



Sunday, February 5, 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:

Mon., Feb. 6/Jan. 24 through Sun., Feb. 12/Jan. 30 **No fasting this entire week!**

Sun. Feb. 5/Jan. 23 **33rd Sunday after Pentecost. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russian Church**

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
11:45 a.m. Annual Parish Assembly

Wed. Feb. 8/Jan. 26 **St. Xenophon and his wife, St. Mary, and their two sons, Sts. Arkadios and John, of Constantinople (6th c.)**

7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class

Sat. Feb. 11/Jan. 29

Hieromartyr Hippolytos, pope of Rome, and with him Martyrs Censorinus, Sabinus, Ares, the Virgin Chryse, Martyrs Felix, Maximos, Herkulianos, Venerius, Styrakios, Mennas, Commodus, Hermes, Maurus, Eusebios, Rustikos, Monagrios, Amandinos, Olympios, Kyprus, Theodore the Tribune, Maximos the Presbyter, Archelaos the Deacon, and Kyriakos the Bishop, at Ostia (269)

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

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



Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

2017 Finances

The Parish needs \$1571.92 /week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 7,255.84	- \$ 603.76
January 22	\$1,432.00	- \$139.92
January 29	\$2,441.00	+ \$869.08

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. Stickle, 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, Nolan Scully & parents, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

Memory Eternal: Monk Joseph (Isaac Lambertson), Alice Remillard, Alexander Riasanovsky, Jeff Head, George Kosana

Official Announcement:

Today is the date of our Annual Parish Assembly. In accordance with ROCOR's parish by-laws, a roll call of eligible members will begin before the announcements following the Divine Liturgy. If we fail to achieve a quorum, the Assembly will commence officially precisely one hour later in the Fellowship Hall irrespective of the number of members in attendance.

Attendance

Great Vespers, 1/28 – 11

Divine Liturgy, 1/29 – 62

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 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.

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Fellowship Hour

Feb. 5 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 1
Feb. 12 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 2

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

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Reader Schedule

Feb. 5 ~ Reader Steve Mirov
Feb. 12 ~ Reader Moses Swift

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.

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.

Many Years!

Names Days

4 Timothy Wyatt Connerley
Timothy Mellor
Timothy St. Clair
6 Gina Van Weddingen
14 Felicity Lowe
16 Anna Milligan

Birthdays

4 Katherine Yuschak
5 Sarah Kosch
8 Reader Steve Terrell
15 Deacon Nicholas Pappas
21 Ana Daou
28 Diakonissa Monica Pappas

Anniversaries

20 Reader Moses & Jo-Ann Swift

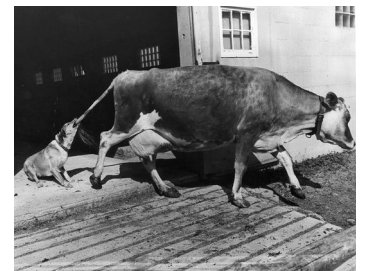
Sisterhood of the Myrrh-bearing Women: 2017 Dues

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.

“God always tries to stop us when we are about to go a wrong direction, using circumstances, people, anything. The Christian must learn how to recognize the divine intervention and God's will.”



A man went into the forest to choose a tree from which to make roof-beams. And he saw two trees, one beside the other. One was smooth and tall, but had rotted away inside, and the other was rough on the outside and ugly, but its core was healthy. The man sighed, and said to himself: “What use is this tree to me if it is rotten inside and useless for beams? The other it is rough and ugly, is at least healthy on the inside and so, if I put a bit more effort into it, I can use it for roof-beams for my house.” And, without thinking any more about it, he chose that tree.

So will God choose between two men for His house, and will choose not the one who appears outwardly righteous, but the one whose heart is filled with God's healthy righteousness.

+ St. Nikolai Velimirovich, “Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican: The Gospel on True and False Prayer”