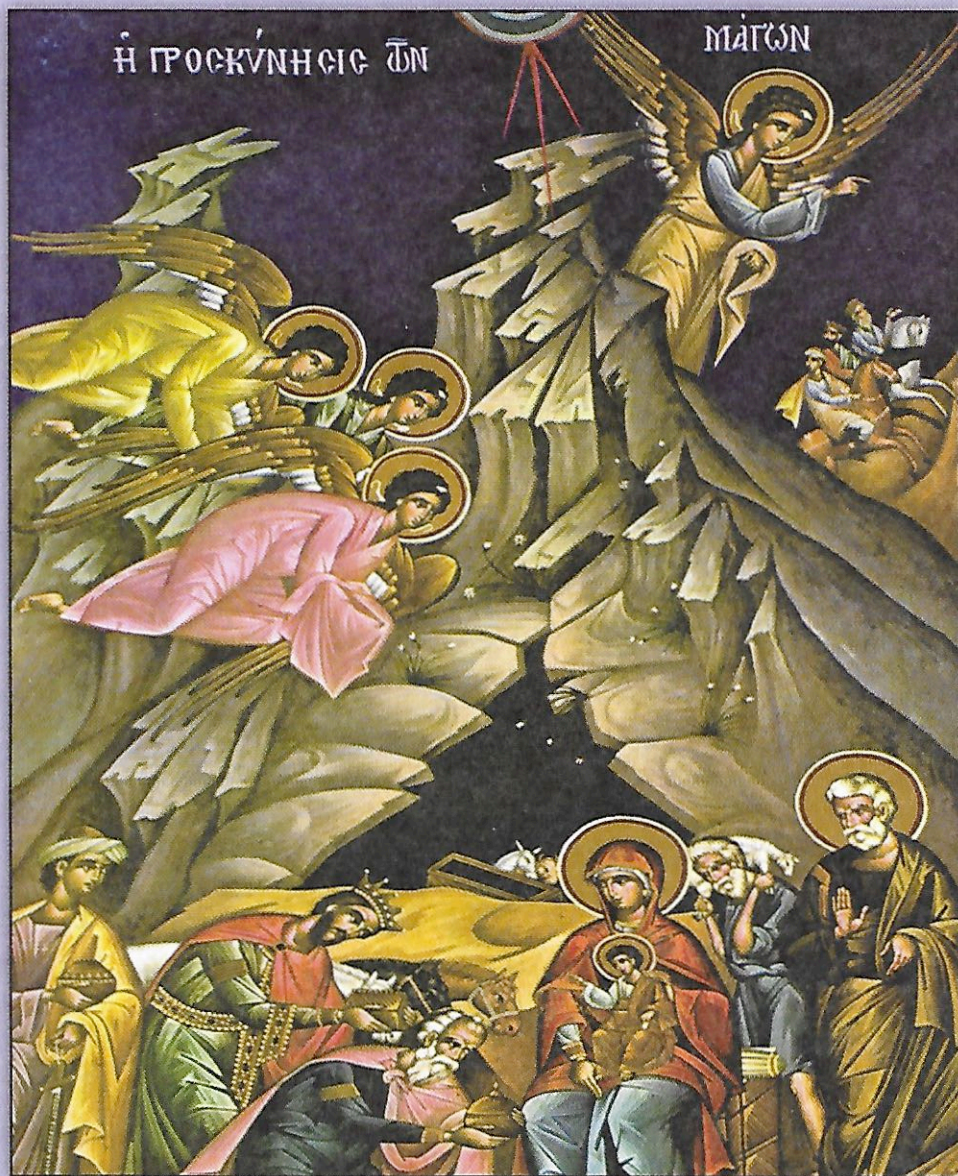


SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE KING,
JAMES THE BROTHER



Icon of the Visit of the Magi

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE

- SUN DEC 26 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES**
Gal 1:11-19 & Heb 2: 11-18 Mt 2:13-23 Tone 6 10:40 3rd Hour reading
11:00 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and + Gloria Hertz by Betty May Hertz
After - Hospitality
- Tue Dec 28 8: 30am For Our Parishioners and + Dr. Anna R. Labriola by Dr. Jeffery G Sotack
- Wed Dec 29 8:30am For Our Parishioners and + John Labanish by Fr. Betta Labanish
MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
- Thu Dec 30 8:30am For Our Parishioners and + Lidiia Havrilenko by Volodymir Havrilenko
After - Bible Study
- 6:00pm - ROSARY - Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club

I WISH YOU HAPPY 2022

- SUN JAN 2 SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**
2 Tim 4:5-8 Mk 1:1-8 Tone 7 10:40 3rd Hour reading
11:00 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners and + Mary Ann Hertz Muscara by Betty May Hertz
After - Hospitality

TO THOSE WE LOVE AND SEE EACH DAY AND OTHER
LOVED ONES FAR AWAY, TO ALL GOOD FRIENDS WHO
MEAN SO MUCH AND THOSE WITH WHOM WE'RE OUT
OF TOUCH... WISHING YOU EVERY HAPPINESS THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE COMING
2022 YEAR. FR. ALEX

MAY GOD GRANT YOU ALWAYS A SUNBEAM TO WARM YOU, A MOONBEAM TO CHARM YOU, A SHELTERING ANGEL SO NOTHING CAN HARM YOU. LAUGHTER TO CHEER YOU, FAITHFUL FRIENDS NEAR YOU, AND WHENEVER YOU PRAY HEAVEN TO HEAR YOU. (An Irish blessing)

If you are interested in being an Usher, Greeter, or helping with Security please contact Mike Olson at mikeo23608@gmail.com.

