



Sunday, July 9, 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. July 9/June 26** **5th Sunday after Pentecost. Apostles' (Peter & Paul)**
Fast continued. Venerable David of Thessalonica (540 AD)
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. July 12/June 29** **The Holy, Glorious and All-praised Leaders of the**
Apostles, Peter and Paul (67 AD)
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. July 15/July 2** **St. Arsenius, bishop of Tver**
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confession
- Sun. July 16/July 3** **6th Sunday after Pentecost. Venerable Tikhon, Basil and Nikon Sokolovsky (16th c.)**
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
12:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting



Venerable David of Thessalonica

Attendance

Great Vespers, 7/1 – 9

Divine Liturgy, 7/2 – 53

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	\$ 41,872.53	- \$ 1,025.34
June 25	\$1,179.00	- \$409.81
July 2	\$1,897.00	+ \$308.19

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, 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 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, Kieman 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, 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, Elizabeth Orlovsky, Conley Rohall, Jean Manco, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

Memory Eternal: Rose Marie Webster, Archpriest Mark Gomez, Daniel Holland

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.

The topic for the **next class session** on **July 12--the next to last** in this series--will be **abortion** (held over from last Wednesday, when Fr. Alexander's auto battery died in Stafford half an hour before the scheduled class session!). The readings for this class are (1) the chapter on abortion in Fr. Stanley S. Harakas' book (which, alas, contains an egregious moral error!) and (2) the deeply moving and compelling personal testimony in *The Weekly Standard* by the father of an unborn child who, due to a very rare & tragic physical defect, is destined to die at birth: <http://www>. If ever there were a dire situation--a so-called "hard case"--that might tempt one to resort to abortion, that is it. And yet the father and mother of the unborn child demonstrate that life--even for only minutes--is the only "choice." Hardcopies of that article will be available in the fellowship hall today (Sunday), along with copies of Fr. Stanley's short book chapter.

Help with Grounds Maintenance Needed

This is a request/call out to volunteers to help keep the grass mowed and do some weeding over the summer. I'd like to get a rotating list of four to five individuals who will be willing to help out. I will be traveling the next couple of weeks, but will reach out to any volunteers when I return to set up a schedule. The best way for people to reach me is through my email: Thanks!

In Christ, Tim Mellor

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Fellowship Hour

July 9 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 1

July 16 ~ 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

July 9 ~ Reader Steve Terrell
July 16 ~ Joseph Sirko

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.

Heads up!

National Night Out 2017 will be held on 1 August between 6 p.m.--9 p.m. in the Target parking lot at Stafford Marketplace, Route 610, Stafford. This is our chance to evangelize and present Orthodoxy to the public. Volunteers will be needed to "man the booth" in handing out informative fliers and booklets concerning our church and in answering questions. More info will be forthcoming.

Substitute Bulletin Formatter Needed in August

I am looking for someone who is willing to take over formatting and updating the bulletin for the month of August while I am otherwise occupied. It takes a few hours of commitment per week, and the ability to use a word processing program on the computer. If you would like to help, please talk to me (Kristin Milligan) during Fellowship or email me and let me know of your interest. Thank you in advance!

The Oiling of the Icons

The varnishing process for the icons for our Royal Door involves pouring a thin layer of oils on them, rubbing and pressing the oils into the boards. This is followed by lightly brushing them with the hand over the period of a day or more until the oil has penetrated the surface to last through the ages. It is a reminder of the sealing of our own chrismation.



Matushka Joanna

[. . .] In 1383, seventy years before the fall of Constantinople at the hands of the Turks, fishermen on Lake Ladoga in the principality of Novgorod the Great witnessed the icon miraculously hovering over the lake's waters amidst a radiant light. According to an early sixteenth century Russian manuscript, "The Tale of Miracles of the Icon of the Tikhvin Mother of God," the Theotokos herself decided that her image should leave Constantinople, perhaps in anticipation of the impending fall of the Byzantine Empire.

Shortly after its miraculous appearance, the icon was discovered in several neighboring towns, including the village of Motchenitsy on the bank of the Tikhvinka River, before it finally appeared near the town of Tikhvin. A wooden church dedicated to the Dormition of the Theotokos was built on the site of the icon's final resting place. Miraculously, the icon survived a number of fires.

In the early sixteenth century, through the zeal of Great Prince Basil Ivanovich, a stone church was built to replace the original wooden structure. In 1560, by order of Tsar Ivan the Terrible, a men's monastery was established near the church and enclosed with a stone wall.

In 1613-1614, the Swedish army, having seized Novgorod, made several attempts to destroy the monastery. The countless prayers offered to the Theotokos before the icon were heard, and the monastery was spared. On one occasion, after monks had been alerted to the approaching Swedish army, they decided to flee and to take the icon with them. But the monks soon discovered that they could not remove the icon from its shrine. Seeing this as a sign of the Theotokos' protection, the monks decided not to abandon the monastery, begging the Theotokos to spare them and their beloved spiritual home. To their amazement, a large Muscovite army appeared to defend the monastery.

When the Swedes encountered the army, they retreated immediately. Word of this miracle spread rapidly, and imperial emissaries soon visited the monastery. Accompanied by a copy of the wonderworking icon, they set off for the village of Stolbovo, 33 miles from Tikhvin, where they concluded a peace treaty with the Swedes on February 10, 1617. Afterwards, the copy of the icon was taken to Moscow and enshrined in the Kremlin's Dormition Cathedral. . . .

--Taken from [<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/06/26/101821-appearance-of-the-tikhvin-icon-of-the-mother-of-god>]

