

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

Schedule of Services and Activities

Sun Dec 9	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. After Liturgy	<p><i>Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost and St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</i></p> <p><i>Eastern Christian Formation Class</i></p> <p><i>For Health and God's Blessings for Our Parish Family</i></p> <p><i>Concert by Williamsburg Christian Academy String Orchestra, Chamber Ensemble, and Choir</i></p> <p><i>Followed by Refreshments and a visit from St. Nicholas</i></p>	Tone 3 Page 135 And 274
Mon Dec 10		<p><i>Take time for private devotions.</i></p>	
Tue Dec 11	5:30 p.m.	<p><i>For Health and God's Blessings for Timothy G. Clancy and his staff</i></p>	
Wed Dec 12	5:30 p.m.	<p><i>For Health and God's Blessings for Carolyn Trehy by Christine Noonan</i></p>	
Thu Dec 13	5:30 p.m.	<p><i>For the Blessed Repose of the Deceased Members of the Kokinda and Polansky and Simchak Families by Lois Polansky</i></p>	
Fri Dec 14		<p><i>Take time for Private Devotions.</i></p>	
Sat Dec 15	11:00 a.m.	<p><i>Church Decorating. Please join in the fun.</i></p>	
Sun Dec 16	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<p><i>Sunday of the Forefathers of Our Lord</i></p> <p><i>Eastern Christian Formation Class</i></p> <p><i>For Health and God's Blessings for Lee Alexander and family by Lina Darling</i></p>	Tone 4 Page 141 And Page 281

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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 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 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](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  
Afghanistan  
Captain Jeremy Blascak  
Cmdr. (retired) Keith Shockley, USN  
Sgt Markus Svetahor, USMC  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Peter Isajewicz, USMC  
Iraq:  
Sgt. Randy Harrison, USMC  
Maj. James Osuna  
PFC Justin Long  
Mike Caraballo  
Peter Boroeh  
SW Asia:  
Sgt. Rebekah Champouillon

## Ascension Parish News

### Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

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

	This Week (December 9)	Next Week (December 16)
Ushers	John Rayno & Anna Montgomery	Robert Linderman & Anna Baysura
Lector	Gloria Linderman	Anna Montgomery
Hospitality	Chris Noonan	Monica Ruscus
Offertory Recorders	Myron Kotyk & John Ruscus	Jeffrey Sotack & Laura Sotack

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 2, 2012).

Offertory & Dues	\$2179.00	
Candles	24.50	<b>Hurricane Sandy Relief \$145.00</b>
Fuel	10.00	<b>APG \$155.00 for Hurricane for total of \$300.</b>
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00	<b>50/20 Raffle \$61.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2233.50</b>	<b>God loves a cheerful giver.</b>

### Recurring Events Reminders

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—Dec 16<sup>th</sup> —Birthday Celebration

3<sup>rd</sup> Week—Dec 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>---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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—Dec 16<sup>th</sup>---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

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

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

Last Sunday—Dec 30<sup>th</sup>--Needlework Group meets after Liturgy

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday—Jan 6<sup>th</sup>—Theophany Luncheon; Bring a Friend Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday—Jan 1<sup>st</sup>—NO Meeting of the Ascension Parish Guild @ 7:00 p.m. in Church Office; next meeting February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

## **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.

**KOLACHI SALE—Kolachi orders can be picked-up TODAY after Divine Liturgy. There is a limited number of nut rolls available for sale without an order today.**

**Thank you** for your purchase and to all who helped with the Kolachi preparation, baking, and sales.

**CHURCH DECORATING**—On Saturday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>** at **11:00 a.m** decorations will be hung and the tree decorated. Please join in the fun.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS TO A RECOVERING AMERICAN SOLDIER**

If you would like to send one, our Outreach Committee provides the following address:

**c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001**

**SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE** – **Thank you** all for your donations to this worthy cause. Many children and seniors will have a happier Christmas this year.

**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION – TODAY** –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 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.

**OLD TESTAMENT GRILLERS** The grillers will be on winter recess; we look forward to welcoming them back in the spring.

**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!**

<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>Robert Sotack</b>
<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Joshua Karlson</b>
<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>Josephine Horvath</b>
<b>Dec 20</b>	<b>Kathy Alexander</b>