

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

We are only allowing **between 22 and 44** people in Church and **44** people
in Church Hall

SUN APR 4 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - PASCHA

Acts 1:1-8 Jn 1:1-17

- 10:00 MATINS OF THE RESURRECTION
11:00 Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners
Afterward Blessing of EASTER baskets
BRIGHT WEEK

Bright Mon Apr 5 8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and
HGB Betta Labanish by Fr. Alex

Bright Tus Apr 6 4:15 -6:00pm Office hours in Church (Fr. Alex)
8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and
+ Bill Kelly by Ann Kelly

Bright Wed Apr 7 8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and
+ Hnat Stefaniv by Ory Stefaniv
Afterward Moleben to the Theotokos -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country

Britght Thu Apr 8 8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and
HGB James Kokinda(wellbeing) by Eugene Kokinda
After Short Bible Reflection
6:00pm "ROSARY" Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and
all serious illnesses by Men's Club

SUN APR 11 THOMAS SUNDAY

Acts 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31

- 9:30 BIBLE STUDY, led by Mike Bracelin
11:00 Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners
+ Richard Falke by Hahn Falke
Afterward Hospitality

God bless America!!!

Prayer to Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here:
ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

On March 23,2021, John Labanish (the Late Husband of Betta Labanish) received posthumously the James City County Historical Commission Preservation Award. John served for two terms as chairperson of the Historical Commission and also facilitated the publication of "A History of James City County." He was specifically honored for his many years of dedicated service and contribution to the organization, development and on-going relocation/restoration of the Norge Depot Museum in Norge, Virginia.

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Happy APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd William Fetsko; 3rd Adriana Shockley;
5th Anya Bobrinskaya Hunter; 22nd Jim Hoolan
22nd Aurora DaQuilanea; 24th Nadia Hunter
28th Betta Labanish; 28th Oksana Makowiec

FINANCIALS Mar. 28, 2021

Total Contributions: Monthly Dues -155.00 Offertory -775.00 Candles -145. 00
Annunciation - 40.00

IN - \$ 1,115. 00; OUT— \$ 656. 34

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BIBLE STUDY

1. The Liturgical Bible Study ministry surveying the weekly readings, led by Michael Bracelin, will resume starting March 21st at 9:30 am in the Hall. All are welcome to participate as one is able. Simply bring yourself and a bible if you have one!
2. Beginning later this Spring we will launch a new bible study following the Adventure Bible Series created by Ascension Press. It will take place during a weekday on a manageable semi-monthly basis. We hope to offer food, community, and of course an easy to understand exploration of the Holy Scriptures! If interested please contact Michael Bracelin (michael.bracelin@gmail.com) or Dr. Mike Lechman (maclech@aol.com) via email or at Church.

If you are interested in attending a bi-weekly Bible study that takes place during a weekday late afternoon/evening, which teaches you how to understand the “grand story of the Bible,” please find out more by finding Dr. Mike Lechman or Mike Bracelin at church on Sunday, or email us at [Michael.bracelin@gmail.com](mailto:michael.bracelin@gmail.com).

We have several faithful from Ascension who are in need of special prayer. Some of those who need special prayer are:
Ann Harmeyer, Chris Janke, Mary Grace Dorsey, Adithia and Sasha Kusno, Patrick Cook, Betta Labanish, Betty May Hertz
Thank you. Fr. Alex

Are you aware of any organization or church that is selling used church pews? Desired length 12 feet. If so, please speak to Thomas (Tom) McGraw.tel: (804) 932-8098

EASTER BRINGS FUN, EASTER BRINGS HAPPINESS, EASTER BRINGS GOD'S ENDLESS BLESSINGS, EASTER BRINGS LOVE AND THE FRESHNESS OF SPRING. HAPPY EASTER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!
FR. ALEX

Candles for April:
Sanctuary...HGB Margan Family...Requested by Katarina Margan
Tetrapod...HGB Our Parish Family
Theotokos & Child... HGB Morgan and Kevin Kelly...Requested by Ann Kelly
Christ Teacher...HGB Patrick Alexander & Family Requested by Lee & Kathy Alexander
John Baptist...HGB John Alexander Requested by Lee & Kathy Alexander
St Nicholas...For Our Parish
Protection of the Theotokos...Helen & Merrill LeBlanc by Peter & Lisa Margan

Dear God, I pray that Your divine guidance will lead me in such a way that I too, will be able to experience the Spirit's gracious touch upon my life. Amen.

