



Sunday, September 27, 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 – Adult Religious Education (Divine Liturgy) each Wednesday at 7 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am
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Divine Services / Activities

This Week:

- Sun. Sept. 27/Sept. 14** 17th Sunday after Pentecost: The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross.
9:15 a.m. Congregational Singing Practice
9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour
10:00 a.m. Procession/Veneration of the Holy Cross
10:15 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
- Wed. Sept. 30/Sept. 17** Martyrs Sophia and her three daughters: Faith (Vera), Hope (Nadezhda), and Love (Lyubov), at Rome (137)
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. Oct. 3/Sept. 20** Venerable Daniel, abbot of Shugh Hill
6:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Holy Confessions
- Sun. Oct. 4/Sept. 21** 17th Sunday after Pentecost: Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy (130)
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
12:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting



The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross

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	\$ 58,326.58	- \$ 792.68
September 13	\$1650.95	+ \$95.18
September 20	\$1235.00	- \$320.77

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, 9/19 – 12

Divine Liturgy, 9/20 – 38

Festal Divine Liturgy, 9/21 – 12

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 Stracquatano, USA (Korea), James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Loun Atanasov, Archpriest Victor Potapov, Philip Lockwood Swift, Dsa. Monica Pappas, 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

Sept. 27 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 3
Oct. 4 ~ Potluck Fellowship

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



Reader Schedule

Sept. 27 ~ Reader Steve Terrell
Oct. 4 ~ Reader Steve Mirov

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.



ANGELS OF MERCY NEEDED!

Lyubomir, Loun, and newborn Vincent Atanasov welcome visitors to their home in Fredericksburg. Judith Maria Cook has already volunteered for Tuesdays, and Archpriest Alexander intends to visit on Wednesdays (but will gladly defer to a parishioner). If you have any questions or wish to coordinate visits, please call Archpriest Alexander at 703-297-7744 or Maria Connerley, Sisterhood President, at 540-907-6136.



Mug for St. Herman's

The Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing Women has new, high quality, green bistro-style coffee mugs for sale which bear the logo of our church. Net proceeds from the sale are used to meet the needs of our parish. They are available in the hall. Please support us with your check for \$10.00 each, made out to the Sisterhood.



2015 Advent Retreat: "Praying With Icons: Spiritual Food for Our Advent Journey" by Father Igumen Mefodii



On Saturday, November 21, 2015, St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church will be hosting the Advent Retreat "Praying with Icons: Spiritual Food for Our Advent Journey" by Father Igumen Mefodii. The cost of the retreat is \$25.00, with the net proceeds benefiting the Skete of St. Maximos the Confessor, Palmyra, VA. You can R.S.V.P. by sending in the registration form & payment no later than October 31, 2015. Registration forms are available both in the fellowship hall and on our website Advent Retreat page.

Fr. Igumen Mefodii has been an ordained priest for almost 35 years during which time he has been a parish priest, spiritual director of a college seminary, diocesan representative to various religious and interfaith organizations, and an author and student of Byzantine-Russian Iconography. Fr. Mefodii holds two degrees in Theology: Magister der Theologie from the Theology Faculty of the University of Innsbruck, Austria; and a Master of Arts in Eastern Christian Theology from the John XXIII Institute for Eastern Christian Studies at Fordham University, Bronx, NY. He has been a student of Master Iconographer Vladislav Andrejev since 1991 and instructor at workshops held all over the country, in Canada, England, and the Philippines. Since 2011 he has led our Stafford, VA workshops and been the mentor of our Iconography Guild of St. Theodosia.

Aquia Fest 2015

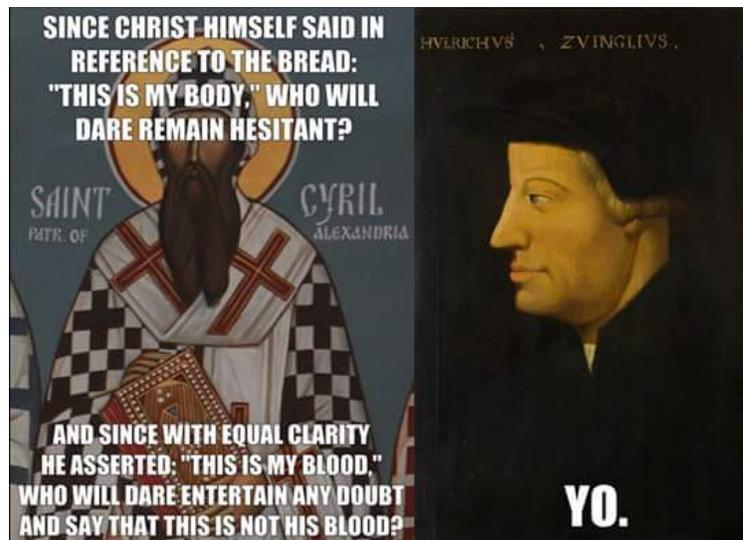
Dear Family in Christ,

Aquia Episcopal Church will be having their annual fall festival on October 3rd. As usual, they have been kind enough to include our church in their festivities. Not sure whether we will be placed near the door as we have in the past, as construction on their new building has disrupted the configuration of some things; at least that is what I was told when I asked where we would be placed. Anyway...as in the past, I am coordinating the event. Pretty easy, I ask for volunteers, they volunteer, show up and work and the Sisterhood will add to their coffers for the benefit of St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church. The festival opens at 8 am and is over at 2 pm. I am looking for people to arrive around 6 am to help set up, others to work the event (no one **has to** stay for the entire time) and people to take down, pack up and return the tables and various items to the church. If you find you are unable to come and work we need stuff to sell. Right now I have Baklava, Stromboli, pumpkin bread, cabbage rolls, Greek butter cookies (Koulouria), and am working on spinach pies and peanut brittle. Fudge is a good seller as well, but I will welcome almost anything. NOTE: We do not want to compete with Aquia church's bar-b-queue. In addition, we will have a small area designated for "white elephant" items to be donated for sale. We are looking for quality or unusual items that may draw the crowd. If you bring anything, please mark and identify the item(s) so, if it sells, I can give you credit for your taxes. It will also help us in returning the items that do not sell to their owners.



I will not be in church this Sunday. I will have access to email so please, if you know you can help, please let me know by responding to this email. The word has gotten out about how much fun we have, so don't tarry! I know, for those of you who work, Saturdays are busy so do not worry if you are committed elsewhere.

Thank you God bless you,
Stella



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