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Sun Jan 10		**SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY** ***Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17***	*Festal Tone 8 Pg 161 & 311*
	11:00 am	Health and God's blessing for **Adithia Kusno** requested by Betty Mae Hertz	
	Afterwards	**Mirovanja –a sacramental blessing with Holy Oil Hospitality**	
Tue Jan12	**9:00 a.m.**	For the blessed repose of the soul of + **Donald Noonan** requested by Christine Noonan	
	Afterwards	**Coffee Hour Discussion Group *1 Peter 3:10-22***	
	7:00 p.m.	**Parish Advisory Council meeting in St Philip's Hall**	
Wed Jan 13	**9:00 a.m.**	For the blessed repose of the soul of + **Mary Ann Muscara** requested by Josephine & Joseph Horvath	
Thu Jan 14	**9:00 a.m.**	+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + **John Ruscus** requested by cousin Elizabeth Ruscus Marino	
	Afterward	**Recitation of the Holy Rosary**	
	6:00 p.m.	**Bible Study in St. Philip's Hall**	
Sun Jan 17		**SUNDAY of the PUBLICAN and PHARISEE** ***2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14***	*Festal Tone 1 Pg 125 & 215*
	9:45 a.m.	**Eastern Catholic Formation classes**	
	11:00 a.m.	+ For the blessed repose of the soul of + **Nastia Slawuta** requested by June Matthews	
	Afterwards	**Hospitality**	
	3:00-6:00	Men's Club **Breakfast sandwiches** for sale **St. Luke's Icon Guild**	

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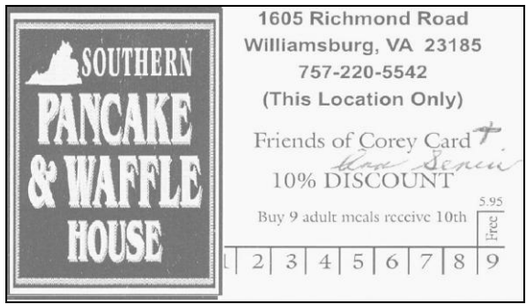

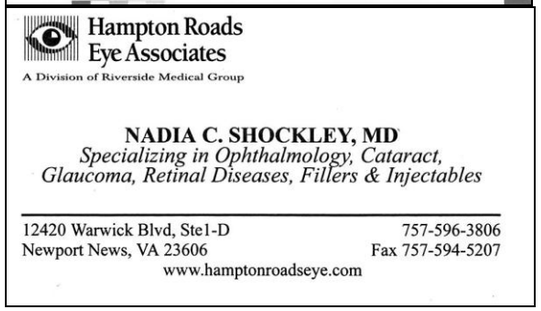

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Ascension parish has a monthly mortgage payment of $656.05 based on a $95,000 loan at 3% interest for 15 years. Your monthly pledge/contribution will help us plan ahead. Mortgage envelopes are in the vestibule rack.

2016 CALENDARS AND SUNDAY ENVELOPES are available for you to pick up and take home. They are in St. Philip's Hall.

HRAMOTY- 5 All Souls days. If you wish to remember in prayer your departed loved one, please use the appropriate envelope in the offertory envelope folder. This is the time to update your family listing too. Place the completed card and your offering in the envelope and drop in the Sunday collection basket. Please include YOUR name on the top of the card. The first All Souls Hramoty will be on Sunday, January 31.

The first Bible study based on Pastor Beth Moore's "Breath" was well attended. The six sessions will examine the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Its title is drawn from the words of John 20:22, when Jesus ***"breathe on them and said 'Receive the Holy Spirit'".*** You can join in the study any Thursday at 6 p.m. The workbook will be available for purchase at $12 each. This bible study is open to any female in the parish as well as in the community. Please contact Mary mmfamily_2013@yahoo.com or phone Mary at 757-345-8868 with any questions.

HALUPKI OLYMPICS: Contestants will submit their halupki on Sunday 7 February for the "Halupki Olympics". Each contestant will be judged for taste, meat to rice ratio and presentation. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Please see **Dr. Mary Jean Sotack** for rules and details. You can join in either capacity, as a CONTESTANT or JUDGE. Those who do not want to be a contestant are encouraged to bring a side dish that will pair well with Halupki. Remember, this is the Sunday before the Great Lenten Fast. Join the food fun and enjoy the good food on the first Sunday in February.

