



Sunday, March 8, 2015

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

A PARISH OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA – EASTERN AMERICAN DIOCESE

Great Vespers & Confessions each Saturday at 6 pm – Daily Vespers & Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am
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Divine Services / Activities

This Week:

- Sun. Mar. 8/Feb. 23** **The Second Sunday in Great Lent**
St. Gregory of Palamas the Archbishop of Thessalonica
 9:15 a.m. Congregational Singing Practice
 9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
- Wed. Mar. 11/Feb. 26** **Venerable Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis**
 7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Bible study
- Sat. Mar. 14/Mar. 1** **St. Arsenius, bishop of Tver**
 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions
- Sun. Mar. 15/Mar. 2** **The Third Sunday in Great Lent: Adoration of the Cross**
Hieromartyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrenia
 9:15 a.m. Congregational Singing Practice
 9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour
 10:00 a.m. Procession with the Holy Cross
 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
 12:45 p.m. Parish Council Meeting



2015 Finances

The Parish needs \$1,555.77/week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 10,152.21	
February 22		<i>Services canceled due to snow</i>
March 1	\$ 700.00	- \$ 855.77

Honor the Lord from your righteous labors and offer Him the first fruits from the fruits of righteousness, that your storehouses may be filled with an abundance of grain and your wine presses may gush with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

Attendance

Great Compline/Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 2/25 – 14 Great Vespers, 2/28 – 14
Divine Liturgy, 3/1 – canceled due to snow

Prayer List

Archpriest Alexander requests that you send him to full name and general reason for intercessory prayer (such as health or illness, unemployment, family issues, military deployment to Afghanistan, etc.) for his pastoral care. Only the names of the living (and recently deceased) will be included in the prayer list in the weekly bulletin. He also requests that the faithful who have requested intercessory prayers for various persons let him know when there is no longer a specific need for payer, so that we may keep the list current.

LIVING: Rebecca Laymon, Joan Laymon, Judith (Maria) Cook, Ana Rosado-Nazario, Lana Campbell, Artemis Danzig, Maria Connerley, Matushka Kathleen Webster, Emma Nicole Parkinson, Matushka Joanna Laymon, Archpriest Michael Sekela, Tom Zakielarz, Patricia Connerley, Martha Connerley, Kathy Sekela, Mark Laymon, Kristin Blaylock, Janis Sergeant, Millicent Novic, Ray Liddick, Leonidas Stylianopoulos, Sophia Stylianopoulos, Chad Gallagher, Matushka Cindy Mitchell, Presvytera Flora Chioros, Joshua Epstein, Father Stanley Voyiazakis, Presvytera Katherine Baker, Peter Pederson, Archpriest George Larin, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Priest Matthew Baker

Blessing of Homes for Theophany

Archpriest Alexander is, God-willing, available (by appointment) for the annual blessing of homes. Please email him at chaplain.webster@gmail.com or call his cell: 703-297-7744.

Fellowship Hour

Mar. 8 ~ Lenten Fellowship meal hosted by Team 2

Mar. 15 ~ Lenten Fellowship meal hosted by Team 3

If anyone has any questions or is interested in hosting a particular Sunday please contact Maria Connerley.



Reader Schedule

Mar. 8 ~ Reader Moses (Palmer) Swift

Mar. 15 ~ Adam Heitke

If you are interested in assisting with the reading or becoming a tonsured reader please contact Deacon Alexander.



Prosfora

Nancy St. Clair is currently providing the Prosfora. If you are interested in helping to make Prosfora for the church, please contact Nancy St. Clair



Wednesday Night Liturgy, Soup and Bible Study

Following the Presanctified Liturgies during Lent, on Wednesday nights there will be a light supper to accompany Fr. Alexander's Bible Study. If you would like to sponsor the simple soup/bread crock pot supper, please contact Mat. Joanna by the Monday prior.



