



Sunday, July 23, 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. July 23/July 10** 7th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy 45 Martyrs at Nikopolis in Armenia, including Leontios, Maurice, Daniel, Anthony, Alexander, Aniketos, Sisinius, Meneus, and Belerad (Verelad) (319 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
- Wed. July 26/July 13** Venerable Stephen of St. Sabbas' Monastery (794 AD)
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. July 29/July 16** Venerable Irenarchus, abbot of Solovki (1628 AD)
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confession
- Sun. July 30/July 17** 8th Sunday after Pentecost. Great-martyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (4th c.)
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour
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Holy 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia

Attendance

Great Vespers, 7/15 – 13

Divine Liturgy, 7/16 – 45

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	\$ 43,764.44	- \$ 2,311.05
July 9	\$1,434.00	- \$154.81
July 16	\$457.91	- \$1,130.90

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

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, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Charles Jordan, Matushka Kathleen Webster, Emma Nicole Parkinson, Veronica Sirko, Kristin Milligan, Donna Colaianni, Archpriest Michael Sekela, 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, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Jo Ann Swift, Archpriest George Rados, Abbess Makaria, James and Bryce Wilt, Ryan Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, 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. Stickle, 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, Deacon Nicholas Pappas, Kevin McDonald, Elizabeth Orlowsky, Conley Rohall, Jean Manco, Katherine Katsikas, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

Memory Eternal: Rose Marie Webster, Archpriest Mark Gomez

FINAL Adult Religious Education Class with Fr. Alexander at 7 pm on Wednesday, July 26

The series on "Contemporary Moral Issues" that began in January will conclude with a discussion of the Orthodox moral theology of **war and peace**, Fr. Alexander's primary scholarly specialization for more than three decades. A **short 3-page excerpt** from his book, *The Price of Prophecy: Orthodox Churches on Peace, Freedom, and Security* (2nd rev. ed. 1995) will provide the background reading for this profound topic that confronts us at every turn in the present era. In addition, we shall reserve the last half-hour for an **"open forum"** on any question or topic of interest to the attendees. In September, Metropolitan Jonah will determine the next phase of our Wednesday night liturgical and educational program inaugurated by Fr. Alexander in 2011.

Help with Grounds Maintenance Needed

This is a request/call out to volunteers to help keep the grass mowed and do some weeding over the summer. I'd like to get a rotating list of four to five individuals who will be willing to help out. I will be traveling the next couple of weeks, but will reach out to any volunteers when I return to set up a schedule. The best way for people to reach me is through my email: tim@mellor.com Thanks!

In Christ, Tim Mellor

Volunteers Needed For National Night Out

Our parish will participate in Stafford County's National Night Out 2017 on 1 August. The event, held in the Target parking lot in Stafford Marketplace on Garrisonville Road (Route 610), will take place between 6-9 pm. This is our opportunity to present Orthodoxy to the general public. We'll hand out informative brochures and booklets and answer questions about our faith. Our site will have two shelters for protection from the sun. Parishioners are encouraged to attend and help out. Even one hour of your time will help - we'll have our core group there for the entire time. Last year, an estimated 6,000 people attended the event - a wide audience for us to evangelize just by our presence and the presence of the icons. Bring a camp chair and plenty of water - it'll be hot! If you have any questions, please talk to Maximos Buka or Rdr. Moses.

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Fellowship Hour

July 23 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 3

July 30 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 4

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

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Reader Schedule

July 23 ~ Reader Steve Terrell
July 30 ~ Joseph Sirko

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

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Prosfora

Stella Jordan is currently providing the Prosfora. If you are interested in helping to make Prosfora for the church, please contact Nancy St. Clair.

Please Help S.E.R.V.E.!

SATURDAY AUGUST 12th will be our second opportunity to help S.E.R.V.E. with the Stuff the Truck food drive at the White Oak Giant location from 9-5 (2 hour shifts). Volunteers are needed! There will be a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall or you can email Lori Mellor at lori@mellor.com

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

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.

