



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. 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**
- Wed. Jan. 27/Jan. 14** **The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu: Isaiah, Sabbas, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius, Elias, and others**
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education class on Divine Liturgy
- Sat. Jan. 30/Jan. 17** **Venerable Cyril, schemamonk, and Venerable Maria, schemanun (parents of St. Sergius of Radonezh)**
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions
- Sun. Jan. 31/Jan. 18** **35th Sunday after Pentecost: St. Athanasius the Great and St. Cyril, archbishops of Alexandria**
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. Sisterhood of the Myrrh-bearing Women Meeting



Venerable Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch

2016 Finances

The Parish needs \$1571.92 /week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 6334.00	+ \$ 4133.54
January 3	\$5493.00	+ \$3921.08 <i>(adjusted for new weekly budget)</i>
January 10	\$841.00	- \$730.92 <i>(adjusted for new weekly budget)</i>
January 17	\$2515.30	+ 943.38

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, 1/16 – 12 Divine Liturgy, 1/17 – 53 Festal Divine Liturgy, 1/19 – 25

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 Stracquatano, 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 Breem, 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. 24 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 4

Jan. 31 ~ Potluck Fellowship

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



Reader Schedule

Jan. 24~ Reader Steve Terrell

Jan. 31 ~ Reader Jason Connerley

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.



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.



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.



Annual Parish Assembly, January 17th

Yesterday we held our Annual Parish Assembly. The checkbook surplus was allotted toward accounting software, chandeliers for the chapel, and production of updated service books. The new parish officers are as follows:

Church Warden: Reader Jason Connerley

Parish Secretary: Caitlyn DeMarco

Parish Treasurer: Stella Jordan

Council Members at Large: Mihaela Coman, Judith Cook, Matushka Joanna Laymon, Joseph Milligan, & Elizabeth Milton

(Also serving on the parish council by virtue of their position are Archpriest Alexander as parish council president, Deacon Alexander, and the Senior Sister of the Sisterhood, currently Maria Connerley)

Audit Committee: Beth Baggett, Reader Steven Mirov, & Nancy St. Clair

Thank you to everyone that attended the meeting and participated in this process.

Home Blessings

The season for home blessings is with us again! If you would like Archpriest Alexander to bless your home please contact him to schedule an appointment. Home blessings will be offered from Theophany to the beginning of Great Lent and if needed will be offered again after Pascha.

Semi-Annual Sisterhood of Myrrhbearing Women Meeting

The Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing Women will be holding their first of two semi-annual meetings on Sunday January 31st after Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited to attend and participate but only dues paying members are allowed to vote during this meeting. Please plan to join the Sisterhood as they elect new officers and prepare for the upcoming events of 2016.

Aquia's Table

We will be cooking and serving at Aquia's Table again on 24 February. That date happens to be fast-free so we'll all be able to sit down and eat what we cook for a change. A sign-up board will be posted in the fellowship hall early in February.

*For Thou didst form my inward parts,
thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.
PSALM 139:13*



*The Lord called me from the womb;
from the body of my mother He named me.
ISAIAH 49:1*



*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations
JEREMIAH 1:5*

Parishioner Mike Yuschak (COL, USA, Ret.) takes the customary plunge into freezing waters on Theophany Eve (18 January 2013) in Moscow during his final overseas assignment. NOTE to potential Orthodox converts: that is NOT how we do baptism as a rule!



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.