

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

VE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITAN

We are only allowing **between 22 and 44 people in Church**
and 20 people in Church Hall

SUN	FEB 7	SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE 1 ST ALL SOULS 1 Cor 8:8-9:2 Mt 25:31-46
	11:00	Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB Betty May Hertz by Oksana Makowiec
Tus	Feb 9	Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna (solemn) 8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB Helen and Jerry Luecke by Fr. Alex
	4:15 -6:00pm 6:00pm	Office hours in Church (Fr. Alex) Advisory Board Meeting
Wed	Feb 10	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB JANUARY and FEBRUARY Birthday by Fr. Alex
	After	Moleben to the Theotokos -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
Thu	Feb 11	8:30am Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and + Cecelia Kokinda (wife) by Eugene Kokinda
	6:00pm	After Short Bible Reflection "ROSARY" Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club
SUN	FEB 14	SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE Rom 13:11-14:4 Mt 6:14-21
	11:00	Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and HGB Betta Labanish by Fr. Alex

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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

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.

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Happy FEBRUARY Birthdays
9th Greg Pula; 16th Don Merkley; 17th Nadia Shockley;
17th Mike Olson; 19th Claudia Cochran

"Holy Water: Fresh and newly blessed Holy Water is now available in the church to take home with you and bless your home or drink some.

JANUARY Candles:

Sanctuary...HGB Margan Family...Requested by Katarina Margan
Tetrapod...BRS Bill Kelly...Requested by Ann Kelly
Theotokos & Child...HGB...Morgan & 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...For Our Parish

Reminder: Hospitality is **SUSPENDED**

FINANCIALS Jan. 24, 2021

**Total Contributions: Monthly Dues -50.00 Holyday 0.00 Offertory -682.00
Non-Monetary Donation - 0.00 Fuel -0.00 Rainy Day Fund-0.00 Candles -
50.00 Initial Offering/Envelopes-6.00IN - \$ 832.00; OUT- \$ 3,654.89**

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, Elizabeth "Betty" Basarab, Betty May Hertz Thank you. Fr. Alex

**Tuesday, 2 February, 2021, is Solemn Holy Day of the Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna. Tradition is to bless candles on this Feast Day.
We will bless candles on Tuesday, 2 February, at 8:30 Liturgy.
"Lord, teach us to pray" Luke 11:1**

God sees to it that when every part of a believer prays, He blessed that person. Clear thinking, an enlightened understanding, and safe reasoning powers come from praying. Divine guidance means that God moves and impresses the mind in order for us to make wise decision. In former days, when men of very limited education had such wonderful liberty of invigorated minds and thoughts from the Spirit, they explained it as successful prayer. Their minds felt the impulse of the Spirit's gracious influences.

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.

HARAMOTY

There is an envelope for the 5 All Souls Saturdays (which we celebrate on Sunday mornings) in your pack of envelopes. Please write on the card all changes to the list of deceased members of your family to be remembered in prayer. If there are no changes, please write "*no changes*". The offering should be for Father Alex Shuter, not Ascension.

ENVELOPES

There is a large box of offering envelopes at the back of the church. If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please ask the ushers to give you an package of envelopes

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

Parishioner to Parishioners

To be a Saint - In who do we trust?

Where do you place your trust? Upon what do you rely? The answer to this tends to evolve throughout our life. When we are young, we place our trust in our mother and our father. They provide for us, take care of us, teach us in so many ways. When we grow older our trust expands to include friends, maybe teachers, maybe celebrities. They always seem to have the answers. The answers we want to hear. At the same time, maybe our trust in our parents wanes a bit. Their answers are not always what we want to hear.

Later on, we may marry and our trust goes then to our spouse. Oh, we place our trust in other things also. We trust certain brand names, maybe makes of cars, medicine, science; my yes how we trust science. Politicians are always asking for our trust and we seemingly follow political parties like we do our favorite brand of coffee or ice cream; nothing else will do. We are often told to trust things we instinctively know are not right, but that we should trust them anyway.

As we get older our trust in people and things tends to wane. With experience, we come to the realization that promises made are not always kept. The trust we place in people and things is not borne out by truth. In the end we sometimes actually struggle to find truth in our life. Some seem to never find it, or after finding something to trust in, are quickly disappointed. This carried to an extreme will lead to disillusionment with life, psychotic disorder, maybe loss of hope. Many suicides stem from this situation.

I said earlier that trust is not always borne out by truth. Let's follow that line of thought, and we find that truth is the only thing we can place our trust in. For you and I, the only absolute truth is God and in His Son Jesus. On this we can have confidence. In this we can find peace.

Presently in our country we are going through a time of general disillusionment, stemming from many things, but all related to trust. The national election, the riots in our cities, the changing societal norms, and the rhetoric we are subjected to in media all play a part. The trust that we may have once had for our institutions and our government are waning

for many. We are not even sure of the news we hear. We are continually frustrated, disappointed, even angry. Why?

Is it that we have placed our trust in worldly things, and they have failed us? If we ignore the latest hyperbole on the news, the latest assault on our senses, and turned to God, put our trust in God, imagine the peace we would find. Expand this thought. If we turned to God as a nation, and asked for God's guidance and blessings on it, imagine the changes that could be wrought.

How many times did the Israelites break faith with God and turn their trust to other gods? Even after the Lord had saved them from the Egyptians by parting the Red Sea, they turned their trust to a golden calf. Later the Kingdom of Israel was destroyed first by the Assyrians and then by the Babylonians when they placed their trust in other gods and worldly things.

Take heed. Our God is a jealous God, and when we, both individually, and as a nation, place our trust in earthly things and false gods we should know what to expect. We have been warned.

Trust is not something we should give to earthly things. For in the end all earthly things fail us. God is the only truth we will ever know. God is where we need to place our trust. Our national motto states it clearly; **In God we trust.**

Turn then to God placing all your trust in Him.

Yours in Christ
Brother Joseph