



Sunday, April 3, 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. Apr. 3/Mar. 21** Third Sunday of the Great Lent: Adoration of the Cross: Venerable James the Confessor, bishop, of the Studium (late 8th c.)

- 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. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
- 12:45 p.m. Parish Council Meeting



*Adoration of the Cross*

**Wed. Apr. 6/Mar. 24** Forefeast of the Annunciation  
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class

**Thurs. Apr. 7/Mar. 25** Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.  
10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy

**Sat. Apr. 9/Mar. 27** Venerable Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelecete  
12:30 p.m. Icon Guild Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions

**Sun. Apr. 10/Mar. 28** Fourth Sunday of the Great Lent: Venerable John Lestvichnik  
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

### 2016 Finances

The Parish needs \$1571.92 /week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	\$ 21,491.16	+ \$ 5150.42
March 20	\$1282.00	- \$282.92
March 27	\$965.00	- \$606.92

*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, 3/26 – 7      Divine Liturgy, 3/27 – 49      Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, 3/30 – 17

### 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 Bream, Dimas Lowry, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Ann Yuschak, Sarah Heitke, Alex Woglom, James Woglom, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Archpriest Anastasy Yatreliis, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: William Supples, Sr., Julia Mounts, Silas Jordon, Reader John Grecco

**Many Years!**

**Birthdays**

6 Matushka Joanna Laymon  
12 Stella Jordon  
13 Father Alexander Webster  
17 Andrew Sekela  
20 Alexa Heitke  
25 Matushka Kathleen Webster  
Isabel Jordan  
26 Virginia Miroy  
29 Phillip Miroy  
Alexa Parkinson

**Names Days**

13 Joseph Milligan

**A Note From Deacon Alexander**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have recently learned that I need surgery to correct a problem that surfaced when I had a kidney stone removed a few years ago. The surgery has been scheduled for 8 April. I should be able to return home almost immediately but recovery is expected to last three weeks. During recovery I will have very limited mobility and my attendance at church will be problematic. The timing of this event is unfortunate because it will leave Fr. Alexander short-handed during the busiest time of the liturgical year. I appeal to our men and boys to make themselves available to assist Father, especially in the altar - no experience is necessary. God-willing, I will be serving again by Pascha.

Yours, in Christ,  
Deacon Alexander



**Fellowship Hour**

Apr. 3 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 1  
Apr. 10 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 2

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



**Reader Schedule**

Apr. 3 ~ Reader Nektarios Harrison  
Apr. 7 ~ Reader Jason Connerley  
Apr. 10 ~ Reader Steve Miroy

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.



**Home Blessings**

The season for home blessings has passed. Home blessings will resume, upon request to Fr. Alexander, after Pascha on 1 May.



*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.*

**Mark Your Calendars for Spring Cleaning Day!**

Spring Cleaning Day for the church, fellowship hall and grounds is scheduled for Saturday, April 23. We will starting at 9:00 am and finish at lunch time. Everyone is encouraged to help so we can be done quickly.

**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.

**Altar Boys (& Men) Needed**

We need Orthodox males, at least 7 years of age, as well as older men, to serve in the altar during Divine Liturgies. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Please contact Deacon Alexander for more information.

**Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing Women**

The Sisterhood is open to all women in the parish and all are encouraged to join. Your dues are used in our efforts to support our church, the Sunday School and the fellowship hall.

**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.



*"While man can scarcely keep what belongs to him by nature, Christ gives the grace of sonship through the Cross."*

*St. Kosmas Aitolos +1779*