

## WELCOME TO ASCENSION

WE BLESS YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

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

<b>SUN</b>	<b>JAN 17</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS</b> 1 Tim 4:9-15 Lk 19:1-10 <b>Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and</b> <b>HGB Sasha Kusno by Kathy Alexander</b>
Tue	Jan 19	8:30am <b>Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and</b> <b>HGB Nathan Alexander Cho... by Athanasius Cho</b>
Wed	Jan 20	8:30am <b>Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and</b> <b>+ Chismar Family by MaryAnn &amp; Larry Drumtra</b> After Moleben to the Theotokos -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country
Thu	Jan 21	8:30am <b>Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and</b> <b>HGB James Kokinda (well being) by Eugene Kokinda</b> After Short Bible Reflection 6:00pm <b>"ROSARY" Prayer for Protection and Healing of the</b> coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club
<b>SUN</b>	<b>JAN 24</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN &amp; PHARISEE</b> 2 Tim 3:10-15 Lk 18:10-14 <b>Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners and</b> <b>+ William E Sotack by MaryJean Sotack</b>

**Read Full Bulletin online [www. ascensionva.org](http://www.ascensionva.org)**

**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**

# 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).

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

## **LIVE-STREAMING DIVINE LITURGY AND PRAYERS**

**Ascension of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church** is providing live broadcasts of Divine Liturgy and prayers on the internet for those who would like to experience our worship and pray with us. Below is how to get notification. This announcement is posted originally on this [link](#) Divine Liturgy live-streaming can be found on YouTube and Facebook using the following links: YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFrYPWRdt-4HCsBpXdxAmhg/> To receive a notification when video is live, please like video, subscribe, and click bell notification button. Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Ascension-Byzantine-Catholic-Church-100862511741107/> To receive a notification when video is live, please like page and click follow. In your service, Adithia Kusno

### Happy JANUARY Birthdays

23<sup>rd</sup> Lee Alexander; 24<sup>th</sup> Ryan Collins; 30<sup>th</sup> Joan Ruskowski

### 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

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Reminder: Hospitality is **SUSPENDED**

### FINANCIALS Jan. 10, 2021

Total Contributions: Monthly Dues -195.00 Holyday 30.00 Offertory –  
748.00 Non-Monetary Donation – 0.00 Fuel –0.00 Rainy Day Fund-0.00  
Candles –29.00 Initial Offering/Envelopes-44.00  
IN – \$ 1046.00; OUT— \$ 627.65

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*  
Thank you. Fr. Alex

### **“Lord, teach us to pray” Luke 11:1**

True Praying involves knowing beforehand what to request  
from God. Praying is asking for something definite. The mind  
is given over entirely to God, thinking of him, of what is  
needed, and of what has been received in the past. The very first  
step in prayer is a mental step. We must be taught through our  
intellect. And only as far as the intellect is given over to God in  
prayer will be able to learn how to pray.

*Lord Jesus, just like Your disciples long ago I ask  
of You today, “teach me (us) to pray.” Amen.*

### **HRAMOTY**

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

## Parishioner to Parishioners

So Dad, which Bible is Best?

Lets see. There are somewhere around 50 different English versions of the Bible out there. There are different translation methodologies for how to render the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek into English. Some Bible versions translate as literally (word-for-word) as possible, while some Bible versions translate less literally, in more of a thought-for-thought method.

I understand that there are 66 books listed in the Protestant Bible, 73 books in the Catholic Bible, and 79 books in the Greek Orthodox Bible. I honestly never took the time to count. The different count has to do with the number of books in the old testament. There are other doctrinal reasons for the different number of books, reasons which causes some turmoil between Christian scholars. It will not profit you to get into those arguments.

Some translations to me are easier to read then others. The King James version always had a special place in my heart. I guess it has to do with the medieval phraseology. It seems right for me. Others will argue that the King James is one of the hardest to read. Douay Rheims, New Jerusalem, even the New Standard edition will have their proponents and detractors. So which one is best?

Looking around my office I count three bibles; a revised standard version (2<sup>nd</sup> edition Catholic), The Orthodox Study Bible and my old trusty King James version Gideon Bible (pocket edition). This small book fits in the palm of my had. I inscribed it with my name and date way back on 20 May 1970. A short time later I carried it in my sea bag to many different places. On occasion when I was deployed during Christmas, standing a lonely watch, I would take it out and read Luke Chapter 2. There is strength in those words.

Sorry; digressed there. Let's see I have another Bible out in the barn. This has a moleskin binding which makes it easy to search out passages. It also has an excellent glossary of terms so I can find similar passages within scripture. I have another bible out in the pickup also. Oh yes, we have the big family Bible in the living room. We got this

when Mom and I were married. It contains family history going back to the founding of the nation. Added to that, I have several Biblical study books in the library. By each Bible will normally be a pair of reading glasses. Maybe I need to look into getting a large print edition?

I can honestly say I have never read an entire book in the Bible at one sitting. I will read a few verses or a chapter or so at a time, and ponder it. Maybe look it up online and see what commentary has been written about it. The internet has some marvelous tools for bible study. As I have gotten older, I tend to cross reference a chapter or verse with others parts of the Bible. By doing this I have really began to understand more about God, God's purpose for us, and the teachings of Christ.

Please Dad; one last time. Which one is the best!

Oh, the best Bible. That's easy. The best Bible is one that is worn out with use. One that is dog-eared and marked up. One where the spine is damaged from being opened to many times. One where the pages are taped back in place in some fashion to keep everything from coming apart.

A bible that is so well read that you can clearly see the dirty thumb prints of the workman's hand stamped clearly at the bottom of each page as they were holding the Good Book open to read.

That is the best Bible Son, Love Dad

***"Let us invoke the protection of Mary over the universal Church, so that the Gospel of Christ, the light of all peoples, the light of all communities, may spread throughout the entire world."***

*Pope Francis*