If you are interested in serving the church by leading 3rd Hour before Divine Liturgy please email Michael Bracelin at Michael.bracelin@gmail.com

Candles for DECEMBER:

Sanctuary...HGB Margan Family...by Katarina Margan
Tetrapod...HGB Joel Hampton & Family by Elaine & Joe Hampton
Theotokos & Child...HGB Michael Noonan by Christine Noonan
Christ Teacher...HGB Patrick Alexander & Family...by Lee & Kathy Alexander
John Baptist...HGB Olson Family...by Lee & Kathy Alexander
St Nicholas... HGB Merly and Teresa Phillips...by Mary Ann Drumtra
Protection Theotokos... HGB Morgan and Kevin Kelly by Ann Kelly

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, Ben Pawers, Betta Labanish, Betty May Hertz, Emma Bernier, Thank you. Fr. Alex

FINANCIALS, Dec 19

Monthly Dues -25.00; Offertory - 2,218.00; Candles-102.00; Fuel -0.00;
Flowers- Christmas - 120.00; In -2,950.97; Out -320.0

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Did you miss the Bible Study this Fall, but you want to still participate? It's not too late! The Bible Study will restart on Tuesday January 18th at 4:30 pm and we will do a complete review of everything we learned in Fall. Please join us for great food and a wonderful conversation-based journey through Scripture! See Dr. Michael Lechman and Michael Bracelin for questions.

Youth faith formation please contact Sasha Kusno at sashaeckstein@gmail.com (4th grade and up).

9+:15 am Sunday, January 9. Students and parents are encouraged to sit with catechists at potlucks when possible to stay connected and up-to-date. Families may also contact Sasha Kusno at 660-287-1003 or sashaeckstein@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions. Parents are also welcome at monthly catechist meetings.

We also ask parents to pray for the fruit of their student's learning, especially during class time.

Catechist Meetings: Sunday, December 19; 1 pm Sunday, January 16; 1 pm Sunday, February 20; 1 pm Sunday, March 20

Children's faith formation will follow the COVID precautions in place at the parish. Any person experiencing symptoms, under quarantine due to an exposure, or in isolation is asked to remain home out of charity for others. Make-up catechesis sessions are available on request in person or through Zoom. We look forward to learning, praying, and worshipping together!

Attention Advisory Board, Security Team, Ushers, and Church Volunteers: Catholic Mutual (our insurance company) has developed on line training courses. Please see Mrs. Linda Lechman for information on how to access these training courses.

To be a Saint - Enter the New Year with God.

It has always amazed me how fast the Christmas season passes. After weeks of Advent preparation, we seemingly blow through the nativity, into the feast days of the Circumcision and Theophany (Epiphany) and the next thing we know, we are in the pre-Lenten season. Rush, rush, rush; why the hurry? Ah well, there are many reasons for the liturgical timing, and it benefits us little to ponder them. The key is to focus on the moment, and find fruit there.

Man has always attached great importance to the start of a New Year. No matter what culture, there is a sense of something propitious and singular in it. We like to make resolutions in honor of it. Most of those resolutions are largely forgotten within the span of a week, unless our heart is in it, unless we quickly see the benefit from the resolution. So, let's consider the New Year, or more appropriately what we hope to do in this coming year. Sure, we are going on a diet, we are going to pursue our financial dream; maybe finally get started on that project we've been putting off. Let's expand our thought beyond the temporal, and think for a moment about the spiritual.

“...The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” Jm. 5:16. Prayer, as we've know, is our direct communication to God. Yet how seldom we pray. For many, our prayers are heard only as a last resort. We suddenly turn to God when all else has failed. When the world has failed us, as a last resort we seemingly throw the dice in hope the God will intervene between us and our problem. Why wait for desperation? Prayer, or rather the development of a good prayer life, offers much reward and enrichment. The benefits to your internal peace and composure are felt immediately. Why not make a resolution this year to start, or build on your prayer life? It's as easy as picking up a rosary, reading from a prayer book, or simply talking it over with the Lord, asking for His guidance.

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

Many unique items come into the shop weekly. We have a great selection of special-occasion gifts and religious items unique to the Williamsburg area, including a wide selection of spiritual books, music, icons and devotional and inspirational articles plus hand-made soaps and local honey.

SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.

Office Manager: Adi Kusno (Deacon Candidate) will be acting as the Ascension Office Manager under Fr. Alex. He will be responsible for organizational duties with scheduling activities as well as a contact person if Father is unavailable.

PARISH ACTIVITIES: All activities should be recorded on the main calendar in the office. Please write in the activity you are responsible for and let Fr. Alex know the details so he can include it in the bulletin

Happy DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Gwendolyn Rose Picconi; 4th Robert Sotack; 7th Yaroslava Nicola Collins; 7th Ann Harmeyer; 11th Joshua Karlson; 19th Joe Baysura; 20th Kathy Alexander; 29th Abraham Kusno

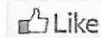
Father Alex NEVER emails or texts anyone asking for gift cards or money. If you have received any communication like this please do not respond and let Father know you have received requests. These are a scam!

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**INFORMATION REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS AND
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Father Alex is available for the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation before Diving Liturgy o Sunday (10:00 am) or half hour before weekly Liturgy (8:00 am) or by appointment.

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. After kissing the hand cross, take a piece of the blessed bread. You may offer a donation.

The Lord Has Made His Salvation Known to the Whole World

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days He would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith.

In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world. ... As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you. ...

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Leo the Great