



Sunday, January 8, 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

60 Clifton Chapel Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22555 – Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1295, Stafford, VA 22555 – Website: www.sthermanorthodox.org

Liturgical Services/Activities:

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

Wed. Jan. 11/Dec. 29 **The 14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod at Bethlehem (1st c.)**

7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class

Sat. Jan. 14/Jan. 1 **Righteous Juliana of Lazarevo (1604 AD)**

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions.

Sun. Jan. 15/Jan. 2 **30th Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday before the Baptism of Our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ. St. Sylvester, pope of Rome (335 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



Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos

Attendance

Great Vespers, 12/31– *No Vespers Service*

Divine Liturgy, 1/1 – 39

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 25 | \$980.25 | - \$591.67 |
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| January 1 | \$464.50 | - \$1107.42 |

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

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 prayer, 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: Alexander Riasanovsky, Jeff Head, George Kosana, Artemis Danzig, Joan Merrigan

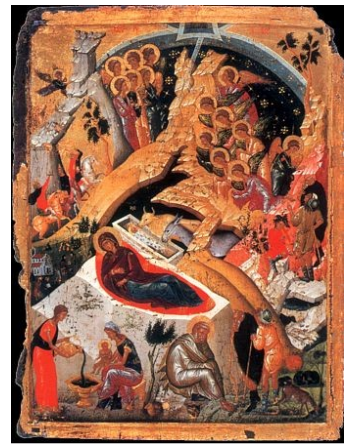
Христос раждается! Славите Его!

Χριστός γεννάται! Δοξάσατε!

Hristos se naste! Mariti-L!

Христос се роди! Ваистину се роди!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!



Many Years!

Names Days

6 Isabel Gillam
8 Joseph Sirko
9 Reader Steve Miroy
Reader Steve Terrell
17 Timothy Mellor
21 Nancy St. Clair

Birthdays

21 Jim Kosch
25 Beth Baggett
27 Timothy Mellor
Julianna Stone

Anniversaries

7 Timothy & Lori Mellor
25 Nick & Beth Galvan



Fellowship Hour

Jan. 8 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 2
Jan. 15 ~ Fellowship hosted by Team 3

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



Reader Schedule

Jan. 8 ~ Reader Steve Terrell
Jan. 15 ~ 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.

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.

Now that our fiscal year has come 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 have only until tonight (January 8) 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

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.



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.

~ Archpriest Alexander