sotack, Willie Torres Jr., Christine Krulak, Steven Kass, Brian Hurtig, John Hessler, Nancy Ward, Chris Sheafe, Randy Powell, Marion Thurnher, Mark Lesko, Nicholas Dadonna, Jr., Phillip Johnson, Betty Backfield, Ronnie Gloria, Myrtle Mackerly, John Heffler, Elfriede Mielczarek, Elia Soriano, Courtney Horvath, Hope Van Alstine, Anthony Sandi, Veronica Williams, Cindy Steffens, Nicola and Bruce Kendall, Chelyse Miller, Walter Valley, George Karol, Joan Scull, Sophie Zavada, Bill Basalla, Rose Henger, Rose Dumaran, Isaac Pinon, Marty Felix, Fr. Ron Hatton, Michael Hatton

If you or someone you know is sick or needs prayer, please contact Patty Duttry at (804)725-0904 or email [pmduttry@gmail.com](mailto:pmduttry@gmail.com) or contact Dn. Dan or Reader Joe to add them to the prayer list. Likewise, if our prayers have been answered, let them know if someone can be removed from the list.

#### Please remember in prayer those who serve our nation:

Lord, please hold our troops  
in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families  
for the selfless acts they perform for us  
in our time of need.  
Amen.

#### Stateside:

Col. David DeMartino  
Cmdr. Carol Burroughs, USN  
Col. Ted Mathews, Jr. USAF  
Lt. Col. Nadia Shockley, USAF  
CPL Patrick Alexander, USMC  
Captain Jeremy Blascak  
Cmdr. (retired) Keith Shockley, USN  
Sgt Markus Svetahor, USMC  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Peter Isajewicz, USMC  
Sgt. Randy Harrison, USMC  
Maj. James Osuna  
PFC Justin Long  
Mike Caraballo  
Peter Borocho  
Sgt. Rebekah Champouillon

#### Afghanistan

#### Iraq:

#### SW Asia:

### Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

☞☞☞ Our thanks to all of you who volunteer any day of the week! ☞☞☞

	This Week (December 16)	Next Week (December 23)
Ushers	Robert Linderman & Anna Baysura	Morgan Kelly & Anna Baysura
Lector	Anna Montgomery	Patty Duttry
Hospitality	Monica Ruscus	Ann Kelly
Offertory Recorders	Jeffrey Sotack & Laura Sotack	John Rayno & Don Merkley

Offertory Recorders are gently reminded to complete an Operating Acct. (...401) deposit slip to include in the Bank Bag. Thank you.

**Trustees:** Lee Alexander, Robert Linderman, and John Rayno;

**Property Maintenance:** Lee Alexander, Don Merkley, John Rayno

**Finances:** John Rayno, Jeffrey Sotack, & Bill Kelly; and **Financial Secretary:** Patty Duttry

**Parish Secretary:** Ann Kelly; **Procurement of Sanctuary Supplies:** Betty Mae Hertz

If you would like to become involved as a volunteer in any area, just tell a trustee.

### Thank you for your contributions (December 9, 2012).

Offertory & Dues	\$1100.00	
Candles	20.00	<b>Hurricane Sandy Relief</b>
Christmas Flowers	92.00	<b>\$300.00 Total</b>
Conception by St. Anne	10.00	
St. Nicholas	20.00	<b>God loves a cheerful giver.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1242.00</b>	

### Recurring Events Reminders

-Monthly Potluck (Special Theophany Luncheon in January)	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Jan 6
-Bring a Friend Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Jan 6
-Ascension Parish Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Church Office (No meeting in Jan)	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Feb 5
-Birthday Celebration	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	Today, Jan 13
-Parish Advisory Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Church Office (Alternate Months)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Jan 8
-St. Luke’s Icon Guild in St. Phillip’s Hall (3:00-6:00 Sunday, all day Mon/Tues)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Jan 20-22
-Church is open for Private Devotions	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Dec 20
-FISH Collection of non-perishable food, clothing and household goods for. For example: canned meats and stews, peanut butter, canned fruits, vegetables, and juice; shelf stable milk, beans, etc. Warm woolies are needed this winter too.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	Today, Jan 20
-Needlework Group Get Together after Liturgy	Last Sun	Dec 30

### Information Regarding Sacraments

+Father Alex is available for the **Holy Mystery of Reconciliation** before Divine Liturgy on Sundays (10:00 a.m.) or ½ hour before weekday liturgies. By appointment as well.  
+Receiving the **Mystery of Holy Eucharist**: As you approach Father please tell him your name so that the prayer can be personalized for you; lift the cloth beneath your chin; next tilt your head back; widely open your mouth but do not extend your tongue. No response is required for the prayer. The body and blood of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ will be dropped into your mouth from a golden spoon.

## Happy December Birthdays!

Dec 4 Robert Sotack

Dec 11 Joshua Karlson

Dec 13 Josephine Horvath

Dec 20 Kathy Alexander