



Sunday, August 9, 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. August 9/July 27 9th Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Great-martyr and Healer Panteleimon

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

Sat. August 15/July 26 Venerable Anthony the Roman, abbot
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions

Sun. August 16/July 27 10th Sunday after Pentecost: Venerables Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, ascetics of the Dalmatian Monastery, Constantinople

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 Great-martyr and Healer Panteleimon

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	\$ 45,162.83	- \$ 153.04
July 26	\$ 511.00	- \$ 1044.77
August 2	\$ 2913.00	+ \$ 1357.23

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, 8/1 – 4

Divine Liturgy, 8/2 – 38

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 payer, 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 Stracquatanio, USA (Korea), James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Schemamonk John (Dezorzi), the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Nun Alevtina, Priest Roman Nikayaev

Blessing of Homes for Theophany

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

Many Years!

Names Days

- 10 Gage Galvan
Nick Galvan

Birthdays

- 17 Timothy St. Clair
Gina Van Weddingen
- 26 Daniel Van Weddingen
- 31 Jonathan Baggett
Sarah Heitke



Fellowship Hour

Aug. 9 ~ Sponsored Fellowship Meal

Aug. 16 ~ Sponsored Fellowship Meal

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



Reader Schedule

Aug. 9 ~ Adam Heitke

Aug. 16 ~ 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.



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.

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.

***** Iconography Workshop Deadline Extended to August 10th! *****

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.

Matushka Joanna Laymon

Evangelism at National Night Out



Parishioners ran a booth at Stafford's National Night Out on 4 Aug. The event was well attended and provided a great opportunity to introduce ourselves, inform the community about Orthodoxy and to receive prayer requests.

