

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
 60 Clifton Chapel Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22555 – Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1295, Stafford, VA 22555 – Website: www.sthermanorthodox.org

Liturgical Services / Activities

This Week:

Sun. Apr. 24/Apr. 11 The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem

- 9:15 a.m. Congregational Singing Practice
- 9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour
- 10:00 a.m. Blessing and Distribution of Palms/Pussy Willows
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

Mon. Apr. 25/Apr. 12 Great Monday

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins followed by Holy Confessions upon request

Wed. Apr. 27/Apr. 14 Great Wednesday

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Confessions (last time until after Pascha)
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Unction Matins (Orthodox faithful may receive the anointing with Holy Unction ONLY if they have also participated in the Holy Mystery of Confession during Great Lent)

Thu. Apr. 28/Apr. 15 Great Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Passion Matins

Fri. Apr. 29/Apr. 16 Great Friday

- 6:00 p.m. Decoration of Tomb
- 7:00 p.m. Great Friday Vespers with Procession & Entombment of the Winding Cloth

Sat. Apr. 30/Apr. 17 Great Saturday

- 11:30 p.m. Paschal Nocturns "Rush Service" followed by Paschal Procession at Midnight

Sun. May 1/Apr. 18 The Bright Resurrection of Christ, The Pascha of the Lord. The End of the Great Lent

- 2:15 a.m. Blessing of Eggs & Baskets followed by Agape Meal
- 2:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers followed by Fellowship Meal off site



The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem

2016 Finances

The Parish needs \$1571.92 /week to meet budget

Week	Amount Received	Difference from amount needed
Year-to-date	\$ 27,364.87	+ \$ 6308.37
April 10	\$1526.51	- \$45.41
April 17	\$1586.20	+ \$14.28

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, 4/16 – 19 Divine Liturgy, 4/17 – 47 Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, 4/20 – 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, 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, Archpriest Victor Potapov,

Dsa. Monica Pappas, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Emily Vasquez, Nicholas Bluma, Ronald Proctor, baby Aidan, Kris Broom, Dimas Lowry, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Ann Yuschak, Sarah Heitke, Alex Woglom, James Woglom, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Archpriest Anastasy Yatrelis, Deacon Alexander Laymon, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Anna Nosal, William Supples, Sr., Julia Mounts, Silas Jordan

Adult Religious Education

Weeknight Adult Religious Education classes will continue during Great Lent immediately following the special Lenten liturgies each Wednesday at 7 pm. 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 participate.

Aquia's Table

St. Herman's will be cooking and serving again at Aquia's Table on Bright Wednesday, the 4th of May. We'll need cooks, bakers, food servers, beverage preparers, and a clean-up crew. A sign-up board will be posted in the fellowship hall. Please consider volunteering. It happens that that Wednesday is fast-free so we'll be able to eat what we cook. Contact Reader Moses should you have any questions.

Volunteer Needed

Stella Jordan, our current parish treasurer, has decided to take a break after this year. We are looking for a volunteer willing to take over the treasurer duties next year. The reason for announcing this so early is to allow the perspective treasurer to learn the job and software by shadowing Stella this year. If anyone is interested please contact Archpriest Alexander, Deacon Alexander, Stella, or Jason Connerley.

Flower Donations for Pascha

The Sisterhood of Myrrhbearing Women will buy the flowers for decorating the tomb. We need volunteers to get them and bring them to the church. We also need volunteers to help with setting up the church after the service on Thursday evening. Please contact Judith Cook if you can help.

Paschal Vespers Potluck

The Heitke Family will be hosting Paschal Vespers and our Agape Pot-luck meal at their home on May 1st. Their address is: 2116 Harpoon Dr., Stafford VA 22554. Vespers begins at 2PM and will be followed by feasting and fellowship, and a Bouncy House for the children. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for food being brought and paper goods. We hope to see you there!

Eggs for Pascha

We need six dozen eggs, dyed red of course, for Pascha. If you would like to supply a dozen or two please contact Judith Cook.

Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. She gave him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!" Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea, the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate. Thanks to Mary Magdalene the custom to give each other Paschal eggs on the day of the Radiant Resurrection of Christ spread among Christians over all the world.



Fellowship Hour

Apr. 24 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 4
May 1 ~ Agape Meal

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



Reader Schedule

Apr. 24 ~ Reader Moses (Palmer) Swift
Apr. 25 ~ Reader Moses (Palmer) Swift
Apr. 27 ~ Reader Moses (Palmer) Swift
Apr. 28 ~ Reader Steve Terrell
Apr. 29 ~ Reader Moses (Palmer) Swift
Apr. 30 ~ Reader Moses (Palmer) Swift
May 1 ~ Reader Steve Terrell

If you are interested in assisting with the reading and 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.

