



Sunday, February 1, 2015

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 – Daily Vespers & Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am
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Divine Services / Activities

This Week:

- Sun. Feb. 1/Jan. 19** **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (fast free week)**
Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt
9:15 a.m. Congregational Singing Practice
9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
11:45 a.m. Roll Call for Annual Parish Assembly
- Wed. Feb. 4/Jan. 22** **Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra and Martyr Agathangelus**
Parish night at Aquia's Table (NO Daily Vespers and Bible Study this week)
- Sat. Feb. 7/Jan. 25** **St. Xenophon and his wife, St. Mary, and their two sons, Sts. Arcadius and John, of Constantinople**
12:30 p.m. Icon Guild Meeting
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions
- Sun. Feb. 8/Jan. 26** **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia
9:15 a.m. Congregational Singing Practice
9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour



2015 Finances

The Parish needs \$1,416.38/week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 4291.20	
January 18	\$ 1385 .00	- \$31.38
January 25	\$ 393 .00	- \$1023.38

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

Attendance

Festal Divine Liturgy, 1/19 – 9 Daily Vespers, 1/21 – Cancelled Great Vespers, 1/24 – 9 Divine Liturgy, 1/25 – 29

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.

With the beginning of the New Year it is prudent to restart our intercessory prayer list in order to keep it current. Please resubmit to Archpriest Alexander any names of persons who still require intercessory prayer: (His email address is chaplain.webster@gmail.com)

LIVING: Rebecca Laymon, Joan Laymon, Judith (Maria) Cook, Ana Rosado-Nazario, Lana Campbell, Artemis Danzig, Maria Connerley, Matushka Kathleen Webster, Emma Nicole Parkinson, Matushka Joanna Laymon, 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 Mitchell, Presvytera Flora Chioros, Joshua Epstein, Father Stanley Voyiazakis, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Lydia Erickson, Larry Brown

Many Years!

Names Days:

- 3 Anna Milligan
- 4 Wyatt Connerley
Timothy St. Clair
- 6 Gina Van Weddingen

Anniversaries:

- 2 Susan Koory & George Jett
- 21 Reader Moses & Joanne Swift

Birthdays:

- 5 Sarah Kosch
Patrick St. Clair
- 8 Reader Steve Terrell
- 11 Nicholas Siewers
- 15 Deacon Nicholas Pappas
- 16 Elliana Velesaris
- 21 Ana Rosado
- 28 Diakonissa Monica Pappas



Fellowship Hour

Feb. 1 ~ Potluck Fellowship meal

Feb. 8 ~ Fellowship meal hosted by
Team 2

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



Reader Schedule

Feb. 1 ~ Reader Moses (Palmer) Swift

Feb. 8 ~ Adam Heitke

If you are interested in assisting with the reading or 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.



2015 Anticipated Giving Cards

If you have given to our parish in 2014 you should have received a 2015 anticipated giving card in the mail. Copies are also available in Christ the Savior Fellowship Hall. Please return these as soon as practicable as we use these cards to plan the budget we will present at the Annual Assembly on February 1st.

Annual Parish Assembly

We will hold our annual assembly on February 1st after Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall. During this meeting we will present reports from the pastor, the parish council, the treasurer, and the audit committee. We will also hold elections for 2015 to include assistant parish warden, parish treasurer, parish secretary, parish council members, and audit committee members. In addition we will present the 2015 budget for examination and ratification. All are welcome and everyone is encouraged to attend but only those who have been parish members for at least six months are able to vote and hold office.

Blessing of Homes for Theophany

Archpriest Alexander will, God-willing, be available (by appointment) for the annual blessing of homes as early as early Monday afternoon (January 19) following the Festal Divine Liturgy. Please email him at chaplain.webster@gmail.com or call his cell: 703-297-7744.



Iconography Guild Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Theodosia Iconography Guild will be Saturday, Feb. 7 at 12:30. We will continue to work on our color charts and collaborate as to where each color belongs on the color "wheel". Anyone is welcome to come by and see what we are doing or to jump right in to see if this is something you wish to pursue as we look ahead to our September workshop. Contact Matushka Joanna for further information.

Book Presentation at the Library of Congress February 10th

Please join us on February 10, 2015 at the Library of Congress, for a very valuable presentation on the book "The Christian Heritage of Kosovo and Metohija". For those that are unaware, there is an aggressive campaign underway to purge from the minds of the general populace around the world that Kosovo is part of any Serbian history so that the plan to fully recognize Kosovo as an independent state at the level of the U.N. and other institutions is finally completed. The only major roadblock in the plan is the Serbian Orthodox Church and its extensive presence in the region from medieval times to recent history. This is why the ethnic cleansing campaign and the destruction of medieval Orthodox churches, monasteries, cemeteries, etc is underway. This book, previously published in Serbian, is now available in English, and is being presented to the Library of Congress as evidence of this.

Joining Bishop Maxim of the Serbian Orthodox Church's Western American Diocese will be eminent scholar and theologian, Retired Bishop Athanasius (Jevtic) and Archbishop Dimitrios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. There will be a presentation of the book along with discussion with the archbishop and bishops.

If you visit the link below, you will see a short video presentation of the book. You may ignore the last minute or so, as that pertains to sponsorship of the publication, which has already passed.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/x6v833mmdtbac40/THE%20CHRISTIAN%20HERITAGE%20OF%20KOSOVO%20AND%20METOHJA.mp4?dl=0>

Upcoming 5th Annual Iconography Workshop

Our parish's iconography guild will be hosting our 5th annual 6-day iconography workshop September 7 – 12, led by Fr. Igumen Mefodii, master iconographer of the Prosopon School of Iconology.

No previous artistic experience is needed for beginners to do Archangel Michael and those who have previously done icons will be assigned one based on their experience. Throughout the week we will study the symbolism of the elements in our icons and of each step in the process. We will follow the ancient traditional Russian-Byzantine techniques of painting icons including applying gold leaf, the "floating" egg tempera with natural pigments, and the final application of oil. The workshop atmosphere will be that of a spiritual retreat as we work quietly and prayerfully each day, breaking for a potluck lunch.

I am now accepting registrations and more information can be found on our bulletin board in the hall, our parish website, or by contacting me. To help make this a success I am asking you to "spread the word" by inviting friends and family. Extra copies of the fliers are available in the hall so on your travels this year, and as you visit other churches, please share it with them.

Mat. Joanna Laymon

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.