



Sunday, January 1, 2017

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. Jan. 1/Dec. 19** **28th Sunday after Pentecost. Nativity Fast. Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, Holy Father, Martyr Boniface at Tarsus in Cilicia (290 AD) and Righteous Aglae (Aglaida) of Rome.**
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (*guest celebrant: Fr. Damian Dantine*)
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour
- Fri. Jan. 6/Dec. 24** **The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
7:00 p.m. Compline-Matins with Anointing
- Sat. Jan. 7/Dec. 25** **The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ.**
10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Family Barbecue (in Fellowship Hall)
- Sun. Jan. 8/Dec. 26** **29th Sunday after Pentecost. Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, Holy Righteous David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord**
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



Martyr Boniface at Tarsus in Cilicia

Attendance

Great Vespers, 12/24 – 10

Divine Liturgy, 12/25 – 30

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	\$ 81,906.21	+ \$ 4,260.59
December 18	\$2,979.00	+ \$1,407.08
December 25	\$980.25	- \$591.67

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

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, Ann Yuschak, Sarah Heitke, Dsa. Monica Pappas, Emmelia Stone, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Charles Jordan, 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 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 Potapov, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Alex Woglom, James Woglom, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), 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, Kieman Green, Protodeacon Nicholas Lukianov, Matushka Nadejda Revitsky, John Hershey, Archpriest George Johnson, Lisa King Buka, Richard Buka Sr., Gene King, Howard J. Stickley, Larry Terrell, Matushka Larisa Hutnyan, Jackie Leopold, Monk Joseph (Isaac Lambertson), Ellaine Baron, Protodeacon Pavel Wolkow, Mother Theodora, Jerry Laxson, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

Memory Eternal: Artemis Danzig, Joan Merrigan

Welcome Back, Fr. Damian!

Today we welcome back to our altar Fr. Damian Dantine of St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, DC. He is substituting for Archpriest Alexander, who is in New Jersey for his extended family's annual New Year's Eve celebration.

Blessed New Year (Civil Calendar)



O Word of the Father from before the ages, Who, being in the form of God, brought creation into being out of nothing; Thou Who hast put the times and seasons in Thine own power: Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness; give peace unto Thy churches, victory unto Thy faithful hierarchs, fruitfulness unto the earth, and Great Mercy unto us.

[From: [Matins of the Ecclesiastical New Year: Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness . . .](#)]



Reminder to Parents!

Sunday School classes are canceled over the the holidays and will resume January 8th.



Fellowship Hour

Jan. 1 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 1
Jan. 7 ~ Potluck Fellowship
Jan. 8 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 2

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



Reader Schedule

Jan. 1 ~ Reader Moses Swift
Jan. 7 ~ Reader Steve Terrell
Jan. 8 ~ TBA

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.

Poinsettia Donations

Poinsettias may still be brought in to help decorate our church for the Nativity.

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. We are looking for helpers for our fellowship teams. Each team is assigned one weekend a month and the fifth Sunday is a potluck. If interested please contact Matushka Kathleen Webster

Help Us Meet Our Pledged Income

St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church meets a great need in our community. The ministries here are priceless to the people who attend. Although many of us give of our talents and skills, unfortunately it takes money for everyday expenses.

As this year rapidly comes to an end, we are reviewing where we are in terms of the pledges our parishioners made at the beginning of the year. Right now the difference between what was pledged and what has been donated is in the "red"-- that is, -\$6367. Fortunately, unpledged donations have exceeded projections by \$4112. Candle donations are in the "black" by \$942. Other monies are keeping us "above water."

We still have a few more days for you to fulfill your pledges before we close the books for 2016. If you are in doubt as to where you are in terms of your pledge, please contact me via email.

Stella Jordan, Parish Council Treasurer

Coffeodoxy and Heterodoxy

Your local coffeehouse may be a hotbed of heresy. Check the following list and see how yours measures up.

- Decaf is Docetic because it only appears to be coffee.
- Instant is Apollinarian because it's had its soul removed and replaced.
- Frappuccinos are essentially a form of Monophysitism, having their coffee nature swallowed up in milkshake.
- Chicory is Arian, not truly coffee at all but a separate creation.
- Irish coffee is Nestorian, being two natures conjoined solely by good will.
- Nitro coffee (coffee + Red Bull) is Montanist, having a form of godliness but denying its power.
- Affogato is Adoptionist, being merely topped with espresso.
- The Café Bombón is Sabellian, appearing at some points to be foam, at others coffee and at others sweetened condensed milk.
- The Caffè Americano is a form of Unitarian Universalism, being so watered down so as not even to qualify as coffee.
- The Café miel violates Canon 57 of the Council in Trullo, "for it is not right to offer honey and milk" in one's coffee.
- The Cafe Mocha (espresso + steamed milk + chocolate) is syncretic and polytheist, for it presumes to adulterate coffee with another nation's gods.
- The Doppio (espresso + espresso) is Monothelite, permitting only one will to dominate.
- WHAT IS AN EGGNOG LATTE I DON'T EVEN.
- Half-Caf is another form of Adoptionism, being a hybrid of disparate natures.
- The Pharisäer (drip coffee + 2 shots rum + whipped cream) is nothing but sheer Antinomianism.
- The Red Eye (drip coffee + 1 shot espresso) is Ebionite, for it would swallow up pure faith in the Law.
- A rigorist exclusivism for Fair Trade Coffee is a form of Donatism, insisting that only sinless hands may produce a true beverage.
- "Coffee is bad for you": The watchwords of the Iconoclast.
- The fellow who just keeps adding sugar to his over-roasted Pike's Peak[*] is surely a Pelagian.

Here endeth the caffeination. *Ite, coffe est.*

[*] Yes, we know the Starbucks brand is "Pike Place," but we chose the common malapropism to illustrate the futility of heresy.

Taken from the December 31, 2013 "Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy" blog of Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick:
<http://blogs.ancientfaith.com/orthodoxyandheterodoxy/2013/12/31/coffeeodoxy-and-heterodoxy/>