



Sunday, May 21, 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. May 21/May 8

**Sixth Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man.**

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. May 24/May 11

**Holy Equals-to-the Apostles Methodius (885 AD) and Cyril (869 AD), first teachers of the Slavs.**

6:00 p.m. Catechumens' Life-Long Confessions

7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class

Thurs. May 25/May 12

**The Ascension of our Lord.**

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptisms/Chrismations

10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy

Sat. May 27/May 14

**Venerable Pachomius the Great, founder of cenobitic monasticism (346 AD)**

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

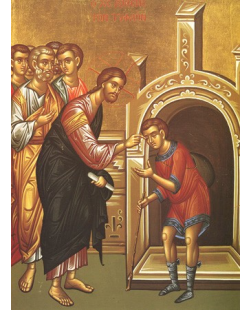
Sun. May 28/May 15

**Seventh Sunday of Pascha: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.**

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



The Blind Man

## Attendance

Great Vespers, 5/13 – 14

Divine Liturgy, 5/14 – 54

## 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	\$ 31,985.53	+ \$ 209.33
May 7	\$1,610.00	+ \$21.19
May 14	\$1,037.00	- \$551.81

*Honor the Lord from your righteous labors and offer Him the first fruits from the fruits of righteousness, that your storehouses may be*

## 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, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Charles Jordan, Matushka Kathleen Webster, Emma Nicole Parkinson, Veronica Sirko, Kristin Milligan, 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 Stracquatanio, USA (Korea), David Jones (Peace Corps, Ghana), James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Archpriest Victor Potapov, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Jo Ann Swift, Archpriest George Rados, Abbess Makaria, James and Bryce Wilt, Ryan Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, 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, 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, Kevin McDonald, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

**Memory Eternal:** Donna Terrell, Steven Van Weddingen, James Golden

## Paschal Greetings from Around the World

Language:	Greeting:	Response:
Arabic:	El Messieh kahm!	Hakken kahm!
Bulgarian:	Hristos voskrese!	Vo istina voskrese!
English:	Christ is risen!	Indeed He is risen!
Greek:	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	Adeverat a inviat!
Russian:	Khristos voskrese!	Voistinu voskrese!
Albanian:	Krishti u ngjall!	Vërtet u ngjall!
Serbian:	Hristos vaskrese!	Vaistinu vaskrese!
Aleut:	Kristus aq ungewektaq!	Pichinuq ungewektaq!
Finnish:	Kristus nousi kuolleista!	Totisesti nousi!
German:	Christus ist auferstanden!	Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
French:	Le Christ est ressuscité!	Vraiment il est ressuscité!
Latin:	Christus resurrexit!	Resurrexit vere!
Spanish:	¡Cristo ha resucitado!	En verdad ha resucitado!
Korean:	(Greeting) Kristo Gesso Buhwal ha sho sumnida! (Response) Chamuro Buhwal ha sho sumnida	



### Fellowship Hour

May 21 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 1

May 28 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 4

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



### Reader Schedule

May 21 ~ Reader Jason Connerley

May 25 ~ Reader Moses Swift

May 28 ~ Reader Steve Terrell

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.

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.

### Illumination of Catechumens on Thursday, May 25

At 9:00 am on Ascension Thursday immediately before the Festal Divine Liturgy, three adult catechumens will, God-willing, be received into Holy Orthodoxy through the Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation (with Holy Communion to follow during the Festal Liturgy): Andrew Holstein (godmother: Beth Baggett), Richard Buka (godfather: Joe Milligan), and Mark Sanford (godfathers: Reader Steve Terrell & Joseph Sirko). May God the Holy Trinity grant all of them "many years!"

### 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.

Following a vigorous discussion last week on "How to Relate to 'Transgender' Persons," the **next class session** this week on **May 24** will address the strategic question, "**How Can Orthodox Christians Witness to American Political Decision-Makers?**" The reading for this Wednesday is Fr. Alexander's essay in *Touchstone Magazine*: "Transfigure or Die Trying: American Orthodoxy in the Public Square."

### 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