

Ascension of Our Lord
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Served by Reverend Father Alex Shuter, Pastor

Schedule of Services and Activities

Sun Dec 2	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Eastern Christian Formation Class</i> <i>For the Blessed Repose of George Piszko by Julie Piszko and Family</i> <i>Monthly Potluck Luncheon</i>	Tone 2 Page 130
	Afterward		
Mon Dec 3		<i>Take time for Private Devotions</i>	
Tue Dec 4	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>For Health and God's Blessings for Christopher Clark by his mother Mary Faith West</i> <i>Ascension Parish Guild Meeting in the Church Office</i>	
Wed Dec 5	5:30 p.m.	<i>For Health and God's Blessings for the Polansky and Kokinda Families by Eugene Kokinda</i>	
Thu Dec 6	5:30 p.m.	<i>For Health and God's Blessings for Michael Damien Clark by his mother Mary Faith West</i>	
Fri Dec 7		<i>Take time for Private Devotions.</i>	
Sat Dec 8		<i>The Maternity of the Holy Anna</i> <i>Take time for Private Devotions.</i>	
Sun Dec 9	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:45	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>and St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</i> <i>Eastern Christian Formation Class</i> <i>For Health and God's Blessings for Our Parish Family</i> <i>Concert by Williamsburg Christian Academy String Orchestra, Chamber Ensemble, and Choir</i> <i>Followed by Refreshments and a visit from St. Nicholas</i>	Tone 3 Page 135 And 274


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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 Hrasky, 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 Dumarán, 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 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
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Maj. James Osuna
PFC Justin Long
Mike Caraballo
Peter Boroeh
David Fraley, USN
Sgt. Rebekah Champouillon

Afghanistan

Iraq:

Kuwait:

SW Asia:

Ascension Parish News

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

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

	This Week (December 2)	Next Week (December 9)
Ushers	Kathy Alexander & Morgan Kelly	John Rayno & Anna Montgomery
Lector	Mary Jean Sotack	Gloria Linderman
Hospitality	Michelle Gioe	Chris Noonan
Offertory Recorders	Patty Duttry & Chris Noonan	Myron Kotyk & John Ruscus

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 (November 25, 2012).

Offertory & Dues	\$638.00	Stewardship Appeal Tally \$2614.00 We Surpassed the Goal! God loves a cheerful giver.
Candles	79.00	
Fuel	40.00	
St. Nicholas the Wonderworker	40.00	
TOTAL	\$797.00	

Recurring Events Reminders

1st Sunday—Dec 2nd--Monthly Potluck; Bring a Friend Sunday

1st Tuesday—Dec 4th-- Meeting--Ascension Parish Guild @ 7:00 p.m. in Church Office

2nd Sunday—Dec 16th—Birthday Celebration

3rd Week—Dec 9th-11th---St. Luke’s Icon Guild in St. Phillip’s Hall (3:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, all day Mon/Tues)

Early in Dec due to holidays.

3rd Sunday—Dec 16th---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

3rd Thursday—Dec 20th--6:00 p.m. Church opens for Private Devotions

2nd Tuesday of Alternate Months—Jan 8th--Parish Advisory Board @ 7:00 p.m.

Last Sunday—Dec 30th--Needlework Group meets after Liturgy

Information Regarding Sacraments

+Father Alex is available for the *Holy Mystery of Reconciliation* at Ascension before Divine Liturgy on Sundays (10:00 a.m.) or ½ hour before weekday liturgies. By appointment as well.

+Father Alex is available for the *Holy Mystery of Reconciliation* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help before Divine Liturgy on Sundays (7:30 a.m.). 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.

Ascension Parish News

+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.

OLD TESTAMENT GRILLERS will be smoking ham and grilling Kielbasa today for Potluck. Thanks to all who contributed to the grill this time and for all of the great dishes that went with it. The grillers will be on winter recess; we look forward to welcoming them back in the spring.

KOLACHI BAKING SESSION at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 5th. Nut rolls, poppy seed rolls and apricot rolls will be made.

Kolachi **can be ordered** by signing up on the **bulletin board** or clicking the link on the **website** and sending in an email. The **Kolachi Sale and pick-up of orders will be Sunday, December 9th** after Divine Liturgy until 2:00 p.m.

CHURCH DECORATING—On **December 5th** the Christmas tree will be erected in the church. On **December 15th** other decorations will be hung at **11:00 a.m.**

SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE – Unwrapped toys are needed for all ages, but especially for **10 to 12 year old boys and girls**. Also needed are generic **gifts for seniors** over 65 years of age requesting help; blankets, gloves, scarves, flashlights, etc. Please share your Christmas spirit with those whose spirits may need lifting. Deposit your gifts in the big wrapped box at the front of the church. Gifts must be collected **by no later than December 6th**.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION – December 9th –Plan to stay after Liturgy for a **concert by the Williamsburg Christian Academy String Orchestra, Chamber Ensemble, and Choir**, goodies, and a **visit from St. Nicholas**.

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 comes on, 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 15th. Remember, the more volunteers we have the less often you are scheduled. Thank you for volunteering.

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

Happy December Birthdays!

Dec 4

Robert Sotack

Dec 11

Joshua Karlson

Dec 13

Josephine Horvath

Dec 20

Kathy Alexander