"Without the fire of the Spirit, the prophecies are extinguished, sorrow supplants joy, routine substitutes love... The image of the lighted lamp next to the Tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved, comes to mind. Even when the church empties and evening falls, even when the church is closed, that lamp remains lit, and continues to burn; no one sees it, yet it burns before the Lord. This is how the Spirit, in our heart, is always present like that lamp."

Pope Francis

“It isn’t over till it’s over.” Yogi Berra.

Whenever you’re in need of a lift and a smile. Look up the quotes of Yogi Berra. Nobody used words the way he did. Yogi was arguably the best catcher in the history of major league baseball. He went on to have a colorful and successful managing career. Anyway, Yogi was the manager of the last place 1973 Mets. Their starting lineup was battered with injuries and they could not find their way to first base. After a particularly bad loss, Yogi was asked if the team’s season was over. He replied in one simple sentence, “It ain’t over till it’s over.” Well, you know, Yogi was right. Late in the season, the Mets came back strong, and took the National League Pennant from my Reds.

While it’s not the most beautiful segue, Yogi’s statement summarizes Easter perfectly. Just when the Jewish Sanhedrin thought they had rid themselves of Jesus, just when Roman authorities thought they had put to rest a possible insurrection, just when Satan thought he was on the cusp of defeating God’s plan of salvation on Good Friday; Easter comes, and with it the Resurrection of our Lord. Christ conquered death. The promise of Adam was renewed through our Savior Jesus Christ.

The Resurrection is Christ’s victory over death. A victory we all share in. The news gets better. For in His life, passion and resurrection Jesus corrected the two great lies Satan told Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Think about it. Satan lied when he said that if you eat the forbidden fruit, “You shall not die.” He also lied by saying that eating the forbidden fruit would make Adam and Eve “like God”.

Jesus, the New Adam, corrected the lies of the great deceiver. Read the gospel of John (6:47-59). The body and blood of Jesus is the true fruit. He who eats this fruit will have eternal life, and we shall abide in Christ and Christ will abide in us. Jesus corrects the lies of Satan made in Genesis.

We see this referenced in another way again in John 15:1-11, in the story of the vine and branches. We are taught to remain in the vine that is Jesus Christ and bear fruit for the glory of God. Those who do not abide in Christ are cast off to wither and die. There is no life apart from Christ.

With Christ’s Resurrection, Satan’s defeat is complete. He rages against us, seeking to cull out the weak. He prowls the earth like a lion seeking to instill fear and doubt, to bring darkness to our lives, but the light of the truth obliterates his lies. Satan knows he is utterly defeated. Out of his pride comes bitterness, hatred and jealousy. He seeks to take as many souls away from God as he can. As long as we remain part of the vine of Jesus we are saved. Only those who separate themselves from the vine, succumb to Satan’s lies.

We have the Cross, and we have the Resurrection. Christ won!
Love Dad

"Today too, many people, often without saying so, implicitly would like to "see Jesus", to meet him, to know him... We too must respond with the witness of a life that is given in service, a life that takes upon itself the style of God – closeness, compassion and tenderness – and is given in service. It means sowing seeds of love, not with fleeting words but through concrete, simple and courageous examples, not with theoretical condemnations, but with gestures of love."

Pope Francis

"As with the Our Father, after the praise we add the supplication: we ask that Mary pray for us sinners, that she might intercede with her tenderness, "now and at the hour of our death." Now, in the concrete situations of life, and in the final moment, so that she might accompany us – as Mother, as the first disciple – in our passage to eternal life... Mary is always present at the bedside of her children when they depart this world. If someone is alone and abandoned, she is Mother, she is there, near, as she was next to her Son when everyone else abandoned him."

Pope Francis

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked
Nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
But delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree
planted near running water,
That yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so, the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Messiah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 23

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

We Would Welcome Some Helping Hands to Keep Our Church Clean and Disinfected. Due to Covid 19 We Still Need to Clean the Church Before and After Every Liturgy. If You Would Like More Information, or If You Can Help, especially on a Monday or Wednesday, Please Speak with Kathy Alexander (566-8637) or Linda Lechman (714-3515).

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO DONATED SUPPLIES FOR CLEANING OF CHURCH. FROM LINDA AND KATHY, THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH.