



Sunday, November 25, 2018

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. Nov. 25/Nov. 12** **26th Sunday after Pentecost. St. John the Merciful, patriarch of Alexandria (620 AD).**
8:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:00 a.m. Baptism of James Supples
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
- Wed. Nov. 28/Nov. 8** **Nativity Fast begins. Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias (299 AD), Samonas (306AD), and Abibus (322 AD), of Edessa.**
7:00 p.m. Kursk Root Icon & Moleben; Adult Religious Education Class to follow
- Sat. Dec. 1/Nov. 11** **Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia (304 AD).**
4:30 p.m. Catechumen Class
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers.
- Sun. Dec. 2/Nov. 12** **27th Sunday after Pentecost. Prophet Obadiah (Abdias) (9th c. B.C.).**
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour



St. John the Merciful

Attendance

Readers Vespers, 11/17 – 11

Divine Liturgy, 11/18– 71

2018 Finances

The Parish needs \$1756.77 /week to meet budget*

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 88,461.93	+ \$ 12,270.51
November 11	\$ 1,383.00	- 373.77
November 18	\$ 2,441.00	+ 684.23

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. j

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: Met. Jonah, Rebecca Laymon, Judith (Maria) Cook, Ana Rosado-Nazario, Ann Yuschak, Sarah Heitke, Presbytera Monica Pappas, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Charles Jordan, Emma Nichole Parkinson, Rob Cornwell, Beth Baggett, Archpriest Alexander Webster, Katie (Salome) Supples, Robert Jenkins, Sarah Elizabeth Francis, Father Methodius, Donna Colaiani, Archpriest Michael Sekela, Patricia Connerley, Martha Connerley, Kathy Sekela, Mark Laymon, Kristin Blaylock, Janis Sergeant, Millicent Novic, Ray Liddick, Chad Gallagher, Matushka Cindy Joanna Mitchell, Protodeacon Brian Patrick Mitchell, Presvytera Flora Chioros, Father Stanley Voyiazakis, Monk Anthony (West Virginia), Archpriest George Larin, Matushka Masha Potopav, Matushka Sophia Doubleday, Evdokiya Bykon, Kevin McCarthy, James Dunham, James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Archpriest Victor Potapov, 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, Kieman Green, Protodeacon Nicholas Lukianov, Matushka Nadejda Revitsky, Archpriest George Johnson, Lisa King Buka. Richard Buka Sr., Gene King, Larry Terrell, Matushka Larisa Hutnyan, Jackie Leopold, Ellaine Baron, Protodeacon Pavel Wolkow, Mother Theodora, Archpriest Alexander Veronis, James Kushiner, Michael Gann, Anders Bjorklund, Maria Papademetriou, Peter and Laura Roshak and baby Mark, Archpriest George Kallaur, Archpriest Paul Ivanov, Christina Spannic, Ksenia Resnikoff, Maximos Andreas Winans, Deacon Nicholas Pappas, Elizabeth Orłowsky, Conley Rohall, Jean Manco, Katherine Katsikas, Michael Kyle, Julia, Mark, Juanita, Marie Liller, Jessica Anne Swift, Matushka Eugenia Neherbecki, Homer Lewis, James Perry, Debbie Vatisstas, George Katsikas, Timothy Vlahos, Vasilliki, Wallace Sullivan, Olga Thuer, Maria, Yiorgos, Vasiliki, Aggeliki, Ioanna and Konstantinos Dimitrakopoulou, Kaliopé Sauter, Maria and Evaggelia Petrelli, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Photios, Theodoros Sakkis , Konstantinos Katsifas



Fellowship Hour

Nov. 25 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 4

Dec. 2 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 1

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.



Reader Schedule

Nov. 25 ~ Reader John Raccanello

Dec. 2 ~ Reader Nicholas Sanford

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.

