

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Sun Dec 23	11:00 a.m.	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	Tone 5 Page 146 And Page 285
Mon Dec 24	9:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Caroling Divine Liturgy For Health and God's Blessings for Our Parish Family	
Tue Dec 25	10:00 a.m.	Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ Divine Liturgy For Health and God's Blessings for Our Parish Family	
Wed Dec 26	5:30 p.m.	For Health and God's Blessings for Luc and Marie Quinson by Natalia Collins	
Thu Dec 27	5:30 p.m.	For the Blessed Repose of Anna Polansku and Viktor Osinsky by Maria and Bohan Polanskyj	
Fri Dec 28		Take time for Private Devotions.	
Sat Dec 29		Take time for Private Devotions.	
Sun Dec 30	11:00 a.m.	The Sunday after the Nativity of Our Lord NO Eastern Christian Formation Class For Health and God's Blessings for Millet Jellemek family by Lina Dearling	Tone 6 Page 152 And Page


+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

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

Calendars and Offertory Envelopes are available for 2013. Calendars are on the table under the bulletin board and envelopes are on table as you enter the hall.

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 15th. 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) 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, a special holiday potluck of everyone's most special or traditional dishes.

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:

Mae Royall, Mike Hooley, Bruce Marcy, Fr. Bob, Michael Dunham, Lea Hrascky, 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 to add them to the prayer list. Likewise, if our prayers have been answered, let her 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

Afghanistan

Captain Jeremy Blascak
 Cmdr. (retired) Keith Shockley, USN
 Sgt Markus Svetahor, USMC
 1st Lt Peter Isajewicz, USMC
 Sgt. Randy Harrison, USMC
 Maj. James Osuna
 PFC Justin Long
 Mike Caraballo
 Peter Boroch

SW Asia:

Sgt. Rebekah Champouillon

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

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

	This Week (December 23)	Next Week (December 30)
Ushers	Morgan Kelly & Anna Baysura	Jeffrey Sotack & Laura Sotack
Lector	Patty Duttry	
Hospitality	Ann Kelly	Ann Seniw
Offertory Recorders	John Rayno & Don Merkley	Monica Ruscus & Patty Duttry
<p>Offertory Recorders are gently reminded to complete an Operating Acct. (...401) deposit slip to include in the Bank Bag. Thank you.</p> <p>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</p>		
<p>If you would like to become involved as a volunteer in any area, just tell a trustee.</p>		

Thank you for your contributions (December 16, 2012).

Offertory & Dues	\$2120.81	
Candles	141.00	Catholic Charities \$30.00
Christmas Flowers	10.00	
Christmas	50.00	
Special Gift--St. Luke's Icon	95.00	God loves a cheerful giver.
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TOTAL	\$2416.81	

Recurring Events Reminders

-Monthly Potluck (Special Theophany Luncheon in January)	1 st Sun	Jan 6
-Bring a Friend Sunday	1 st Sun	Jan 6
-Ascension Parish Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Church Office (No meeting in Jan)	1 st Tue	Feb 5
-Birthday Celebration	2 nd Sun	Jan 13
-Parish Advisory Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Church Office (Alternate Months)	2 nd Tue	Jan 8
-St. Luke's Icon Guild in St. Phillip's Hall (3:00-6:00 Sunday, all day Mon/Tues)	3 rd Week	Jan 20-22
-Church is open for Private Devotions	3 rd Thu	Jan 17
-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 rd Sun	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.