

## WELCOME TO ASCENSION

**SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE**

“NOTHING EMBITTERS A PERSON MORE THAN SUFFERING. BUT WHEN IT IS CONSECRATED TO GOD, IT BECOMES HOLY”

THOMAS MERTON

### **Sun May 31 SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**

Heb 11:32-122a Mt 10:32-33 & 19:27-30 Tone 8

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and + Michael Ross by Donna Ross, Angelica

Ross, Greg Pula

After –Hospitality

Tue June 2 8:30 Liturgy. For HGB Michael and Vera Derkacz by Fr. Alex

Wed June 3 8:30 Liturgy For HGB Betty May Hertz by Fr. Alex

Thu June 4 8:30 Liturgy + Jaime and Aurora Daguilanea by Fr. Alex

**6:00pm – ROSARY** - Prayer For Peace in Our Country & for Protection and Healing of all illnesses by Men’s Club

Sat June 6 1:00pm Church Cleaning Hours

### **Sun June 7 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Rom 2:10-16 Mt 4:18-23 Tone 1

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and + Bernard Lechman by Adithia & Sasha Kusno

After –Hospitality- **Pot Luck**

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Jaime Daguilanea has joined his wife Aurora with the Lord. Please pray for the repose of both of their souls. May God grant them eternal rest, comfort all who mourn their loss, and surround them with His everlasting light in peace.

Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamjat!

### Happy JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Melissa Karlson; 9<sup>th</sup> Ann Merkley; 11<sup>th</sup> Patty Duttry; 12<sup>th</sup> Anna & Sofia Carden; 14<sup>th</sup> Lisa Montgomery; 25<sup>th</sup> Mary Olson; 27<sup>th</sup> Keith Shockley; 28<sup>th</sup> Dr. Michael Lechman

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**Ascension prayer list** - Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need:

Frank Janke; Mary Grace Dorsey; Betty May Hertz; Emma Bernier; Lolly Vinson; Myron Kotyk; Darren and June Ann Hall; Jaime Daguilanea; Lary & Mary Ann Drumtra & their Family; Elaine Hampton; Dr. Micheal & Linda Lechman; Elisabeth Branden; Merly & Teresa Phillips; Mary Sullivan; Michael & Michaela Bross; Peter & Lisa Margan; Wayne Smith & his Family: Austin; If you would like to add your name or name of a loved one to this list, please contact Fr. Alex. Thank you.

**Visitors, family and friends:** Are you curious, do you have questions or inquirers about our church, icons, Divine Liturgy, or Byzantine Catholic traditions? Someone will be waiting to answer your questions after Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings in the vicinity of the icon corner at the front of the sanctuary. Don’t be afraid to ask, there are no wrong questions.

Young Adults, Children, Adult Bible Study Committee: Subdeacon Adithia Kusno, Dr. Michael Lechman, Lisa Edwards. Special Event/Retreat Speakers Committee: David Efimetz, Don Merkley, Dr. Mary Jean Sotack

### **Bible Study**

The next evening Bible study will be held on Tuesday June 9 from 5 to 6:30 PM. The session will cover Exodus Chapters 32- 34: Rebellion at Sinai: Session Nine in the workbook. Respectfully submitted, Dr. Michael Lechman

The Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is fully operational and located on the wall above the fire extinguisher in St. Phillips Hall. Eight parishioners were certified on the use of the AED on Oct 8,2023 and other parishioners have been certified in the past. Periodic updates will follow. Dr. Michael Lechman.

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### INFORMATION REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS AND SACRAMENTALS

Father Alex is available for the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation before Diving Liturgy on Sunday (10:30 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.

## 10 Things Christian Parents Should Pray Over Their Children Every Day

We live in a wild and crazy world, and our kids go out in it every day. It can be hard when you want to be with them all the time, even though you can't because you have other responsibilities. The best thing you can do is pray over your children throughout the day. What should you pray for your children? Here are ten suggestions.

### 10. Love

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*Love can be a hard thing in our society. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, but sometimes, it's hard when we have troublesome people in our lives. This goes for kids, too.*

*Sometimes they have a classmate they don't like or a teacher they don't like. Of course, there are the school bullies that nobody likes. However, as we all know, treating people with love and kindness can turn a heart.*

*Pray for all of your children to have a loving heart and to treat everyone they encounter with love and kindness. Talk with them about how they treat people and that even though it's hard, we are called to treat people with love and kindness.*

*Our children need our prayers every hour of every day. Just like they need [Jesus](#) all the time, take some time every day to pray over your children and watch how the Lord works in their hearts and lives.*

### A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, You are God. I praise you because you are holy, and I thank you for dwelling in my heart. Thank you for working in my life. You guided me into salvation, renewed my dead spirit, and you opened my eyes to the Truth. Thank you.

