



Sunday, January 22, 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. 22/Jan. 9**      **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday after the Baptism of Our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Martyr Polyuctos of Melitene in Armenia (259 AD)**  
**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  
**12:30 p.m.**    Parish Council Meeting
- Wed. Jan. 25/Jan. 12**      **Martyr Tatiana of Rome (226-235 AD)**  
**7:00 p.m.**    Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. Jan. 28/Jan. 15**      **Martyrs the brothers Speusippos, Eleusippos, and Meleusippos, their grandmother Leonilla, and with them Neon, Turbo, and the woman Jonilla (Jovilla), in Cappadocia (ca. 161-180)**  
**6:00 p.m.**    Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions.
- Sun. Jan. 29/Jan. 16**      **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Blessed Maximus of Totma (Vologda). fool-for-Christ (1650 AD)**  
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**12:30 p.m.**    Parish Council Meeting (if needed)



Martyr Polyuctos of Melitene in Armenia

## Attendance

Great Vespers, 1/14 – 11      Divine Liturgy, 1/15 – 64  
Daily Vespers, 1/18 – 17      Festal Divine Liturgy, 1/19 – 19

## 2017 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	\$ 3,382.84	- \$ 1,332.92
January 8	\$1,377.34	- \$194.58
January 15	\$1,541.00	- \$30.92

*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*

## 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 Stracquatanio, 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, Kiernan 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, Archpriest Alexander Veronis, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

**Memory Eternal:** Alexander Riasanovsky, Jeff Head, George Kosana, Artemis Danzig, Joan Merrigan



**"On the Holy Water of Theophany" by St. John of Shanghai**

On Theophany, the day of the Lord's Baptism, every year a great miracle is performed. The Holy Spirit, coming down upon the water, changes its natural properties. It becomes incorrupt, not spoiling, remaining transparent and fresh for many years. This Holy Water receives the grace to heal illnesses, to drive away demons and every evil power, to preserve people and their dwellings from every danger, to sanctify various objects whether for church or home use. Therefore, Orthodox Christians with reverence drink Holy Water--a great *agiasma* (holy thing) as the Greeks call it.

**Official Announcement:** The Annual Parish Assembly will follow the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Feb. 5.

**Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing Women**

The sisterhood is looking for a faithful woman to serve as Senior Sister in our Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing Women. The Senior Sister is a vital position in the parish. She leads the sisterhood in serving the needs of the parish, but she always has the help and encouragement of all the members. Please contact Father Alexander if you are interested in the position. Judith Maria Cook can provide details about the work of the sisterhood.

**The Icon Corner: Announcing our Annual Iconography Workshop!**

It is not too early to begin planning to attend our iconography workshop, Sept. 11 – 16th. It is a time of retreat, immersion into both the spiritual symbolism and the practice as we co-create with the Holy Spirit an icon of an archangel, a saint, the Theotokos, or **The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord**, depending on your experience. Master Iconographer Fr. Igumen Mefodii will be returning to lead us. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Visit our parish iconography workshop web page and please visit and share our Facebook Events page.

<http://sthermanorthodox.org/iconographyworkshop.html>  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/189995551424553/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/189995551424553/?active_tab=about)



For more details and to join our email update list, contact Mat. Joanna:



**Fellowship Hour**

Jan. 22 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 4  
Jan. 29 ~ Potluck Fellowship

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



**Reader Schedule**

Jan. 22 ~ Joseph Sirko  
Jan. 29~ 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.

**HOLY CONFESSIONS**

Faithful communion in the Holy Mysteries requires faithful participation in the Holy Mystery of Confession. To apply Fr. Thomas Hopko's felicitous phrase "regular and disciplined communion" also to Confession entails Holy Confession ideally each month by those faithful who expect to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord at each Sunday Divine Liturgy. The timing may be extended through the practice of "oikonomia" (exception for the greater good of both the person and the community) to once every two months. However, Holy Confession less frequent than bi-monthly is, according to the guidance of our recent hierarch, His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah, inadequate preparation for receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord. Regular opportunities for Holy Confession at St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Mission include the following: each Saturday after Great Vespers, each Wednesday evening before the Adult Religious Education class (that is, from 6 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.), Sundays after Divine Liturgy upon request, and by appointment at other times. Of course, parishioners may have established previous relations with other Orthodox priest-confessors that they may wish to continue. If that is the case, I ask only that such parishioners let me know the names of their priest-confessors, so that I can be confident that the spiritual relation is strong. Please honor the minimum standard for this necessary spiritual discipline and vital sacramental opportunity.



~ Archpriest Alexander

*"When God revealed himself, he united himself with our mortal nature in order to deify humanity through this close relation with deity. Since this is so, through his flesh, constituted by bread and wine, he implants himself in all believers."*

— St. Gregory of Nyssa, Catechetical Oration