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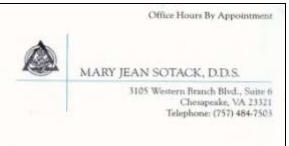
# Schedule of Services and Activities

Sun Feb 3		Sunday of Meatfare and the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna	Tone 2 Page 130
1003	9:45 a.m.	Eastern Christian Formation Class	And
	9.45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	For Health and God's Blessings for Ryan Collins by Natalia	Page 217
	11.00 u.m.	Collins	ruge 21/
		Blessing of Candles and Mirovanije	
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Mon Feb 4		Take time for Private Devotions	
Tue	5:30 p.m.	For Health and God's Blessings for Fr. Ihor Tarasib	
Feb 5	Afterward	Coffee Discussion Group	
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Parish Guild Meeting in the Church Office	
Wed	5:30 p.m.	For Health and God's Blessings for Jerry Stand and all in the	
Feb 6		Shuter Family	
	7:00 p.m.	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		Sunday of Cheesefare	Tone 3
Feb 10	9:45 a.m.	Eastern Christian Formation Class	Page
	11:00 a.m.	For Health and God's Blessings for Our Parish Family	And
		First Holy Communion for Michael and Cecelia Gioe	Page

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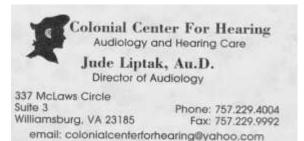












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#### **Ascension Parish News**

+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 mittens, 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	4 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Jean Sotack	4 <sup>th</sup>
N. Alexei Couch	$8^{ ext{th}}$
Nadia Shockley	17 <sup>th</sup>
Paul Rittenhouse	23°
Eugene Vinson	$27^{\mathrm{th}}$

# **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 <a href="mailto:pmduttry@gmail.com">pmduttry@gmail.com</a> 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:	

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

<u>Iraq:</u> Sgt. Randy Harrison, USMC

Maj. James Osuna PFC Justin Long Mike Caraballo Peter Boroch

SW Asia: Sgt. Rebekah Champouillon

#### **Schedule for Sunday Volunteers**

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

This Week (February 3)

Next Week (February 10)

Ushers Jeffrey Sotack & Laura Sotack Kathy Alexander & Morgan Kelly Lector Jeffrey Sotack Mary Jean Sotack

Jeffrey Sotack
June Mathews

Mary Jean Sotack
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)

Hospitality

TOTAL \$739.00 God loves a cheerful giver.

**Recurring Events Reminders** 

-Monthly Potluck	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Feb 3
-Bring a Friend Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Feb 3
-Ascension Parish Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Church Office	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Feb 5
-Birthday Celebration	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	Feb 10
-Parish Advisory Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Church Office (Alternate Months)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Mar 12
-St. Luke's Icon Guild in St. Phillip's Hall (3:00-6:00 Sunday, all day Mon/Tues)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Feb 1 <del>7</del> -19
-Church is open for Private Devotions	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Feb 21
-FISH Collection of non-perishable food, clothing and household goods for.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	Feb 17
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.		
-Needlework Group Get Together after Liturgy	Last Sun	Feb 24

## **Information Regarding Sacraments and Sacramentals**

+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.
- +*Mirovanja* 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!