



Sunday, July 2, 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 2/June 19** **4th Sunday after Pentecost. Apostles' (Peter & Paul) Fast continued. St. John of Shanghai & San Francisco (1966 AD)**
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
12:15 p.m. Service of Holy Matrimony followed by reception
- Wed. July 5/June 22** **Hieromartyr Eusebios, bishop of Samosata (380 AD)**
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. July 8/June 25** **St. Dionysios, archbishop of Suzdal (1385 AD)**
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confession
- Sun. July 9/June 26** **5th Sunday after Pentecost. Apostles' (Peter & Paul) Fast continued. Venerable David of Thessalonica (540 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



St. John of Shanghai & San Francisco

Attendance

Great Vespers, 6/24 – 12 Divine Liturgy, 6/25 – 37

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	\$ 39,975.53	- \$ 1,333.53
June 18	\$1,549.00	- \$39.81
June 25	\$1,179.00	- \$409.81

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, 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, 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, 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 Orlovsky, Conley Rohall, Jean Manco, 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, Daniel Holland

Holy Matrimony TODAY!

At 12:15 pm, after the Sunday Divine Liturgy today, parishioner Faina Khaziyeva and her fiancé Kevin Regan will, God-willing, be joined in the Holy Mystery of Matrimony in our chapel by Archpriest Alexander Webster. The parishioners of St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church and other attendees at the Divine Liturgy are invited to attend the wedding service and to enjoy the reception provided by our Sisterhood in the Fellowship Hall. May God the Holy Trinity grant Faina and Kevin "many years"!



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 topic for the next **class session on July 5--the next to last in this series--**will be **abortion**. The reading for this class will be a deeply moving and compelling personal testimony in *The Weekly Standard* by the father of an unborn child who is destined to die at birth: <http://www.weeklystandard.com/>. If ever there were a dire situation--a so-called "hard case"--that might tempt one to resort to abortion, this is it. And yet the father and mother of the unborn child demonstrate that life--even for only minutes--is the only "choice." Hardcopies of that article will be available in the fellowship hall today (Sunday).



Fellowship Hour

July 2 ~ Potluck Fellowship/Reception
July 9 ~ Fellowship provided by
Team 1

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



Reader Schedule

July 2 ~ Reader Jason Connerley
July 9 ~ Reader Steve Terrell

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



Prosfora

Areti Stylianopoulos 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.

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@stherman.org Thanks!

In Christ,
Tim Mellor

Heads up!

National Night Out 2017 will be held on 1 August between 6 p.m.--9 p.m. in the Target parking lot at Stafford Marketplace, Route 610, Stafford. This is our chance to evangelize and present Orthodoxy to the public. Volunteers will be needed to "man the booth" in handing out informative fliers and booklets concerning our church and in answering questions. More info will be forthcoming.

Substitute Bulletin Formatter Needed in August

I am looking for someone who is willing to take over formatting and updating the bulletin for the month of August while I am otherwise occupied. It takes a few hours of commitment per week, and the ability to use a word processing program on the computer. If you would like to help, please talk to me (Kristin Milligan) during Fellowship or email me and let me know of your interest. Thank you in advance!

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

"You don't become holy by fighting evil. Let evil be. Look towards Christ and that will save you.
What makes a person saintly is love."

— St. Porphyrios