

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

**Schedule of Services and Activities**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>Mar 4</b>  | <b>9:45 a.m.</b>  | <b>Second Sunday of the Great Fast; Bring a Friend Sunday</b>   | Tone 5<br>Page<br>146 &<br>Page<br>222 |
|                             | <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) AND Adult Education:<br/>Byzantine Customs and Traditions: Liturgical, Spiritual &amp;<br/>Cultural</b>                                  |  |
|                             | <b>Afterward</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—For Health and God’s Blessings<br/>for Our Parishioners with March Birthdays</b>   |  |
|                             |                   | <b>Lenten Potluck Luncheon</b>  |  |
| <b>Mon</b><br><b>Feb 5</b>  | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy—For Health and God’s Blessings for Tiffany<br/>Deierling and Larry Deierling by Lina Deierling</b>  |  |
| <b>Tue</b><br><b>Feb 6</b>  | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy—For the Blessed Repose of Leonard<br/>Gentempo by Christine Noonan</b>  |  |
|                             | <b>Afterward</b>  | <b>Coffee Group Discussions</b>   |  |
| <b>Wed</b><br><b>Feb 7</b>  | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy —For Health and God’s Blessings for the<br/>Kokinda Family by Eugene Kokinda</b>  |  |
| <b>Thu</b><br><b>Mar 8</b>  | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy —For Health and God’s Blessings for the<br/>Kokinda Family by Eugene Kokinda</b>  |  |
| <b>Fri</b><br><b>Mar 9</b>  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b>  |  |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>Mar 10</b> | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Third All Souls Saturday<br/>Divine Liturgy with Panachida—For the Blessed Repose of<br/>the Souls of Our Departed Parishioners and of Our<br/>Departed Family Members</b> | Pages<br>428 &<br>432                  |
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|                             |                   | <b>Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—For Health and God’s Blessings<br/>for the Lois K. Polansky Family by Lois K. Polansky</b>   |  |

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

### Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

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

|                     | This Week (March 4)          | Next Week (March 11)            |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ushers              | John Rayno & Anna Montgomery | Robert Linderman & Anna Baysura |
| Lector              | Anna Montgomery              | Patty Duttry                    |
| Hospitality         | June Mathews                 | Mary Ann Drumtra                |
| Offertory Recorders | Myron Kotyk & Monica 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, 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 (February 26, 2012)

|                         |                |  |
|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Offertory & Dues        | \$743.00       | Eastern Catholic Life Newspaper (ECL)—The parish is required to pay for a subscription for every household so a contribution put in the envelope helps offset the cost. (\$12.00 this week; \$309 YTD) |
| Candles                 | 128.00         |  |
| Easter Flowers          | 125.00         |  |
| Bldg & Improvement Fund | 35.00          |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>1031.00</b> |  |

THANK YOU!

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday—Mar 4<sup>th</sup>—Bring a Friend Sunday, Monthly Birthday Celebration

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Alternate Months— March 13<sup>th</sup>—Parish Advisory Board

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

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, 7:00 p.m.

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

## **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.

### **MONTHLY POTLUCK LUNCHEON—TODAY. PLEASE JOIN US.**

Many thanks to the Old Testament Grillers, who are back in action at this Sunday's Potluck taking BBQ to new heights. Today's menu; Byzantine Pulled Pork and Grilled Salmon!!! mmmmmmm

**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.**

**FISH** is running low on **Canned Meat & Fish, Baked Beans, Peanut Butter & Grape Jelly, Breakfast Cereal, Macaroni & Cheese, and Applesauce.**

### **NO ASCENSION PARISH GUILD MEETING IN MARCH.**

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING—Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Office**

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

**PUTTING ON THE NEW ROOF—**We have our new Roof! Our new roof should last around 30 years and comes with an improved ventilation system. It has also corrected several problems with flashing and old termite damage. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped out 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.**

**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 31<sup>st</sup>** to help with this project.

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

### **COMING EVENTS**

- **March 3, 10, 17 and May 26 are All Souls Saturdays**
- **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**
- **June 16<sup>th</sup>—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.

**DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT** is celebrated on Sundays during the Great Fast.

### **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](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  
Captain Jeremy Blascak  
Cmdr. Carol Burroughs, USN  
Col. USAF Ted Mathews, Jr.  
Lt. Col. Nadia Shockley, USAF  
Arizona: CMS June Ann Phillips  
Okinawa: LCPL Patrick Alexander, USMC  
Sgt. Randy Harrison, USMC  
Maj. James Osuna  
PFC Justin Long  
Mike Caraballo  
Peter Boroch  
Kuwait: David Fraley, USN  
SW Asia: Sgt. Rebekah Champouillon