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Sun Feb 21	<p>9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Afterwards 1:30 p.m. 3-6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>SECOND SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST Hebrews 1:10-2-3 Mark 2:1-12 Eastern Catholic Formation classes + For the blessed repose of the souls of + ELVIRA AND ANTHONY DEGASPARI requested by the Kelly family Second Hramoty and then Hospitality Bowling at the AMF Lanes in Williamsburg St. Luke's Icon Guild</p>	<p><i>Festal Tone 6 Pg 152 & 183</i></p>
Mon Feb 22	<p>9:00-6:00</p>	<p>St. Luke's Icon Guild</p>	
Tues Feb 23	<p>9:00-6:00 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>St. Luke's Icon Guild + For the blessed repose of the soul of + NEIL PRINCE requested by Josephine and Joseph Horvath</p>	
Wed Feb 24	<p>9:00 a.m. Afterwards</p>	<p>+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + BILL KELLY requested by Ann, Morgan and Kevin Kelly Coffee Hour Discussion Group 2 Corinthians 4:6-15</p>	
Thu Feb 25	<p>9:00 a.m. Afterwards</p>	<p>+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + TED MATHEWS requested by June Mathews Recitation of the Holy Rosary in church</p>	
Fri Feb 26	<p>5:30 p.m. Afterwards</p>	<p>LITURGY of the PRESANCIFIED GIFTS Health and God's blessing for the BELINE, KOKINDA, MAYZA, MUCHEN, POLANSKY FAMILIES requested by Martha Ann Kokinda Meatless Lenten Supper by Chris Noonan & Patty Duttry</p>	
Sun Feb 28	<p>9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Afterwards</p>	<p>THIRD SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST and VENERATION OF THE CROSS Hebrews 4:14-5-6 Mark 8:34-9:1 Eastern Catholic Formation classes + For the blessed repose of the soul of + BILL FOLEY requested by Monica Ruscus Third Hramoty, Mirovanja and then Hospitality</p>	<p><i>Festal Tone 7 Pg 156 & 186</i></p>


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Ascension parish has a monthly mortgage payment of \$656.05 based on a \$95,000 loan at 3% interest for 15 years. Your monthly pledge/contribution will help us plan ahead. Mortgage envelopes are in the vestibule rack.

The **Men's Club** will pay the bowling fees for any of the **parish children** who would like to go bowling **TODAY** at **Williamsburg Lanes** on Olde Towne Road after Liturgy. Adults are encouraged to come along to cheer them on or try your skill at bowling too.

Their Coming Back!!! **THE OLD TESTAMENT GRILLERS** will open the season on Sunday, March 6 with **TURKEY** and **SALMON**. Please remember the OTG's can only prepare what is donated to the Grill.

Donations can take the form of a main course item or a monetary donation for purchasing the main course. If you have a turkey or turkey breast in your freeze and would like to share, please bring it in next Sunday 28 February for thawing and preparation. Let **Mike Olson** know what you donate. Don't forget we will need side dishes: salads, relishes, rolls, potatoes, desserts of all kinds

Thank you **MARY OLSON** for organizing and coordinating the Pastor Beth Moore **BREATH** Bible Study on the Holy Spirit. Thank you to everyone who attended these inspiring sessions.

A seven (7) week session by Priscilla Shirer on **GIDEON: Your Weakness, God's Strength** will begin **March 31**. No class will be held on Ascension Thursday, May 5. Workbooks (approximately \$13.00) will be needed for the first evening and can be purchased at Lifeway Chrisitan Book (757-833-7493) store in the Jefferson Commons Mall, on Jefferson Avenue/Route 143 in Newport News. The bookstore is across from Kohl's Dept. Store. Jefferson Commons is across 143 from Red Lobster and Olive Garden. More information on context of the study will be in next weeks bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday February 26-Liturgy of the Presanctfied Gifts 5:30 p.m. A meatless Lenten meal follows

Sunday-February 28- 3rd Hramoty Sunday, Mirovanja

Tuesday March 1-Ladies Guild Social meeting at 6 p.m. @ Olive Garden

Friday March 4-Outreach Committee meeting 11:30 a.m. @ Capitol Pancake House

Friday March 4- Liturgy of the Presanctfied Gifts 5:30 p.m. A meatless Lenten meal follows

Sunday March 6-The Old Testament Grillers return for the season – **TURKEY & SALMON**

Tuesday March 8-Parish Advisory Board meeting 7 p.m. St. Philip's Hall

Friday March 11- Liturgy of the Presanctfied Gifts 5:30 p.m. A meatless Lenten meal follows

SATURDAY - MARCH 12 Changing of the clocks ~~~ SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR~~~

Sunday thru Tuesday-March 13-15-St. Luke's Icon Guild

Tuesday March 15- Men's Club meeting 7 p.m. St. Philip's Hall

Thursday March 17-Baking Kolachy in St. Philip's Hall

Friday March 18-Wrapping palms and pussywillow-time to be announced

Friday March 18- Liturgy of the Presanctfied Gifts 5:30 p.m. A meatless Lenten meal follows

Saturday March 26-Vigil at the Grave/Tomb in church. More information to follow.

