



Sunday, January 17, 2016

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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Liturgical Services / Activities

This Week:

Sun. Jan. 17/Jan. 4

33rd Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday before the Baptism of Our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ ; Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles

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
12:45 p.m. Annual Parish Assembly

Tue. Jan. 19/Jan. 6

The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ (Baptism of the Lord)

10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy

Wed. Jan. 20/Jan. 7

Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John

7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education class on Divine Liturgy

Sat. Jan. 23/Jan. 10

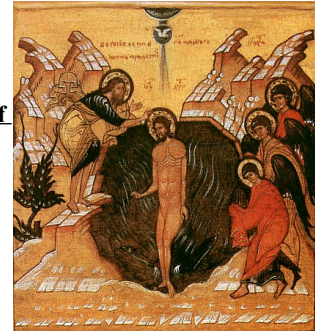
Venerable Michael of Klops Monastery, fool-for-Christ

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions

Sun. Jan. 24/Jan. 11

34th Sunday after Pentecost: Venerable Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch

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



The Baptism of Our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ

2016 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	\$ 6334.00	+ \$ 3222.46
January 3	\$5493.00	+ \$3937.23
January 10	\$841.00	- \$714.77

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, 1/9 – 2 Divine Liturgy, 1/10 – 37

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, 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, Protodeacon Brian Patrick 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, Loun Atanasov, newborn Vincent Atanasov, Archpriest Victor Potapov, Philip Lockwood Swift, Dsa. Monica Pappas, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Emily Vasquez, Nicholas Bluma, Ronald Proctor, baby Aidan, Kris Bream, Dimas Lowry, William Supples, Sr., Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Ashley Laymon & newborn Andrew, Ann Yuschak, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Ron Dinus, Linda Dinus, Subdeacon Jerome (Jerald) Chiles, Matushka Hannah Romeo, Archimandrite Martin (Hohlfeld)

Fellowship Hour

Jan. 17 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 3

Jan. 24 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 4

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



Reader Schedule

Jan. 17~ Reader Steve Miroy

Jan. 19 ~ Reader Moses (Palmer) Swift

Jan. 24~ Reader Steve Terrell

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



Prosfora

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



The Icon Corner

Our iconography guild met Jan. 9th to begin the studies of the process of painting a holy face. We welcomed four new members and enjoyed our time together. If you would like to join us next month to learn the techniques and spiritual symbolism of these initial steps, contact Mat. Joanna for a list of simple supplies. The next meeting will be Sat. Feb. 6th, 12:30-4:00.



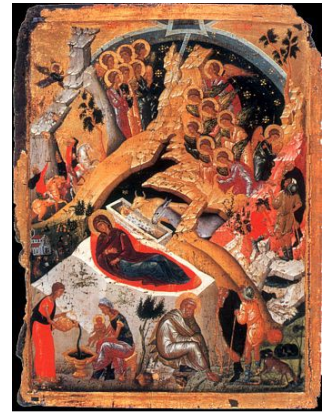
Христос раждається! Славите Его!

Χριστός γεννᾶται! Δοξάσατε!

Hristos se naste! Mariti-L!

Христос се роди! Ваистину се роди!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!



Annual Parish Assembly, January 17th

We will hold our Annual Parish Assembly today, January 17th. Archpriest Alexander will have a role call conducted at the end of the Divine Liturgy to see if a quorum of two thirds of the parish members are present. If two thirds are present we will continue with the assembly. If the parish members present should fail to constitute the required quorum, another Annual Parish Assembly shall be convened one hour later and shall be considered valid in the presence of any number of attending members. All are encouraged to attend the assembly but only those who have been parish members for six months or longer are able to vote or be elected to parish offices.

We need volunteers to hold parish offices. If you are interested in the positions of Warden, Secretary, Parish Council Member at Large, or Auditor please contact Father Alexander, Deacon Alexander, or Reader Jason. Most of these positions only require a few hours a month, the Auditors even less.

22nd National Memorial for the Pre-born and their Mothers and Fathers

Join Archpriest Alexander, dozens of other Christian clergy, and hundreds of faithful at 8:30 a.m., Friday, January 22, DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St., NW (18th & D St), Washington, DC. And then head together to the Mall in Washington, where at least five Orthodox bishops are expected to join numerous Roman Catholic bishops, Protestant clergy, and several rabbis for a rally before the Annual March for Life to the U.S. Supreme Court Building.



Photo of last year's event with Archpriest Alexander in the front row of clergy on the left.

Adult Religious Education

Weeknight Adult Religious Education resumed on January 13th. The current series focuses on the Divine Liturgy, why we worship the way we do, and what every detail of the Divine Liturgy means both historically and for us today. You do not need to have attended the previous sessions to attend.

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 St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Mission include the following: each Saturday after Great Vespers, each Wednesday evening before the Adult Religious Education class (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.