



Sunday, July 10, 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 – Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am

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Liturgical Services/Activities

This Week:

- Sun. July 10/June 27** 3rd Sunday after Pentecost. Hieromartirs Neophytus, Jonah, Neophytus, Jonah, and Parthenius of Lampsacus
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
- Tues. July 12/June 29** Feast of Holy Apostles Peter & Paul
10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Luncheon at local restaurant
- Sat. July 16/July 3** St. Arsenius, bishop of Tver
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions
- Sun. July 17/July 4** 4th Sunday after Pentecost. Venerables Tikhon, Basil and Nikon Sokolovsky (16th c.)
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 Holy, Glorious and All-praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul

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	\$ 44,150.07	+ \$ 5802.45
June 26	\$1255.00	- \$316.92
July 3	\$1110.46	- \$461.46

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, 7/2–22 Divine Liturgy, 7/3 – 53

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, Artemis Danzig, 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 Joanna 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), David Jones (Peace Corps, Ghana), James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Archpriest Victor Potopov, Dsa. Monica Pappas, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Emily Vasquez, Nicholas Bluma, Ronald Proctor, baby Aidan, Kris Breem, Dimas Lowry, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Ann Yuschak, Sarah Heitke, Alex Woglom, James Woglom, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Archpriest Anastasy Yatrelis, Deacon Alexander Laymon, Charles Jordan, Jo Ann Swift, Archpriest George Rados, Abbess Makaria, James and Bryce Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, Joe and Jill Peabody, Brian Green, Frank Dellermann, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

Memory Eternal: Archpriest Theodore Shevzov

Many Years!

Names Days

4 Julian Sirko
5 Albert Lowe
10 Joanna Laymon
Paisley Milligan
12 Paula Hila
18 Sarah Heitke
Elizabeth Milton
20 Lydia Pappas
25 Alexa Heitke
Veronica Sirko
30 Alexa Parkinson

Birthdays

9 Noah Heitke
11 Elijah (Hunter) Stone
12 Nancy St. Clair
15 Colleen Webster
16 Herman Daou
17 Beverly Denny
Claire Heitke
20 Paula Hila
24 Joseph Milligan
25 Adam Heitke

Anniversaries

6 Dale & Stacie Gillam
21 Reader Jason & Maria Connerley
24 Ron & Elizabeth Milton

Adult Religious Education

After a brief hiatus, Adult Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. on July 6. 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.

Green Thumbs Needed!

We need help with the maintenance of the grounds, specifically in two ways.

- 1) With the grass come weeds and the need to maintain our plants and flowers. If you are interested in assisting in this area please contact Jo Lu Terrell during coffee hour or by email JoLuTerrell@gmail.com
- 2) Reader Steve Miroy has been working on a walking path around the perimeter of the grounds. If you are interested in assisting him with this please see him after Divine Liturgy or during coffee hour.

If you have other ideas or suggestions for our grounds please contact Jo Lu Terrell, our landscaping coordinator.

Scrip

It is really wonderful to welcome so many new people to our "little church in the woods". You have probably seen the little sign in the fellowship hall advertising "Scrip", and may have wondered what it is all about. Scrip is a program which provides "free money" to non-profit organizations. Basically, our church purchases gift cards (scrip) at a discounted rate and sell them to the parishioners at face value. The size of the discount depends on the vendor, for example, a card from Lowes usually offers 4%, Chiles offers 11%, L.L. Bean 18%. There are hundreds of vendors participating in the program. These percentages, albeit small can amount to significant donations. Up until a couple of years ago, the average from scrip for the year was \$2500 (this more than pays half our rent for the year). With the loss of some of our parishioners, the income from scrip has declined. I keep the most popular ones for our parishioners on hand. These include Giant, Shoppers Food Warehouse, WAWA, Sheetz, Exxon, WalMart and Target, Lowes, Amazon, and a few popular restaurants. I try to replenish my supply once a month, however, if someone wants something I do not have on hand, I can get it by the following Sunday. In addition, there is a way parishioners can order scrip directly from Great Lakes Scrip by entering a code which will identify the order coming from a St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church parishioner, however no one seems interested in that option and prefer to obtain their scrip from me. I would explore that option if anyone wishes. The code would insure the church would be credited for the discount. Sunday, I will have copies of the vendor list available.

You know, we are half way to Christmas. Gift cards make great gifts. Just saying.

National Night Out

Reader Moses reports: Our parish will participate in Stafford County's National Night Out on 2 August at the Target parking lot in Stafford Marketplace. The outing is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, support and participate in local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. For us, as St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church, the event is a means to present ourselves to the community and to introduce Orthodoxy to those who are unaware of the true Church - that includes most of the population of Stafford. I will need help in setting up for the event - we'll have our tent, tables, chairs, icons, brochures, etc. to transport to the site and erect. We'll also need parishioners to man our booth throughout the hours of 1700 to 2100 on that day. More information will be forthcoming after I attend the Sheriff's Office final planning meeting on 11 July.

Eagle Scout Project to Benefit Church Grounds

Sam Rose of Boy Scout Troop 847 of Spotsylvania, along with several of his fellow troop members, will be working on the church grounds this week. Sam, who is completing his Eagle Scout badge, has also made two wooden benches for the walking trail. Sam is the grandson of Elizabeth and Ron Milton.

"A humble man who lives a spiritual life, when he reads the Holy Scriptures, will relate all things to himself and not to others."

– St. Mark the Ascetic, Sermon, 1.6

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Fellowship Hour

July 10 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 2
July 17 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 3

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

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Reader Schedule

July 10 ~ Reader Moses Swift
July 17 ~ Reader Steve Terrell

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

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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.