Thursday March 31-Ladies Bible Study 6 p.m. **GIDEON:Your Weakness, God’s Strength**

Trustees: Myron Kotyk, Don Merkley, Monica M. Ruscus

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

☞☞☞ Our thanks to all of you who volunteer any day of the week! ☛☛☛		
	This Week (Feb 21)	Next Week (Feb 28)
Ushers	Bob Linderman	Morgan Kelly & Anna Baysura
Lector	Patty Duttry	Don Merkley
Hospitality	Ann Kelly	Chris Noonan
Offertory Recorders	Chris Noonan & Patty Duttry	Jeffrey Sotack & Monica Ruscus

Thank you for your contributions (Feb 14, 2016)

Offertory Recorders are reminded to complete an Operating Account (...401) deposit slip to be included in the Bank Bag. Thank you

Offertory/Monthly Dues	\$1,933.00	• Mortgage donation envelopes are available in the entry hall magazine rack.
Candles	31.00	
ECL	12.00	
Initial Offering	6.00	
Easter Flowers	50.00	• \$225 Mortgage donations this week.
Fuel	<u>25.00</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$2,057.00</u>	MORTGAGE contributions to date: \$44,856.05

God loves a cheerful giver. St. Paul

Recurring Events Reminders

ROSARY will be said in church after Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.	Thursday	Weekly
POT LUCK Luncheon and Bring-A-Friend Sunday	1st Sun	Mar 6
LADIES GUILD informal meeting at 6 p.m. at Olive Garden Restaurant	1st Tue	Mar 1
OUTREACH meeting @ 11:30 a.m.@ Capital Pancake House (Alternate months)	1st Fri	Mar 4
ADVISORY BOARD meeting in St. Philip’s Hall at 7 p.m. (Alternate months)	2nd Tue	Mar 8
F*I*S*H: Non-perishable foods, cleaning & household products, clothing, etc.	2nd Sun	Mar 13
MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST SANDWICHES after Liturgy (Alternate months)	3rd Sun	Apr 17
MEN’S CLUB meeting St. Philip’s Hall at 7:00 p.m. (Alternate months)	3rd Tue	Mar 15
ST. LUKE’S ICON GUILD in St. Philip’s Hall (3:00-6:00 Sunday, all day Mon & Tue)	3rd week	Mar 13-15

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 a half 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!

Prayer Intentions for FEBRUARY

Sanctuary Lamp—The lamp is burning for the blessed repose of the soul of + **Patrick Conroy** requested by Mary Sullivan

Christ the Teacher—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for **Annette Bednar** requested by Monica Ruscus

Theotokos & Child—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for **Kyra Noonan** requested by Christine Noonan

Saint Nicholas—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for **Justin Blascak** requested by Josephine and Joseph Horvath

Saint John the Baptizer—The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for **John Blascak** requested by Josephine and Joseph Horvath

Tetrapod—The candles burn for health and God’s blessing for **Joseph Horvath** requested by Josephine Horvath

Protection of the Theotokos—The candles burn for blessed repose of the soul of + **Elvira DeGaspari** requested by Ann, Morgan and Kevin Kelly

ICON CANDLE REQUEST cards are in magazine rack. ✂ Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship is filled for 2016✂
✂ Icon sponsorship is \$11.00/month; Tetrapod and Protection of the Theotokos \$22.00/month

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill and/or infirmed or in need of prayers: Margaret Moore, Tom Hoffmier, Bobby Haring, Steve Guethe, Ron Spoerl, Fran & John Wullert, Tony Kass, Col. Ted Mathews, Jr., Mary Edmonds, Rene Espinoza, Linda Farley, Kathleen Park, Larry Vaughan, Ed Scott, Karen Pfeifer, Kathy Alexander, Myron Kotyk, Ray and Pamela Williams, Samuel Lee, Evanlyn Kirby, Peter & Hope Van Alstine, Kathleen Stangas, Mary Lou & Annette Bednar, Larry & Mary Ann Drumtra, Keith Cooper, Tim Culpepper, Amelia Schmidt, Jessica Hill, Mary T. Sullivan, Joan Griffin, Sandy Acker, Jason Haag, Monica Ruscus, Janie Young, Brian Hurtig, Don Merkley, Ron Radda, Fr. Bob Chope, Patty & Michael Dunham, Josephine, Joseph & Courtney Horvath, Audrey Bill, Merle Phillips, Robert Sotack, Prof. John A. Williams.

If you or someone you know is **sick or in need of prayers**, please contact Monica Ruscus at 259-5890 or email out2sea@reagan.com to add or remove names from this prayer list.

Pray for our Military and their Leaders

Lord, please hold our troops in Your loving Hands, especially when they are in harm’s way. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our country’s time of need. Amen.

Lt. Cmdr. Alexander Kaczur, USN
Captain Jeremy Blascak, USA
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- 4 Angela Bross, DVM**
- 4 Mary Jean Sotack, DDS**
- 6 Julian Picconi**
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- 9 Greg Pula**
- 9 Joshua Selassie**
- 16 Don Merkley**
- 17 Nadiya Shockley**
- 17 Mike Olson**
- 27 Andrew Baysura**
- 28 Aurelia (Ella) Ferriss**