The OTG's are still resting and this event take's the place of the monthly Pot Luck. They'll be back in March.

UPCOMPING EVENTS:

Sunday January 17-Men's Club **Breakfast sandwiches** for sale
Tuesday January 19-Men's Club meeting at 7 p.m. in St. Philip's Hall
Thursday January 21-BIBLE STUDY, coordinator Mary Olson 6 p.m. St. Philip's Hall
Thursday January 28- BIBLE STUDY, coordinator Mary Olson 6 p.m. St. Philip's Hall

Tuesday February 2 – Ladies Guild meeting at 7 p.m. in Conference Room
Thursday February 4- BIBLE STUDY, coordinator Mary Olson 6 p.m. St. Philip's Hall
Sunday February 7- Halupki Olympics after Liturgy in St. Philip's Hall
Thursday February 11- Final session BIBLE STUDY 6 p.m. St. Philip's Hall

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers

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

	This Week (Jan 10)	Next Week (Jan 17)
Ushers	Margaret Moore & Bob Linderman	Morgan Kelly & Anna Baysura
Lector	Patty Duttry	Don Merkley
Hospitality	Maureen Baysura	Donna Ross
Offertory Recorders	Myron Kotyk & Don Merkley	

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

Trustees: Lee Alexander, Robert Linderman, Myron Kotyk

Property Maintenance: Lee Alexander, Don Merkley, Tom McGraw **Finances**: Jeffrey Sotack, Don Merkley **Financial Secretary**: Patty Duttry; Assistant: Don Merkley **Parish Secretary**: Monica Ruscus; Assistants: Ann Kelly, Chris Noonan; **Sanctuary Supplies**: Betty Mae Hertz

If you would like to become involved as a volunteer in any area, just ask a Trustee.

Thank you for your contributions (Jan 3, 2016).

Offertory/Monthly Dues	$1,540.00
Candles	14.96
Christmas	225.00
Circumcision	25.00
Theophany	5.00
Initial Offering	44.00
TOTAL	**$1,853.96**

- Mortgage donation envelopes are available in the entry hall magazine rack.
- $100 Mortgage donations this week.

MORTGAGE contributions to date: $44,081.05

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**	**March 6**
LADIES GUILD meeting at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room	**1st Tue**	**Feb 2**
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**	**Jan 17**
MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST SANDWICHES after Liturgy ***(Alternate months)***	**3rd Sun**	**Jan 17**
MEN'S CLUB meeting St. Philip's Hall at 7:00 p.m. ***(Alternate months)***	**3rd Tue**	**Jan 19**
ST. LUKE'S ICON GUILD in St. Philip's Hall (3:00-6:00 Sunday, all day Mon & Tue)	**3rd week**	**Jan 17-19**

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 JANUARY

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 **Justin Blascak** requested by Josephine and Joseph Horvath

Theotokos & Child—The candle burns for health and God's blessing for **Ted Mathews Jr**. requested by June Mathews

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

Saint John the Baptizer—The candle burns for health and God's blessing for **Walt Kasica** requested by Monica Ruscus

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

Protection of the Theotokos—The candles burn for health and God's blessing for **Lucy Rowe**

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✠ 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: Bobby Haring, Jo Ann Darling, Reader Joe Bernard, Steve Guethe, Ron Spoerl, Fran & John Wullert, Annette Bednar, 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, Helen Luecke, Peter & Hope Van Alstine, Kathleen Stangas, Mary Lou 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.
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.

Lt. Cmdr. Alexander Kaczur, USN
Captain Jeremy Blascak, USA
Cmdr. Carol Burroughs, USN
Col. Ted Mathews Jr., USAF
MSgt Donald Allen, USAF
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Happy JANUARY Birthday

5 Joseph Horvath

6 Sharon Guethe

23 Lee Alexander

27 Ron Radda

30 Joan Ruszkowski