Help me to see you more clearly – to recognize your movement in my life. Make me more sensitive to you so I can follow you more closely. Still, I know that I am selfish and rebellious. I need you to help me be obedient when I recognize your leading. I need you.

I ask you for your help and comfort today. You know my pain and anxieties very well. Thank you for praying over me. Help me to rest in your comfort today.

Help me to walk in you, the Spirit of God. Grow good fruit in my life. You are the one who produces these in me: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I cannot live out these things on my own; I need you.

## 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



May 24, 2026

Monthly Dues –125.00; Offertory – 607.25; Candles - 7.00; St. Luke's Icon Guild -80.00; In – 844.00. 25; Out- 191. 92

### Candles for February

Sanctuary Lamp... For Fr. John Ridgell by Peter & Lisa Margan  
Tetrapod... For + Drago & Katarina Margan by Peter Margan  
Theotokos & Child... For HGB Norma Duttry by Patty Duttry  
John Baptist... For Debra Gilray by Peter & Lisa Margan  
St Nicholas... For Margan Family by Peter Margan  
Protection Theotokos... For + Steven Margan by Peter & Lisa Margan  
Christ Teacher... For HGB Doyle Duttry by Patty Duttry

### SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.

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.

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

## To Be a Saint – The Snares of Satan

“The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was to make people believe he didn’t exist.”

That quote is attributed to several people, but it is a good opening to the letter. How did we get to the moral state of decay we find ourselves in? Where will it lead? This letter will be controversial for many brought up to not believe, but biblical teaching confirms that Satan is a real and very active supernatural being.

The idea that Satan is not a real creature dates back to antiquity. In Judaism he is seen not so much as a sentient being but an adversarial metaphor. The concept that Satan was not a real creature was flirted with in early Christianity during some of the early heresies, but found firm footing during the Reformation. It is here the concept of Satan was internalized. No longer a real creature, created by God, but another metaphor or concept, explaining human sin and moral failure. Reformers like John Calvin and later liberal theologians downgraded Satan’s role, seeing him as a symbolic representation of human corruption rather than a literal, independent entity. The Protestant Reformation had a profound impact on the intellectual and political climate of Europe, setting the stage for the Enlightenment.

The Enlightenment was a philosophical movement that played a central role in firmly shifting the cultural and intellectual perception of Satan. Satan was reduced from being an active, highly intelligent supernatural being, to a myth or historical symbol. Enlightenment thinkers, mainly in Europe, began to question the reality of supernatural forces, spirits, and the Devil. They considered them as nothing more than products of papist control and medieval superstition. The Enlightenment diminished or simply rejected Scripture and Tradition, especially the teachings of the Church, and replaced it with human reasoning, historical analysis and skepticism toward traditional Catholic dogma. The concept of the supernatural was gradually diminished. Heaven, Hell, Satan and even the concept of a Creator were challenged. The result led many to conclude that the Devil was not real, but rather a symbolic or literary construct, that could be managed or simply ignored. Satan had gained a tremendous advantage.

After so long of time pretending that Satan does not exist, we have in many ways disarmed ourselves, left ourselves weak and vulnerable to attack. Consider, in the 21st century there are three areas Satan focusses on. These attacks come on our “Intellect”, our “Will”, and our “Affections” (appetites).

Satan’s attack on the Intellect - Our intellect has been conditioned to work against the laws of the Creator in the form of relativism. This is the idea that there is no absolute truth. Truth itself is defined in relation to culture, and ever-changing societal norms. Take for example the trend of thinking that make many believe that there are more than two sexes, or that we can change them at will, and, oh yes, two men can have a baby. What sounds preposterous to some

will be perfectly acceptable to others who live in a reality where everything is flexible, there are no absolutes. This form of intellect blinds us.

Satan’s attack on the Will – We have become weak spiritually; I’ve cited the numbers often in these letters of the declining belief in God and the plummeting numbers of those who still attend service and believe traditional dogma. We live in a world of instant gratification, relative comfort and the avoidance of effort both physical and spiritual; the very things that build virtue. Make no mistake about it, it is a strong, well-developed sense of virtue that shields us from many evils.

Satan attacks us through our Affections. It is through the first two, Intellect and Will that set us up for the third attack, for it is our Affections, our appetites, that ultimately define us. This concept goes back to the pagan philosopher Plato who argued that our appetites represent the nonrational part of the soul. We become driven by desires and impulses that are not necessarily aligned with reason or moral values. These appetites, such as gluttony, sexual desire, pursuit of wealth, anger and addictions, can dominate a person’s life if not properly disciplined.

A world dominated by weak intellect, little virtue, with our appetites in control. Where will it lead? Scripture points the way. Like the great flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, the Babylonian Exile, when we drift to far from the Creator, there is a chastisement. Many Marion visions come with that warning, including Fatima, Garabandal, the visions of Sister Faustina, and the visions of Akita. I suggest doing the research for yourself, moreover, guard yourself against the wickedness and snares of Satan. He is alive and very active indeed.

