

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

Schedule of Services and Activities


Sun Feb 3	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of Meatfare and the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna Eastern Christian Formation Class For Health and God's Blessings for Ryan Collins by Natalia Collins Blessing of Candles and Mirovanije	Tone 2 Page 130 And Page 217
Mon Feb 4		Take time for Private Devotions	
Tue Feb 5	5:30 p.m. Afterward 7:00 p.m.	For Health and God's Blessings for Fr. Ihor Tarasib Coffee Discussion Group Ascension Parish Guild Meeting in the Church Office	
Wed Feb 6	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	For Health and God's Blessings for Jerry Stand and all in the Shuter Family Spring Festival Planning Meeting in the Church Hall	
Thu Feb 7	5:30 p.m.	For Health and God's Blessings for all my friends	
Fri Feb 8		Take time for Private Devotions.	
Sat Feb 9		Take time for Private Devotions.	
Sun Feb 10	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of Cheesefare Eastern Christian Formation Class For Health and God's Blessings for Our Parish Family First Holy Communion for Michael and Cecelia Gioe	Tone 3 Page And Page

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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.

SPRING FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING will be held in the hall on **6 February at 7pm**. Please plan to come if you are a team leader i.e. kitchen, craft show, benefit, etc. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

ASCENSION SPRING FESTIVAL - Ascension will have a Spring Festival on Saturday, the **4th of May. Starting at 9am** and running until 8pm we will have crafter tables, sell ethnic food and other refreshments, conduct raffles and from 6pm-8pm have a **benefit concert** supporting the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

SPRING FESTIVAL RAFFLE 50/50 - Tickets for the Spring Festival 50/50 Raffle are on sale after Liturgy. Tickets are \$1 apiece. You get a free ticket for every \$5 worth of tickets bought. The drawing for the cash prize will be just before the benefit concert on 4 May. You do not have to be present to win; however, be sure to write your name and contact phone number on the back of each ticket so we can get in touch with the winner.

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 gets colder, new or gently used **mitten**s, **gloves**, **scarves**, **hats**, **ear muffs**, **socks**, and **other warm woolies** would be much appreciated.

HRAMOTY - In addition to their commemoration during each Divine Liturgy, the faithful departed are commemorated on certain Saturdays especially set aside as “Saturdays of the Departed Souls” or “Hramoty”. There are five souls days: (1) Saturday before Meat Fare Sunday (26 January); (2) Saturday before Second Sunday of Lent (**23 February**); (3) Saturday before Third Sunday of Lent (2 March); (4) Saturday before the Fourth Sunday of Lent (9 March); (5) Saturday before Pentecost (18 May). On these Saturdays, the Divine Liturgy is celebrated for all deceased faithful, followed by a Panachida for all the departed souls of the parish. During the short Panachida service for the departed souls, their names are read publicly from the diptychs or records in which the parish’s deceased are written down for commemoration. You will find in your envelopes, one dated January 13, 2013, along with a card where you can write the names of your departed loved ones which can be dropped in the collection basket and the names will be added to the diptych. (If you turned in a card last year, just add any family who have departed within the past year.)

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 February Birthdays!

Lan Radda	2 th
Mary Jean Sotack	2 th
N. Alexei Couch	8 th
Nadia Shockley	17 th
Paul Rittenhouse	23 rd
Eugene Vinson	27 th

Ascension Bookstore

Candles to have blessed for home use are available. Blessing of Candles Feb 3.

Study materials and worship aids are available.

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Prayer Intentions

For February

Sanctuary Lamp—The lamp burns for Health and God’s Blessings for Cpt. Jeremy Blascak by Joseph and Josephine Horvath.

Christ the Teacher—The candle burns unsponsored.

Theotokos & Child—The candle burns unsponsored.

Saint Nicholas—The candle burns for Health and God’s Blessings for James Conroy by Mary Sullivan.

Saint John the Baptizer—The candle burns for Health and God’s Blessings for Martin Conroy by Mary Sullivan..

Tetrapod—The candles burns unsponsored.

✠ 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:

Ron Radda, Anne Gallagher, Ronald Farrah, Mae Royall, Mike Hooley, Bruce Marcy, Fr. Bob, Michael Dunham, Lea Hrasky, 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 Dumaran, 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:	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 st Lt Peter Isajewicz, USMC
	Iraq:	Sgt. Randy Harrison, USMC Maj. James Osuna PFC Justin Long Mike Caraballo Peter Boroch
	SW Asia:	Sgt. Rebekah Champouillon

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers		
ଓଓଓଓ Our thanks to all of you who volunteer any day of the week! ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ		
	This Week (February 3)	Next Week (February 10)
Ushers	Jeffrey Sotack & Laura Sotack	Kathy Alexander & Morgan Kelly
Lector	Jeffrey Sotack	Mary Jean Sotack
Hospitality	June Mathews	Chris Noonan
Offertory Recorders	Monica Ruscus & Patty Duttry	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		
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 (January 27, 2013).		
Offertory & Dues	\$729.00	
Theophany	\$5.00	
Initial Offering	\$5.00	50/50 Spring Festival Raffle \$50.00 (total)
TOTAL	\$739.00	God loves a cheerful giver.
Recurring Events Reminders		
-Monthly Potluck	1 st Sun	Feb 3
-Bring a Friend Sunday	1 st Sun	Feb 3
-Ascension Parish Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Church Office	1 st Tue	Feb 5
-Birthday Celebration	2 nd Sun	Feb 10
-Parish Advisory Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Church Office (Alternate Months)	2 nd Tue	Mar 12
-St. Luke’s Icon Guild in St. Phillip’s Hall (3:00-6:00 Sunday, all day Mon/Tues)	3 rd Week	Feb 17-19
-Church is open for Private Devotions	3 rd Thu	Feb 21
-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	Feb 17
-Needlework Group Get Together after Liturgy	Last Sun	Feb 24
Information Regarding Sacraments and Sacramentals		
+Father Alex is available for the <i>Holy Mystery of Reconciliation</i> before Divine Liturgy on Sundays (10:00 a.m.) or ½ hour before weekday liturgies. By appointment as well.		
+Receiving the <i>Mystery of Holy Eucharist</i> : 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.		
+ <i>Mirovanja</i> is a sacramental blessing with holy oil, which is applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross by the priest while proclaiming the appropriate greeting of the season. Proclaim the appropriate response and then receive a piece of blessed, leavened bread. Greetings and responses include: Christ is among us!/He is and He shall be!; Christ is Born!/Glorify Him!; Christ is Baptized!/In the Jordan!; Christ is Risen!/Indeed He is Risen!; Glory to Jesus Christ!/Glory Forever!		

