

Ascension of Our Lord
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Schedule of Services and Activities

Sun Mar 11	9:45 a.m.	<i>Third Sunday of the Fast; Veneration of the Holy Cross</i>	Tone 6
		<i>Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) AND Adult Education: Byzantine Customs and Traditions: Liturgical, Spiritual & Cultural</i>	Page 152 & Page 223
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—For Health and God’s Blessings for the Lois K. Polansky Family by Lois K. Polansky</i>	
Mon Mar 12	9:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Liturgy—For the Blessed Repose of Maria Babyakova by Maria Robertson</i>	
Tue Mar 13	9:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Liturgy—For Health and God’s Blessings Timothy G. Clancey</i>	
	Afterward	<i>Coffee Group Discussions</i>	
Wed Mar 14	9:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Liturgy—For the Blessed Repose of All Souls the Purgatory by Eugene Kokinda</i>	
Thu Mar 15	9:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Liturgy —For the Blessed Repose of the Deceased Members of the Simchak Family by Eugene Kokinda</i>	
Fri Mar 16		<i>No Divine Liturgy—Please take time for Private Devotions</i>	
Sat Mar 17	8:00 a.m.	<i>Fourth All Souls Saturday</i>	Pages 428 & 432
		<i>Divine Liturgy with Panachida—For the Blessed Repose of the Souls of Our Departed Parishioners and of Our Departed Family Members</i>	
Sun Mar 18	9:45 a.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday of the Fast; St. John Climacus</i>	Tone 7
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	11:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—For Health and God’s Blessings for Our Altar Servants</i>	

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Wed Feb 29	6:30 p.m.	<i>Prayer Service with Holy Communion—For Health and God’s Blessings for Our Parish Family</i>	
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Ascension Parish News

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

☞☞☞ Our thanks to all of you who volunteer! ☜☜☜

	This Week (March 11)	Next Week (March 18)
Ushers	Robert Linderman & Anna Baysura	Morgan Kelly & Anna Baysura
Lector	Patty Duttry	Don Merkley
Hospitality	Mary Ann Drumtra	Mary Faith West
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, and Tom Postemski.

Finances: John Rayno, Jeffrey Sotack, & Tom Postemski; 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 (March 4 2012)

Offertory & Dues	\$2420.00	
Candles	\$49.00	ECL \$12.00
Easter Flowers	\$30.00	50/50 Raffle \$58.00
Bldg & Improvement Fund	\$320.00	
Initial Offering	\$12.00	
TOTAL	2831.00	God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Prayer Intentions for March

Sanctuary Lamp—The lamp burns for Health and God's Blessings for the Margan Family by Katarina Margan.

Christ the Teacher—The candle burns for Health and God's Blessings for Dara Murphy during her surgery and recuperation by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Horvath

Theotokos & Child—The candle is burning for Health and God's Blessings for Sgt. Markus Svetahor and Family by Nick and Lillian Svetahor.

Saint Nicholas—The candle burns for Health and God's Blessings for Uncle Jim by Libby Linn.

Saint John the Baptizer—The candle is burning for God's Protection for Patrick Alexander by his parents.

Tetrapod—The candles are burning for Health and God's Blessings for Eugene and Christina Vinson by Lolly Vinson

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

Recurring Events Reminders

2nd Tuesday of Alternate Months— March 13th -Parish Advisory Board

3rd Thursday—Mar 15th --6:00 p.m. Church opens for Private Devotions

3rd Sunday—Mar 18th—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 Week—Mar 18th -20st --St. Luke's Icon Guild in St. Phillip's Hall (3:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, all day Mon/Tues)

1st Tuesday—No meeting in March; Next meeting April 10rd --Ascension Parish Guild in Office, 7:00 p.m.

Last Sunday—Mar 25th—Needlework Group meets after Liturgy

1st Sunday—Apr 1st—Bring a Friend Sunday, Monthly Birthday Celebration

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+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.

ADULT EDUCATION: Byzantine Customs and Traditions: Come and explore the many beautiful traditions and customs of the Eastern Catholic Churches, liturgical, spiritual and cultural. Various presenters. The sessions run, **9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

PARISH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall

PARISH CONNECTION BULLETIN BOARD--You may have seen our new Bulletin Board in St Philip's Hall. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business and services, put up for sale that stuff in the garage, or ask for help. It's an opportunity to build ties within the parish family. Just please keep it short and to the point. You can post it yourself or give it to a trustee to post. Please take it down when you no longer need it up! Parishioners only please.

SPRING CLEANUP AND MAINTENANCE DAY AT THE CHURCH—Please set aside **Saturday, March 31st** to help with this project.

SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH INVENTORY—Our most recent parish inventory made it clear we need to take better precautions to safe guard it. So the property committee is in the process of improving our building safety and security. Soon we will be installing new fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. We are also developing a proposal for adding security features to the church. Many thanks to Larry Dumtra for heading up this project and to Myron Kotyk who is assisting. If anyone wishes to **contribute** to this important project to help offset the cost, **please make a donation to the building fund for the purpose of safety and security improvements.**

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH, there will be a **luncheon** to celebrate Pascha. Please bring a dish to share. This date will take the place of our Monthly Potluck.

FISH is running low on **Canned Meat & Fish, Baked Beans, Peanut Butter & Grape Jelly, Breakfast Cereal, Macaroni & Cheese, and Applesauce.** You might consider a cake mix and frosting too.

FARM FRESH RECEIPTS are once again being collected through the end of the school year.

COMING EVENTS

- **April 14th—Craft Show with Bake Sale.** All tables have been rented so it'll be a great show. Watch for a Bake Sale sign-up sheet as it approaches.
- **April 21st—Pirohi Preparation Day for next Ethnic Dinner, 9:00 a.m.**
- **April 28th—Spring Cleanup and Maintenance Day at the Rectory**
- **May—Birthday Sunday is moving to the second (2nd) Sunday.**
- **May 5th—Holupki Preparation Day for next Ethnic Dinner, 9:00 a.m.**
- **May 18th—Ethnic Dinner**
- **May 26 is an All Souls Saturday**
- **June 16th--Tag Sale with Bake Sale.** Start collecting your items now and reserve a spot w/ Ann Merklely

Both Parishes

THE GREAT FAST- Abstinence and other penances are traditionally observed throughout the Great Fast. Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent are kept by Simple Abstinence from meat. On Good Friday strict fast and abstinence are required with no meat or dairy products consumed.

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 or Deacon 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.

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

Hon. James R. Schlesinger, Sean Brown, Stephen Brown, Anthony Kass Jr., Josephine Horvath, Inga Schmit, 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, Diana Hurtig, 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, Bobby Thomas, 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
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