



Sunday, August 23, 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. Aug. 23/Aug. 10	<u>12th Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Martyrs Archdeacon Laurence and Pope Sixtus, Felicissimus, and Agapitus, deacons, and others with them</u>
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
Thurs. Aug. 27/Aug. 14	<u>Forefeast of the Dormition</u>
7:00 p.m.	Festal Vespers (followed by open discussion)
Fri. Aug. 28/Aug. 15	<u>The Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary</u>
10:00 a.m.	Festal Divine Liturgy
Sat. Aug. 29/Aug. 16	<u>Venerable Pimen, archimandrite of Ugresh</u>
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions
Sun. Aug. 30/Aug. 17	<u>13th Sunday after Pentecost: Martyr Myron of Cyzicus</u>
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



Holy Martyr Archdeacon Laurence

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	\$ 50,239.83	- \$ 1100.58
August 9	\$946.00	- \$609.77
August 16	\$1218.00	- \$337.77

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 Vespers, 8/15 – 3	Divine Liturgy, 8/16 – 30	Festal Vespers, 8/18-7	Festal Divine Liturgy, 8/19 – 13
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Intercessory 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 prayer, so that we may keep the list current.

LIVING: Rebecca Laymon, Judith (Maria) Cook, Ana Rosado-Nazario, Lana Campbell, 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, Father Stanley Voyiazakis, Presvytera Katherine Baker, Peter Pederson, Monk Anthony (West Virginia), Archpriest George Larin, Matushka Masha Potopav, Matushka Sophia Doubleday, Evdokiya Bykon, Kevin McCarthy, James Dunham, Eleanor Magee, 2LT Benjamin Stracquatano, USA (Korea), James Puckett, Nora Milligan, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Schemamonk John (Dezorzi), Nun Alevtina, Priest Roman Nikayaev

Fellowship Hour

Aug. 23 ~ Sponsored Fellowship Meal
Aug. 30 ~ Sponsored Fellowship Meal

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



Reader Schedule

Aug. 23 ~ Reader Steve Miroy
Aug. 28 ~ Reader Jason Connerley
Aug. 30 ~ Reader Steve Terrell

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.



Please Help Us Meet Our Budget

On the front of the weekly bulletin is a box titled 2015 Finances. Just below the title is the amount needed by the parish to meet our 2015 budget. If you are keeping track, you have noted that we have fallen below our goal for a number of weeks. Although we routinely see more red ink during the summer months, this year we seem to be falling further behind than usual. Pledges, for the most part, are on track, however other projected income sources are falling short; especially unpledged donations, and script. At the current rate, by the end of the year we will have a deficit, which has NEVER happened before.

Based on the recent Pew Research project on religious membership and financial contributions as of 2014: "Orthodox Christians have the most wealth, on a per capita basis, compared to other Christians. 29% of Orthodox Christians have a household income of more than \$100,000 per year, as compared to 19% of Catholic households and 14% of Evangelicals."

We ask those who have pledged to ensure that your pledges are up to date. (In the near future you will receive a statement indicating where you are). We also ask all parishioners, that, if possible, to consider increasing your contribution.



Scrip for Privacy and Safety, Who Knew!

I have often touted the benefit the church receives when you use scrip for your everyday, and holiday purchases. "Free money"; sounds too good to be true; and, with most things that is usually the case. However, simply stated, you order a certain value of scrip, you receive scrip worth what you pay and a certain percentage comes to the church from the vendors. Oula! Free Money! However, there is another reason to use scrip for your purchases. Privacy! The time is here when you shop for, let's say baby clothes, you come home and sign on to your computer and a flood of unsolicited ads and emails regarding baby items invade your computer. Every time you used your credit card, your purchases, your tastes and desires are being tracked someplace. That information will be used in the future to target particular ads to you. At the very least, annoying. At the worst, scary! Using scrip would help you retain some of your anonymity in a world where personal privacy is shrinking. Safety! How often do you hear about a store's credit card information has been hacked. You never hear about the stores gift cards being hacked. Just saying!

Help Needed Sprucing Up and Setting Up for the Iconography Workshop Week

Since we will be hosting the iconography workshop the week of Sept. 7th, we should try to make a good impression for the dozen or so attendees, several of whom have never visited our church. For example, there is much weeding to be done around the hall, and our floors should be cleaned. If anyone has some free time in the next two weeks, please drop by and do what you can. Deacon and I plan to be there before vespers, about 4:30, next Saturday the 29th and the following Saturday, same time, Sept. 5.

I would also welcome help in moving tables and chairs, setting up for the workshop itself, following fellowship on Sept. 6th. Mat. Joanna

HOLY CONFESSIONS

Faithful communion in the Holy Mysteries requires faithful participation in the Holy Mystery of Confession. To apply Fr. Thomas Hopko's felicitous phrase "regular and disciplined communion" also to Confession entails Holy Confession ideally each month by those faithful who expect to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord at each Sunday Divine Liturgy. The timing may be extended through the practice of "oikonomia" (exception for the greater good of both the person and the community) to once every two months. However, Holy Confession less frequent than bi-monthly is, according to the guidance of our recent hierarch, His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah, inadequate preparation for receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord. Regular opportunities for Holy Confession at Christ the Savior Orthodox Mission include the following: each Saturday after Great Vespers, each Wednesday evening before Daily Vespers (that is, from 6 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.), Sundays after Divine Liturgy upon request, and by appointment at other times. Of course, parishioners may have established previous relations with other Orthodox priest-confessors that they may wish to continue. If that is the case, I ask only that such parishioners let me know the names of their priest-confessors, so that I can be confident that the spiritual relation is strong. Please honor the minimum standard for this necessary spiritual discipline and vital sacramental opportunity.

~ Archpriest Alexander



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.