Message from Mitred

Archpriest Victor Potapov in DC:

"Gorgeous pics of St. Katherine's monastery. Please pray for the inhabitants of this ancient Holy Place. The monstrous fanatics of ISIS are coming ever so close: <http://www.mountsinaimonastery.org/#intro>"



Volunteers Needed for New Committees

We need energetic and motivated volunteers to staff two important new committees. The first is a committee to fine tune the rules governing our newly created building fund to include how to best manage the money in the fund (savings account, CDs?) The second committee is a long term committee that will research the various accounting/budgeting software on the market to make a recommendation on what the parish should adopt in the future. This will consist of both internet research and talking to and/or visiting other churches to see what they use.

If you are interested please attend today's parish council meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting please let Deacon Alexander or Reader Jason know that you are interested in being in a specific committee and we will contact you this coming week.

Please Drive Slowly

Please drive slowly down Clifton Chapel Lane, the gravel road leading to the church, observing the 8 mph speed limit signs that we have posed. This is important to our neighbors on Clifton Chapel Lane for two reasons. The first is safety, there are children and pets that could dart out and be struck by a vehicle. The second is the dust that is kicked up by a fast moving vehicle.

Whatever Happened with the Sunday School and the Chickens, Pigs and Bees?

If you remember, our younger Sunday School children were working over Advent to raise money to buy an animal from Heifer International to help out a family in need overseas. The children worked to earn money at home, and were even seen helping clean up after Fellowship in hopes of some donations. We recently gathered all the earnings and donations together and found that the children had earned over \$70! They unanimously decided that they wanted to use the money to donate a "Hope Basket". According to the Heifer International catalog, "The Hope Basket includes chickens and rabbits. Rabbits are easy to care for and reproduce quickly, allowing their owners to sell the offspring for extra income... Chickens lay eggs which provide protein for hungry children and produce manure for vegetable gardens." The money left over after the donation of the Hope Basket will be put towards the children's next project.

Upcoming 5th Annual Iconography Workshop

Our parish's iconography guild will be hosting our 5th annual 6-day iconography workshop September 7 – 12, led by Fr. Igumen Mefodii, master iconographer of the Prosopon School of Iconology.

No previous artistic experience is needed for beginners to do Archangel Michael and those who have previously done icons will be assigned one based on their experience. Throughout the week we will study the symbolism of the elements in our icons and of each step in the process. We will follow the ancient traditional Russian-Byzantine techniques of painting icons including applying gold leaf, the "floating" egg tempera with natural pigments, and the final application of oil. The workshop atmosphere will be that of a spiritual retreat as we work quietly and prayerfully each day, breaking for a potluck lunch.

I am now accepting registrations and more information can be found on our bulletin board in the hall, our parish website, or by contacting me. To help make this a success I am asking you to "spread the word" by inviting friends and family. Extra copies of the fliers are available in the hall so on your travels this year, and as you visit other churches, please share it with them.



May His Memory Be Eternal

March 1st, Father Matthew Baker tragically died in a car accident on the way home on Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers service in Norwich, CT. He leaves behind him his wife, Presvytera Katherine, and his six children, Issac, Elias, George, Ellie (Elefteria), Mil and Matthew. Please pray for them and consider helping the family financially during this time. Donations for this large family without sufficient resources may be made via: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, c/o Presvytera Katherine Baker, 247 Washington St., Norwich, CT 06360. For a fitting tribute to Father Matthew by a fellow Orthodox priest, see:

<http://www.orthodoxpriest.com/2015/03/02/we-need-more-spiritual-brothers-losing-fr-matthew-baker/>

"Food is not evil, but gluttony is. Childbearing is not evil, but fornication is. Money is not evil, but avarice is. Glory is not evil, but vainglory is. Indeed, there is no evil in existing things, but only in their misuse."

~St. Maximus the Confessor

We are registered with two broadcast media weather alert systems: (1) television: WJLA-TV (channel 7) and News Channel 8, and (2) radio: WTOP radio (103.5, 103.9, 107.7 -- all FM) and WTOP.com Any closings will also be posted on the home page of our website and via email to those who have asked to be on our electronic mailing list.