



Sunday, February 12, 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

60 Clifton Chapel Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22555 – Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1295, Stafford, VA 22555 – Website: www.sthermanorthodox.org

Liturgical Services/Activities:

Sun. Feb. 12/Jan. 30 Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom

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. Feb. 15/Feb. 2 The Meeting of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sat. Feb. 18/Feb. 5

Venerables Barsanuphios the Great and John the Prophet, monks of Palestine (6th c.)

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions.

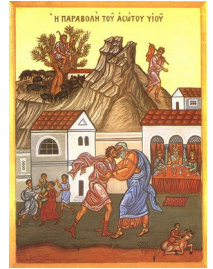
Sun. Feb. 19/Feb. 6

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare). Venerable Bukolos, bishop of Smyrna (ca. 100)

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



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Attendance

Great Vespers, 2/4 – 16

Divine Liturgy, 2/5 – 68

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	\$ 9,120.84	- \$ 412.02*
January 29	\$2,441.00	+ \$852.19*
February 5	\$1,865.00	+ \$276.19

*Differences corrected for current 2017 budget

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

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, Emmelia Stone, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Charles Jordan, Matushka Kathleen Webster, Emma Nicole Parkinson, Matushka Joanna Laymon, Lana Campbell, Maria Connerley, 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 Joanna Mitchell, Protodeacon Brian Patrick Mitchell, Presvytera Flora Chioros, Father Stanley Voyiazakis, Presvytera Katherine Baker, Peter-Panagiotis Peterson, 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), David Jones (Peace Corps, Ghana), James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Archpriest Victor Potapov, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Alex Woglom, James Woglom, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Jo Ann Swift, Archpriest George Rados, Abbess Makaria, James and Bryce Wilt, Ryan Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, Brian Green, 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. 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, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

Memory Eternal: Joseph Kumbera, Nolan Scully, Caryll Whipple (CAPT, USN, Ret.), Monk Joseph (Isaac Lambertson), Alice Remillard, Alexander Riasanovsky, Jeff Head, George Kosana

Blessing of Homes for Theophany

Archpriest Alexander will, God-willing, continue to bless parishioners' homes for Theophany until the first day of Great Lent (Clean Monday, February 27). To schedule a visit (preferably on Saturday afternoons, Sunday afternoon after 2:30 pm, or Wednesday later afternoon / early evening, please send an email or call his cell phone:

New Adult Religious Education Course on Wednesdays at 7 pm

A new series began in January: "Contemporary Moral Issues." Each week (except February 15) 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.

Sisterhood of the Myrrh-bearing Women: 2017 Dues

It is a new year and time for the Sisterhood of Myrrh-bearing Women to collect the 2017 dues. All adult female members of the church may join the Sisterhood. The dues are only \$25 per year and can be paid by check (payable to Sisterhood of the Myrrh-bearing Women) or cash. These dues are used to support the Sunday School, to maintain the fellowship hall and church, and to provide for other needs identified by the Sisterhood. Contact Judith Cook to pay your dues.

Sisterhood of the Myrrh-bearing Women: 2017 Meeting and election

The Sisterhood will have its first meeting of the year on February 26 during the fellowship hour. At this meeting officers for 2017 will be elected. Only members who have paid their dues are eligible to vote for the new slate of officers. Please plan to attend.

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Fellowship Hour

Feb. 12 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 2

Feb. 19 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 3

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

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Reader Schedule

Feb. 12 ~ Reader Moses Swift

Feb. 15 ~ Joseph Sirko

Feb. 19 ~ 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

Stella Jordan 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.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Thrice-blessed 100% beeswax candles are now available in our Sisterhood's gift shop.

Candles that were first cast by Orthodox monks from Holy Cross and Holy Trinity Monasteries, and blessed in our chapel, were lit and filled with our prayers during our services. The stubs are then collected, melted, cleaned, and recast by Deacon Alexander. They are now available for sale in the gift shop of our Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing Women.

Votive candles are 3 for \$5.00, and larger, pillar candles are also available. All proceeds go to the Sisterhood, which supports the ministries of St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church.



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

"All who have lived according to God still live unto God, though they have departed this life. For this reason, God is called the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, since He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living (cf. Mt. 22:32)."

— St. Gregory the Theologian, Oration XXI