



Sunday, December 31, 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. Dec. 31/Dec. 18 30th Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, Holy Father, Martyr Sebastian at Rome and his companions: Martyrs Nicostratus, Zoe, Castorius, Tranquillinus, Marcellinus, Mark, Claudius, Symphorian, Victorinus, Tiburtius, and Castulus (287 AD)

9:15 a.m. Choir practice

9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour



Martyr Sebastian at Rome

Wed. Jan. 3/ Dec. 21 Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with her 500 men and 130 women (304 AD)

7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class

Sat. Jan. 6/Dec. 24 The Eve of the Nativity of Christ. Martyr Eugenia of Rome (262 AD)

6:00 p.m. Vigil for the Nativity

Sun. Jan. 7/Dec. 25 31st Sunday after Pentecost. The Nativity according to the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

9:15 a.m. Choir practice

9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours

10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy followed by a Festal Potluck Fellowship Hour

Attendance

Great Vespers, 12/24 – 34

Divine Liturgy, 12/25 – 65

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	\$ 85,116.88	+ \$ 2,467.95
December 17	\$3,017.25	+ \$1,428.44
December 24	\$1,691.00	+ \$102.19

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. ;

Intercessory Prayer List

Metropolitan Jonah 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, Father Alexander Webster, 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 Nharebecki, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Jo Ann Swift, Abbess Makaria, James and Bryce Wilt, Ryan Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, Glen A. Cooper, Kiernan Green, Protodeacon Nicholas Lukianov, Matushka Nadejda Revitsky, 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, Elizabeth Orłowski, Conley Rohall, Jean Manco, Katherine Katsikas, Michael Kyle, Julia, Mark, Juanita, Marie Liller, Rachel Luckett, Hazel Menold, Jjimmy Lloyd, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: John Hershey



Potluck Fellowship Next Week!

Bring your Favorite Food With Which to Break the Fast!!!



Property & Development Committee Forming

At our last meeting the parish council decided to get serious about talking about property. We are putting together a committee for determining requirements for a property purchase. This committee will also discuss financial matters involved with a property. In addition, Joseph Sirko has visited a property in Stafford that looks like it might meet our needs, and the committee will need to discuss that particular property as well.

If you are interested in taking part in this effort, please talk to Joseph Sirko, Mark Sanford, Tim Mellor, or Joe Milligan, who have all already volunteered to be on the committee.

Sisterhood News:

Election of Sisterhood Officers will occur in January. There will be a need for a Senior Sister, her Assistant, a Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in a position or currently hold one of these positions and wish to continue please let Nancy know.

Also, Poinsettias are needed to decorate the chapel for Christmas. If you bring one in, please include a clear plastic plant tray to avoid water getting on the floor.

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Fellowship Hour

Dec. 31 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 1

Jan. 7 ~ Potluck Fellowship

If anyone would like to join a team or be put on the list of substitutes, or is interested in hosting a particular Sunday please contact Nancy St. Clair.

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Reader Schedule

Dec. 31 ~ Nicholas Sanford

Jan. 7 ~ Reader Steve Terrell

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.



The calendars are here courtesy of the Sisterhood of Myrrh-Bearing Sisters. Be sure to pick one up!

Updating the Church "Many Years" List

A list of parishioners' birthdays, names' days, and anniversaries will be available in the fellowship hall to be checked for accuracy. Please check the box by your name if the information is correct. Please correct it if it is wrong. If you or a family member is not listed, please add yourselves in. If you have any questions, please speak with Kristin Milligan.



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.

“Let us glorify God! With the coming of the Son of God in the flesh upon the earth, with His offering Himself up as a sacrifice for the sinful human race, there is given to those who believe the blessing of the Heavenly Father, replacing that curse which had been uttered by God in the beginning; they are adopted and receive the promise of an eternal inheritance of life. To a humanity orphaned by reason of sin, the Heavenly Father returns anew through the mystery of re-birth, that is, through baptism and repentance. People are freed of the tormenting, death-bearing authority of the devil, of the afflictions of sin and of various passions.”

+ St. John of Kronstadt, Sermon on the Nativity of Jesus Christ