



Sunday, December 23, 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. Dec. 23/Dec. 10** 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Martyrs Menas the Melodius, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus of Alexandria (310 AD).

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Pot-luck Salmon Bake

**Wed. Dec. 26/Dec. 13** Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes at Sebaste (284 AD).

No Adult Religious Education Class Today

**Sat. Dec. 29/Dec. 16** New Hieromartyrs Alexander, Nicholas and Sergius priests (1918 AD)

4:30 p.m. Catechumen Class

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers.

**Sun. Dec. 30/Dec. 17** 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Week of the Holy Forefathers. Holy Prophet Daniel (600 B.C.) and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael.

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship



Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes & Eugraphus

## Attendance

Great Vespers, 12/15 – 11

Divine Liturgy, 12/16– 56

## 2018 Finances

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

Week	Amount Received	Difference from amount needed
Year-to-date	\$ 94,426.12	+ \$ 11,207.62
December 9	\$ 1,695.14	- 61.63
December 16	\$ 967.50	- 789.27

*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. .*

## 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, Presbyteria Monica Pappas, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Charles Jordan, Emma Nichole Parkinson, Rob Cornwell, Beth Baggett, Claire Heitke, Archpriest Alexander Webster, the Supples family, Robert Jenkins, Sarah Elizabeth Francis, Father Methodius, Donna Colaianni, 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, Kiernan 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, Father Nicholas Pappas, Elizabeth Orlowsky, Conley Rohall, Jean Manco, Katherine Katsikas, Michael Kyle, Julia, Mark, Marie Liller, Jessica Anne Swift, Matushka Eugenia Neherbecki, Homer Lewis, James Perry, Debbie Vatas, George Katsikas, Timothy Vlahos, Vasiliki, Wallace Sullivan, Maria, Yiorgos, Vasiliki, Aggeliki, Ioanna and Konstantinos Dimitrakopoulou, Kaliope Sauter, Maria and Evaggelia Petrelli, Bishop Athanasius, Paul Milligan, Sr., the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Kalliope, Ioannis, Konstantinos, Olga Thuer, Photios, Theodoros Sakkis, Konstantinos Katsifas



**Please help beautify our church for the Nativity!**

Poinsettias are needed to decorate the church for Christmas. Please make sure to include a plastic tray to catch the water.

**Fellowship Reminder**

Please be respectful to those cleaning up after Fellowship. Do not put liquids in the trash cans. There should not be any dishes left in the sink. If you are using mugs instead of the Styrofoam cups it is your responsibility to wash, dry and put them away. Also, If you bring food items please make sure you take them home after coffee hour. We do not want to save them for the following week. With the cold weather coming critters find there way inside and love feasting on food items laying around.

**Church Calendars are Here!**

Our church calendars are in! The feasting and fasting dates are so helpful! Be sure to pick yours up in the hall. One calendar per parish family, please! Donated by the Sisterhood of the Myrrhbearing Women.



**Readings for the Week of December 23<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday 12/23**

John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)  
Colossians 3:12-16  
Luke 17:12-19  
Ephesians 6:10-17 *Martyrs*  
Luke 21:12-19 *Martyrs*  
Hebrews 7:26-8:2 *St. Ioasaph*  
John 10:9-16 *St. Ioasaph*

**Monday 12/24**

Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31  
Mark 8:11-21

**Tuesday 12/25**

Hebrews 12:25-26; 13:22-25  
Mark 8:22-26  
Hebrews 13:17-21 *St. Spyridon*  
Luke 6:17-23 *St. Spyridon*

**Wednesday 12/26**

Matthew 10:16-22 Matins Gospel  
James 1:1-18  
Mark 8:30-34  
Ephesians 6:10-17 *Martyrs*  
Luke 21:12-19 *Martyrs*

**Thursday 12/27**

James 1:19-27  
Mark 9:10-16

**Friday 12/28**

James 2:1-13  
Mark 9:33-41

**Saturday 12/29**

Colossians 1:3-6  
Luke 14:1-11



**Fellowship Hour**

Dec. 23 ~ Pot-luck Salmon Bake  
Dec. 30 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 4

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**

Dec. 23 ~ Reader John Raccanello  
Dec. 30 ~ Reader Moses Swift

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.*



**St. Nicholas Celebrations at St. Herman's**



“And I, a sinner, have been trying to love God for more than forty years, and cannot say that I perfectly love Him. If we love someone we always remember him and try to please him; day and night our heart is occupied with that object. Is that how you, gentlemen, love God? Do you often turn to Him, do you always remember Him, do you always pray to Him and fulfill His holy commandments? ‘For our good, for our happiness at least let us make a vow that from this day, from this hour, from this minute we shall strive to love God above all else and to fulfill His holy will.’”