



Sunday, September 4, 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:

- Sun. Sept. 4/Aug. 22**     **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Martyr Agathonkos of Nicomedia and his companions: Martyrs Zotikos, Theoprepōs, Akindynos, Severian, Zeno, and others, who suffered under Maximian (4th c.)**  
**9:15 a.m.**     Choir Practice  
**9:45 a.m.**     Reading of the Third Hour  
**10:00 a.m.**     Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
- Wed. Sept. 7/Aug. 25**     **Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy (1st c.)**  
**7:00 p.m.**     Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. Sept. 10/Aug. 28**     **Synaxis of all saints of Nizhny Novgorod**  
**6:00 p.m.**     Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions.
- Sun. Sept. 11/Aug. 29**     **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost The Beheading of the Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John (Strict Fasting Day--no meat or dairy foods)**  
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Martyr Agathonkos of Nicomedia

## 2016 Finances

The Parish needs \$1571.92 /week to meet budget

| Week         | Amount Received | Difference from amount needed* |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Year-to-date | \$ 57,794.29    | + \$ 6,871.31                  |
| August 21    | \$1820.35       | + \$248.43                     |
| August 28    | \$1052.50       | - \$519.42                     |

*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, 8/27 – 20

Divine Liturgy, 8/28– 65

## 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-Panagiotis Peterson, Monk Anthony (West Virginia), Archpriest George Larin, Matushka Masha Potopov, 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 Potapov, Dsa. Monica Pappas, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Kris Breem, Dimas Lowry, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Ann Yuschak, Sarah Heitke, Alex Woglom, James Woglom, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Archpriest Anastasy Yatrelis, Charles Jordan, Jo Ann Swift, Archpriest George Rados, Abbess Makaria, James and Bryce Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, Joe and Jill Peabody, Brian Green, Glen A. Cooper, Kiernan Green, Archpriest Andrei Semyanko, Protodeacon Nicholas Lukianov, Matushka Nadejda Revitsky, John Hershey, Archpriest George Johnson, Lisa King Buka, Richard Buka Sr., Gene King, Howard J. Stickle, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

**Memory Eternal:** Protodeacon Thomas Branch, Rev. Jacques Hamel, Ann C Gibson, Hannah and Laurel Peabody, Pascalis Hazantones, Ronald Weaver, Major Sterling Norton, USMC, Andreas Weidman

## Many Years!

### Birthdays

8 Kathy Miroy  
10 Vincent Atanasov  
15 Suzan Kosch  
16 Emma Parkinson  
18 Kristen Duckett  
19 James Kosch  
22 Karen Ann Yuschak  
23 Mihaela Coman  
26 Andrew Webster

### Names Days (Julian calendar)

10 Reader Moses Swift  
18 Colleen Webster  
21 Maria Connerley  
Judith Maria Cook  
Virginia Miroy  
Kristen Duckett  
22 Anna Geracoulis  
Cynthia Geracoulis  
Joachim Sirko  
Karen Ann Yuschak  
Beverly Denny

27 James Kosch  
Stella Jordan  
29 Joseph Henry  
30 Lyubomir Antanasov  
Sophia Gilliam

## Welcome Nicholas John Hart!

I am delighted to announce the birth of Nicholas John Hart, second son and fourth child of parishioners Nadezda (Naia) and Jeff Hart! Nicholas arrived at mid-day on Tuesday, August 30, weighing 7 lbs 14 oz. and stretching to 21 inches. May God the Holy Trinity grant the newborn child of God, his parents Naia and Jeff, his sisters Annika and Mila, and brother Alexander "many years"!

--Archpriest Alexander



### Fellowship Hour

Sept. 4 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 1  
Sept. 11 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 2

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



### Reader Schedule

Sept. 4 ~ Reader Steve Terrell  
Sept. 11 ~ Reader Steve Miroy

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



### Prosfora

Areti Stylianopoulos is currently providing the Prosfora for Sundays, while Matushka Kathleen is doing so for weekday feast days. 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.

## Mark Your Calendar for September 24 & 25!

Please make plans to attend a unique workshop on Orthodox music and worship conducted by our beloved Metropolitan Jonah, retired OCA primate who now serves actively in retirement in the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia. The workshop will be September 24 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. A light lunch will be served. Great Vespers will follow. earlier than usual. at 4:15 p.m. Registration forms (necessary due to limited space) have been emailed to our parish listserv and are also available in the Fellowship Hall. Also, on the following day, Sunday, September 25, Metropolitan Jonah will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in our altar!

## The Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing Women Welcomes New Members!

All the women who are members of the parish are encouraged to join the Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing women. The Sisterhood supports the parish by maintaining the church and fellowship hall, providing resources for the Sunday school, visiting the sick and helping those in need. The annual dues are \$25, payable by check to the Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing Women. Matushka Kathleen Webster our treasurer will accept your checks. The dues of the members support these efforts.

For further information please contact Judith Cook, Senior Sister, at [Sarahsews@gmail.com](mailto:Sarahsews@gmail.com) or [703.919.1885](tel:703.919.1885).

## New Topic in Adult Religious Education Class!

We have just begun a new Bible study in the Book of Tobit in the Old Testament--that is, the ancient Greek Septuagint, our official Orthodox OT. Tobit is only 14 chapters in length, but its narrative story set in ancient Nineveh, Ecbatana, and Rages (modern Tehran) is at once intriguing, unexpected, captivating, troubling, and inspirational. Key themes / teachings include the unique importance of family, angels and demons, purposeful suffering, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, faith, hope, and love! The class meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and all are welcome!

## Looking for a Good Book?

A few of us are clearing off our bookshelves, and there are some boxes of books (mostly children's books and curriculum books) available in the closet of the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like them. Please take what you would like and leave the rest for others to look through. If you have any questions, please talk to Kristin Milligan.

## The Icon Corner

The Commemoration of the Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God and the deliverance of Moscow from the Invasion of Tamerlane was August 26.

It was painted by Evangelist Luke on a board from the table on which Christ, His Holy Mother, and Righteous Joseph had eaten. When the Theotokos saw it she proclaimed that the Grace of Him who was born of me be with this icon, and these words became part of the Iconographer's Prayer.

