



Sunday, December 6, 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 – Adult Religious Education (Divine Liturgy) each Wednesday at 7 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am
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Divine Services / Activities

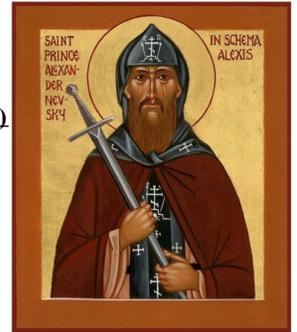
This Week:

Sun. Dec. 6/Nov. 23 **27th Sunday after Pentecost: St. Alexander Nevsky (AD 1263)**
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

Wed. Dec. 9/Nov. 26 **Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis (AD 640)**
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class

Sat. Dec. 12/Nov. 29 **St. Frumentius, archbishop of Abyssinia (AD 380)**
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions

Sun. Dec. 13/Nov. 30 **28th Sunday after Pentecost: Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-called (AD 62)**
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
12:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting



St. Alexander Nevsky

2015 Finances

The Parish needs \$1,555.77/week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 74,930.58	+ \$ 253.62
November 22	\$2171.00	+ \$1215.23
November 29	\$883.00	- \$672.77

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

Great Vespers, 11/28 – 11

Divine Liturgy, 11/29– 43

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, Lana Campbell, 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, Protodeacon Brian Patrick Mitchell, Presvytera Flora Chioros, Father Stanley Voyiazakis, Presvytera Katherine Baker, Peter Pederson, 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), James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Loun Atanasov, newborn Vincent Atanasov, Archpriest Victor Potapov, Philip Lockwood Swift, Dsa. Monica Pappas, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Emily Vasquez, Nicholas Bluma, Ronald Proctor, baby Aidan, Matushka Hannah Romeo, Kris Breem, Dimas Lowry; William Supples, Sr., the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Archpriest John Tavlarides, Elizabeth Elios, Major Taj Sareen, USMC, Lyle Ferringier, Indya Davis, Priest Gregoire Legoute (Haiti)

Fellowship Hour

Dec. 6 ~ Potluck Lenten Fellowship
Dec. 13 ~ Lenten Fellowship
provided by Team 2

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



Reader Schedule

Dec. 6 ~ Nektarios
Dec. 13 ~ Reader Jason Connerley

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



When (Not IF) You Fast!

16 "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." [Gospel of St. Matthew 6:16-18]

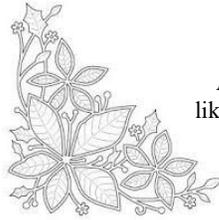


The Icon Corner

Our Iconography Guild Mini-Workshop Meeting. You are invited to attend the next icon guild meeting in a mini-workshop, Sat. Jan. 9, 2016, 12:30 – 4:00 in our parish hall. We will be doing face studies this year, an on-going project to cover several months, in order to learn the blending and layering of colors to produce beautiful iconic faces and ending up with a reference for future icons. We share pigments and palettes, along with experiences of exultations and challenges. You may visit as our guest to watch or join us any time to participate. Contact Mat. Joanna for a suggested supply list.

Help Us Beautify Our Chapel!

As part of the preparations for the visit by the Metropolitan, we would like to decorate the chapel with poinsettias. We request that you bring your poinsettias on Sunday, December 13.



Give the gift of iconography or sponsor a student!

If you know of someone who is interested in attending our icon workshop here, Sept. 12-17th, see Mat. Joanna for a gift-certificate suggestions. The student will receive a beautiful card announcing their gift, workshop details and your name, if desired.

Adult Religious Education

Weeknight Adult Religious Education has resumed. It is held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. The current series focuses on the Divine Liturgy, why we worship the way we do, and what every detail of the Divine Liturgy means both historically and for us today. You do not need to have attended the previous sessions to attend.

Scrip for Christmas

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and you know what that means. As soon as we put up the leftovers; we will begin thinking about Christmas. Although we are fortunate enough to be on the old calendar and have more time to prepare, most of our gift recipients will be hoping for something on December 25. So it is not too early to start thinking about what we would like to do. As always, gift cards are very popular because people can get exactly what they want. You have the wonderful advantage of purchasing your gift cards from the comfort of your own home. In the next day or two, I will send out the vendor list and you will see so many options to pick from. Wouldn't it be great if you could complete your Christmas shopping in a day!

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



Like Us!

Our parish has a new evangelism tool, our own page on Face Book: St. Herman of Alaska Russian Orthodox Church. Please like and share our page, and offer suggestions about content to Nektarios (Daniel) or Mat. Joanna.

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.