



Sunday, April 9, 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. Apr. 9/Mar. 27

The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem. St. Matrona of Thessalonika (4th c.)

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Blessing & distribution of palms & pussy willows

10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

Mon. Apr. 10/Mar. 28

Great Monday

5:30 p.m. Holy Confessions

7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins followed by Holy Confessions upon request

Wed. Apr. 12/Mar. 30

Great Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Holy Confessions (last time until after Pascha)

7:00 p.m. Holy Unction Matins (Orthodox faithful may receive the anointing with Holy Unction ONLY if they have also participated in the Holy Mystery of Confession during Great Lent)

Thurs. Apr. 13/Mar. 31

Great Thursday

7:00 p.m. Passion Matins

Fri. Apr. 14/Apr. 1

Great Friday

6:00 p.m. Decoration of Tomb

7:00 p.m. Great Friday Vespers with Procession & Entombment of the Winding Cloth

Sat. Apr. 15/Apr. 2

Great Saturday

11:30 p.m. Paschal Nocturns "Rush Service" followed by Paschal Procession at Midnight

Sun. Apr. 16/Apr. 3

The Bright Resurrection of Christ, The Pascha of the Lord. The End of the Great Lent

12:15 a.m. Paschal Matins

1:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

2:15 a.m. Blessing of Eggs & Baskets followed by Agape Meal

2:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers followed by Fellowship Meal (at Sirko residence)



The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem

Attendance

Great Vespers, 4/1 – 14

Divine Liturgy, 4/2 – 57

Pre-sanctified Liturgy, 4/5 – 17

2017 Finances

The Parish needs \$1588.81 /week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 23,914.53	+ \$ 1,671.19
March 26	\$1,112.00	- \$476.81
April 2	\$2,252.00	+ \$663.19

Honor the Lord from your righteous labors and offer Him the first fruits from the fruits of righteousness, that your storehouses may be

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, Matushka Kathleen Webster, Emma Nicole Parkinson, Veronica Sirko, Kristin Milligan, Lana Campbell, Maria Connerley, 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, Monk Anthony (West Virginia), Archpriest George Larin, Matushka Masha Potopav, Matushka Sophia Doubleday, Evdokiya Bykon, Kevin McCarthy, James Dunham,

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, Ryan Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, 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, Ellaine Baron, Protodeacon Pavel Wolkow, Mother Theodora, Jerry Laxson, Archpriest Alexander Veronis, James Kushiner, Michael Gann, James Scott Jr., Anders Bjorklund, Maria Papademetriou, Peter and Laura Roshak and baby Mark, Protopresbyter Valery Lukianov, Archpriest George Kallaur, Archpriest Paul Ivanov, Christina Spannic, Ksenia Resnikoff, Maximos Andreas Winans, Michelle Duckett, Jimmy Golden, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

Memory Eternal: Peter-Panagiotis Peterson, Charles Knettles, Eleanor Magee, Matushka Juliana Schmemann

Adult Religious Education Course on Wednesdays at 7 pm

A new series began in January: "Contemporary Moral Issues." Each week we tackle a moral or ethical issue (chosen by consensus of the class) in light of the Orthodox Tradition, using as a resource an excellent collection of short newspaper columns by Archpriest Stanley S. Harakas titled, *Contemporary Moral Issues*. (Copies are now available in the parish bookstore for \$13 apiece.) Fr. Stanley, former dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology near Boston, MA, is our rector's long-time mentor in moral theology. The **next class session** will, God-willing, be on **April 19**, and the topic will be another sensitive but important one: "**Divorce**."

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

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Fellowship Hour

Apr. 9 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 2

Apr. 16 ~ Potluck at the Sirko's

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

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Reader Schedule

- Apr. 9 ~ Reader Steve Terrell
- Apr. 10 ~ Reader Moses Swift
- Apr. 12 ~ Joseph Sirko
- Apr. 13 ~ Reader Moses Swift
- Apr. 14 ~ Reader Steve Terrell
- Apr. 15 ~ Reader Moses Swift
- Apr. 16 ~ Reader Steve Miroy

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.

Calling All Linguists!

On only one day each year the Orthodox Church invites faithful Orthodox laity to join with the clergy in reading the Gospel assigned for the Paschal Vespers (2 pm, Sunday, April 16) in as many languages as possible to emphasize the universal import and joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The selection is Gospel of St. John, chapter 20, verses 19-25--which is read "round-robin" by the participants in three segments: (1) verses 19-20, (2) verses 21-23, (3) verses 24-25.

In previous years we have been blessed with parishioners & clergy who read the Gospel on that day in Greek, Russian, Old Church Slavic, Bulgarian, Romanian, Arabic, Latin, French, German, Spanish, and Japanese. If you are able and willing to participate in this inspirational moment during the Paschal Vespers, please notify Archpriest Alexander as soon as possible via email (chaplain.webster@gmail.com) or telephone: (703) 297-7744.

