



Sunday, December 30, 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. 30/Dec. 17	<u>31st Sunday after Pentecost. Week of the Holy Forefathers. Holy Prophet Daniel (600 B.C.) and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael.</u> 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship	 <i>Holy Prophet Daniel</i>
Wed. Jan. 2/Dec. 20	<u>Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, bishop of Antioch (107 AD)</u> 7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class	
Sat. Jan. 5/Dec. 23	<u>New Hieromartyr Innocentius (1928 AD)</u> 4:30 p.m. Catechumen Class 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers.	
Sun. Jan. 6/Dec. 24	<u>32nd Sunday after Pentecost. The Eve of the Nativity of Christ. Nun-martyr Eugenia of Rome, and with her Martyrs Philip her father, Protus, Hyacinth (Jacinth), Basilla, and Claudia (262 AD)</u> 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship	

Attendance

Great Vespers, 12/22 – 15

Divine Liturgy, 12/23– 76

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	\$ 96,677.12	+ \$ 11,701.85
December 16	\$ 967.50	- 789.27
December 23	\$ 2,251.00	+ 494.23

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, 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 Vativas, 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



Fellowship Hour

Dec. 30 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 4

Jan. 6 ~ 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

Dec. 30 ~ Reader Moses Swift
Jan. 6 ~ Brother Paul Neustrom
Jan. 7 ~ 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.

Readings for the Week of December 30th

Sunday 12/30

John 20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel)
Colossians 3:4-11 Epistle (29th Sunday)
Luke 14:16-24 Gospel (28th Sunday)
Hebrews 11:33-12:2 *Prophet*
Luke 11:47-12:1 *Prophet*

Monday 12/31

James 2:14-26
Mark 9:42-10:1

Tuesday 1/1

James 3:1-10
Mark 10:2-12

Wednesday 1/2

Matthew 6:1-13 Matins Gospel
James 3:11-4:6
Mark 10:11-16
Hebrews 4:14-5:6 *St. John*
Matthew 5:14-19 *St. John*
Hebrews 4:14-5:6 *Hieromartyr Ignatius*
Mark 9:33-41 *Hieromartyr Ignatius*

Thursday 1/3

John 10:1-9 Matins Gospel
James 4:7-5:9
Mark 10:17-27
Hebrews 7:26-8:2 *St. Peter*
Luke 6:17-23 *St. Peter*

Friday 1/4

Hebrews 1:1-2 *Royal Hours - 1st Hour*
Matthew 1:18-25 *Royal Hours - 1st Hour*
Galatians 3:23-29 *Royal Hours - 3rd Hour*
Luke 2:1-20 *Royal Hours - 3rd Hour*
Hebrews 1:10-2:3 *Royal Hours - 6th Hour*
Matthew 2:1-12 *Royal Hours - 6th Hour*
Hebrews 2:11-18 *Royal Hours - 9th Hour*
Matthew 2:13-23 *Royal Hours - 9th Hour*

Saturday 1/5

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23
Luke 16:10-15
Galatians 3:8-12 *Saturday Before*
Luke 13:18-29 *Saturday Before*

Mark Your Calendars for Nativity Services!

Sunday, 1/6: 9:30 a.m. -- Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. – Vespers of the Feast of the Nativity

Monday, 1/7: 9:00 a.m. – Festal Matins followed by Divine Liturgy for Nativity

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.



Searchlight—An Orthodox Magazine

Searchlight is a quarterly magazine appearing seasonally on 1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December. It is aimed at Orthodox young people, aged 13-20 (and their parents!), and is produced by the Diocese of the British Isles and Ireland of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR). However, it is suited not only to young people within our Diocese, but also of course to those outside. We hope to answer questions raised by our young people and also to give their parents ideas on how to help them! The link to find the magazine is: https://www.rocor.org.uk/news_180318_1.html



Unusual Thieves A parable of the Venerable Barsnuphius of Optina

There have appeared many thieves among us. Not the kind that pick pockets or burgle homes. No, new thieves, more evil and dangerous. They dress smartly, talk loudly, but in the end, they steal the dearest thing – faith. Once they have stolen faith from a person, the person asks their teacher: “And how do I live now?” “Live by your own wisdom”, they reply. But wisdom without faith, as we know, is not always a good counsellor, and a person begins to follow his own desires, and sinks lower and lower. Children, guard your faith, this is a priceless treasure. For we work not for a little thing, but to conquer the Kingdom of Heaven! We wish to become its citizens. Look at me, a sinful abbot, from dawn to dusk I cannot find peace. Why? I really want to go to this Kingdom, otherwise suddenly, God forbid, if you find yourself in hell, all life will have been in vain.

Taken from Searchlight Magazine: <https://www.rocor.org.uk/files/Searchlight/marys-magpdf.pdf>