Readings for the Week of November 25th

Sunday 11/25

Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)
Ephesians 5:8-19
Luke 10:25-37

Monday 11/26

John 10:1-9 Matins Gospel
Hebrews 7:26-8:2 *St. John*
John 10:9-16 *St. John*

Tuesday 11/27

John 21:15-25 Matins Gospel
1 Timothy 5:11-21
Luke 14:25-35
Monday Reading
1 Timothy 5:1-10
Luke 14:12-15
1 Corinthians 4:9-16 *Apostle*
John 1:43-51 *Apostle*

Wednesday 11/28

1 Timothy 5:22-6:11
Luke 15:1-10

Thursday 11/29

John 21:15-25 Matins Gospel
1 Timothy 6:17-21
Luke 16:1-9
1 Corinthians 4:9-16 *Apostle*
Matthew 9:9-13 *Apostle*

Friday 11/30

2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18
Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4

Saturday 12/1

Galatians 5:22-6:2
Luke 9:57-62

The Kursk Root Icon will be at St. Herman's this Wednesday.

The Kursk is a miraculous icon which has had many healings, and revealed herself 725 years ago. She healed St Seraphim when he was a child. And still more! There will be a moleben at 7p.m. with the Adult Religious Education Class to follow.

Sunday School Upcoming Dates!

There will be no class today, November 25th. Classes will resume on December 2nd. December 16th will be our last class until we resume on January 13th.

St. Nicholas Party December 16th!

Our St. Nicholas party will be December 16th. We will have class on that day to learn the St. Nicholas song and hopefully sing it in tune;) for everyone in the fellowship hall and then have a little party. I ordered the gold coins and will talk to Stella about the gift cards but we will need some type of gift bag/envelope/card to wrap/hold the gold coins and safely deliver the gift cards without them getting lost inside a bag of candy. I think this may have been discussed during one of the Sisterhood meetings so if someone was planning on it already or would like to prepare bags let me know. If not, I will gladly take care of it. I was wondering though if someone would like to coordinate the food and drinks for the party? I'm not sure how it has been done in the past and I can definitely bring something but if someone could help with the planning that would be great. Thank you!



Chapel Clean-Up and Decorating

It's time to spruce up our chapel, hall, and grounds. Although it's fun to shuffle through several inches of crunchy leaves, the parking lot needs a few good rakers and leaf-blowing people to clear it. We also ask for help to spruce up the chapel and hall interiors for the coming Nativity festivities and to "deck our hall". Cleanup day for the Chapel, Hall and church grounds is Dec. 8th at 10 AM. The rain date will be on Dec. 15th.

"When your children are still small, you have to help them understand what is good. That is the deepest meaning of life." + Elder Paisios

Akathist of Thanksgiving : Glory to God for All Things

Kontakion 9

Why is it that on a Feast Day the whole of nature mysteriously smiles? Why is it that then a heavenly gladness fills our hearts; a gladness far beyond that of earth and the very air in church and in the altar becomes luminous? It is the breath of Thy gracious love. It is the reflection of the glory of Mount Tabor. Then do heaven and earth sing Thy praise: Alleluia!

Ikos 9

When Thou didst call me to serve my brothers and filled my soul with humility, one of Thy deep, piercing rays shone into my heart; it became luminous, full of light like iron glowing in the furnace. I have seen Thy face, face of mystery and of unapproachable glory.

Glory to Thee, transfiguring our lives with deeds of love
Glory to Thee, making wonderfully Sweet the keeping of Thy commandments
Glory to Thee, making Thyself known where man shows mercy on his neighbour
Glory to Thee, sending us failure and misfortune that we may understand the sorrows of others
Glory to Thee, rewarding us so well for the good we do
Glory to Thee, welcoming the impulse of our heart's love
Glory to Thee, raising to the heights of heaven every act of love in earth and sky
Glory to Thee, O God, from age to age

Kontakion 13

O all-good and life-giving Trinity, receive our gratefulness for all thy goods and show us worthy of Thine eternal treasures, so that we may multiply the talent entrusted to us, reach Thy kingdom and enter into the joy of our Lord, singing to Him victorious song: Alleluia! (thrice)


