

**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> <b>Mar 18</b>	9:45 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of the Fast; St. John Climacus Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) AND Adult Education: Byzantine Customs and Traditions: Liturgical, Spiritual & Cultural	Tone 7 Page 156 & Page 226
	11:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—For Health and God’s Blessings for Our Altar Servants	
<b>Mon</b> <b>Mar 19</b>	5:30 p.m.	Divine Liturgy—For Health and God’s Blessings for Dr. Robert Edmonds	
<b>Tue</b> <b>Mar 20</b>	5:30 p.m. Afterward	Divine Liturgy—For Health and God’s Blessings for Our Parish Family Decaf Coffee Group Discussions	
<b>Wed</b> <b>Mar 21</b>	5:30 p.m.	Divine Liturgy—For the Blessed Repose of Joseph Dufallo by John Rayno	
<b>Thu</b> <b>Mar 22</b>	5:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy —For Health and God’s Blessings for Daisy and Alfonso Quintans on their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Lolly Vinson Movie Matinee—“Little Women” in St. Phillip’s Hall	
<b>Fri</b> <b>Mar 23</b>		No Divine Liturgy—Please take time for Private Devotions	
<b>Sat</b> <b>Mar 24</b>		No Divine Liturgy—Please take time for Private Devotions	
<b>Sun</b> <b>Mar 25</b>	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of the Fast; Holy Mother Mary of Egypt AND Annunciation of the Theotokos Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) AND Adult Education: Byzantine Customs and Traditions: Liturgical, Spiritual & Cultural Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—For Health and God’s Blessings for Our Parish Family	Tone 8 Page 161 & Pages 230 & 325

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**Schedule of Services and Activities**

<b>Sun</b> <b>Mar 18</b>	8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of the Fast; St. John Climacus Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—For Health and God’s Blessings for Our Parish Family	Tone 7 Page 156 and Page 226
<b>Wed</b> <b>Mar 21</b>	6:30 p.m.	Prayer Service with Holy Communion—For Health and God’s Blessings for Our Parish Family	
<b>Sun</b> <b>Mar 25</b>	8:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of the Fast; Holy Mother Mary of Egypt AND Annunciation of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—For the Blessed Repose of Elmer Dorony by Jacki Basalla	Tone 8 Page 161 and Pages 230 & 325

Reader Joe is providing for your listening pleasure, **CDs of the seminarians from Slovakia in a traveling choir.** The CDs are located on the Religious Gifts table. Please take one home, listen and if interested in purchasing, see Reader Joe.

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## Ascension Parish News

### Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

Our thanks to all of you who volunteer!

	This Week (March 18)	Next Week (March 25)
Ushers	Morgan Kelly & Anna Baysura	Jeffrey Sotack & Laura Sotack
Lector	Don Merkley	Jeffrey Sotack
Hospitality	Mary Faith West	Lolly Vinson
Offertory Recorders	John Rayno & Don Merkley	Monica Ruscus & Ellen Postemski

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 11, 2012)

Offertory & Dues	\$1024.00
Candles	18.00
Easter Flowers	65.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1107.00</b>

**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/mo; Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship \$20.00/mo; Tetrapod \$22.00. ✧

### Recurring Events Reminders

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday—No meeting in March; Next meeting April 10<sup>rd</sup>—Ascension Parish Guild** in Office, **6:00 p.m.**

**Last Sunday—Mar 25<sup>th</sup>—Needlework Group** meets after Liturgy

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday—Apr 1<sup>st</sup>—Bring a Friend Sunday, Monthly Birthday Celebration**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Alternate Months—May 8<sup>th</sup>—Parish Advisory Board @ 7:00 p.m.; Skip July; Sep 11; Nov 13**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday—Apr 19<sup>th</sup>—6:00 p.m. Church opens for Private Devotions**

## Ascension Parish News Con't

+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.**

**Spring Cleanup and Maintenance Day at the Church—March 31<sup>st</sup>.** We need painters, landscapers and all around kibitzers. In order to plan for the day there will be a **sign up sheet in the back of the hall by the office** after liturgy. Please consider signing up and joining your parish friends with this important project. If you can't make it please consider a small contribution to offset the expense.

**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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>,** 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 14<sup>th</sup>—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 21<sup>st</sup>—Pirohi Preparation Day for next Ethnic Dinner, 9:00 a.m.**
- **April 28<sup>th</sup>—Spring Cleanup and Maintenance Day at the Rectory**
- **May—Birthday Sunday is moving to the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sunday.**
- **May 5<sup>th</sup>—Holupki Preparation Day for next Ethnic Dinner, 9:00 a.m.**
- **May 18<sup>th</sup>—Ethnic Dinner**
- **May 26 is an All Souls Saturday**
- **June 16<sup>th</sup>—Tag Sale with Bake Sale.** Start collecting your items now and reserve a spot w/ Ann Merkley

## **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.

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### **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.

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

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 Dumarán, Bobby Thomas, Isaac Pinon, Marty Felix, Fr. Ron Hatton, Michael Hatton

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**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.**

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**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  
Captain Jeremy Blascak  
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