Yours in Christ  
Brother Joseph

**Men's Club** - Our next event will be a cook out at the 7 Jun Potluck. Our next social gathering will be at Ale works on Tuesday, 16th of June, starting at 6pm.

**Carpathian Kitchen** - We have pierogi and piroshki for sale every Sunday after Liturgy. Proceeds go to support the Circle of Hope outreach program which in turn supports community charities.

**Church Cleaning**. We have a very dedicated team at Ascension who cleans God's house weekly generally on Saturdays. However, sometimes schedules run thin and so we are in need of a few more helping hands. Please find it in your heart to help us with this very important ministry for only one hour a week. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and time. Betty Mae Hertz

Liturgy and Candle Requests: Often we want to remember someone and offer special prayers for the departure of a loved one, special occasion, birthday, anniversary, etc. with celebration of a Divine Liturgy or lighting of a candle in front of an icon. To request a liturgy or candle, please complete the form in the appropriate envelope which you will find in the rack on the wall as you enter Ascension church and place it in the Sunday offering basket. Thank you. Fr. Alex.

Enjoy Hospitality after Sunday Liturgy? Please give prayerful consideration to joining Committee. Interested, SEE Chris Noonan after liturgy in the Parish Hall.

### 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.**

## Psalm 16

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."  
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,  
my body, too, abides in confidence;  
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

You will show me the path to life,  
fullness of joys in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

## Psalm 138

**Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
I will worship at your holy temple,  
and give thanks to your name.

**Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**

Because of your kindness and your truth,  
you have made great above all things  
your name and your promise.  
When I called, you answered me;  
you built up strength within me.

**Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**

Your right hand saves me.  
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;  
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

**Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**

## Psalm 113

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

Praise, you servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
both now and forever.

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

From the rising to the setting of the sun  
is the name of the LORD to be praised.  
High above all nations is the LORD;  
above the heavens is his glory.

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

He raises up the lowly from the dust;  
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor  
To seat them with princes,  
with the princes of his own people.

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

### Psalm 104

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD be glad in his works!  
Pleasing to him be my theme;  
I will be glad in the LORD.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish  
and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

### Psalm 11

The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD's throne is in heaven.  
His eyes behold,  
his searching glance is on mankind.

**The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**

The LORD searches the just and the wicked;  
the lover of violence he hates.  
For the LORD is just, he loves just deeds;  
the upright shall see his face.

**The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**

### Psalm 103

**The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

**The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,  
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

**The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

### Psalm 15

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

He who walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
By whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

## Exodus 15

**Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;  
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.  
He is my God, I praise him;  
the God of my father, I extol him.

**Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

The LORD is a warrior,  
LORD is his name!  
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;  
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

**Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

The flood waters covered them,  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

**Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

## Psalm 69

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

I am sunk in the abysmal swamp  
where there is no foothold;  
I have reached the watery depths;  
the flood overwhelms me.

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

But I pray to you, O LORD,  
for the time of your favor, O God!  
In your great kindness answer me  
with your constant help.

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

But I am afflicted and in pain;  
let your saving help, O God, protect me;  
I will praise the name of God in song,  
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;  
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!  
For the LORD hears the poor,  
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.”

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

## Psalm 106

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

Our fathers made a calf in Horeb  
and adored a molten image;  
They exchanged their glory  
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

They forgot the God who had saved them,  
who had done great deeds in Egypt,  
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,  
terrible things at the Red Sea.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

Then he spoke of exterminating them,  
but Moses, his chosen one,  
Withstood him in the breach  
to turn back his destructive wrath.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

## Psalm 99

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

Extol the LORD, our God,  
and worship at his footstool;  
holy is he!

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
and Samuel, among those who called upon his name;  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

From the pillar of cloud he spoke to them;  
they heard his decrees and the law he gave them.

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

Extol the LORD, our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for holy is the LORD, our God.

**Holy is the Lord our God.**

## 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 Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tested me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

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

## Psalm 106

**Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

We have sinned, we and our fathers;  
we have committed crimes; we have done wrong.  
Our fathers in Egypt  
considered not your wonders.

**Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

But soon they forgot his works;  
they waited not for his counsel.  
They gave way to craving in the desert  
and tempted God in the wilderness.

**Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

They forgot the God who had saved them,  
who had done great deeds in Egypt,  
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,  
terrible things at the Red Sea.

**Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

Then he spoke of exterminating them,  
but Moses, his chosen one,  
Withstood him in the breach  
to turn back his destructive wrath.

**Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

## Psalm 97

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the LORD of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

## Psalm 85

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace  
To his people, and to his faithful ones,  
and to those who put in him their hope.

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and salvation, along the way of his steps.

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**