Sunday, March 31, 2019

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
60 Clifton Chapel Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22555 – Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1295, Stafford, VA 22555 – Website: www.sthermanorthodox.org

Liturgical Services/Activities:

Adoration of the Cross

Sun. Mar. 31/Mar. 18 **Third Sunday of the Great Lent: Adoration of Cross. St. Cyril, archbishop of Jerusalem (386 AD)**
8:00 a.m. Choir Practice
8:45 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

Wed. Apr. 3/Mar. 21 **Venerable James the Confessor, bishop, of the Studium (late 8th c.)**
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

Thurs. Apr. 4/Mar. 22 **Hieromartyr Basil, presbyter of Ancyra (362 AD)**
6:30 p.m. Moleban & Akathist for the visit of the icon of the Holy Mother of God, Softener of Evil Hearts

Sat. Apr. 6/Mar. 24 **New Hieromartyr Tikhon, patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1925 AD)**
No Catechumen Class today
6:00 p.m. Readers Vespers.

Sun. Apr. 7/Mar. 25 **Fourth Sunday of the Great Lent: The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. St. John Climacus, of the Ladder.**
8:00 a.m. Choir Practice
8:45 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

Attendance

Readers Vespers, 3/23– Divine Liturgy, 3/24 – 93 Pre-sanctified, 3/27 – 39

2018 Finances
The Parish needs $1,742.51 /week to meet budget

Week	Amount Received	Difference from amount needed
Year-to-date	$ 23,487.82	+ $ 4,320.21
March 17	$2,262.00	+ $519.49
March 24	$862.00	- $880.51

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 the 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 prayer, 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, Robert Jenkins, Erik Laymon, Reader Moses Swift, 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 Vatistas, George Katsikas, Timothy Vlahos, Vasilliki, Wallace Sullivan, Maria, Yiorgos, Vasiliki, Aggeliki, Ioanna and Konstantinos Dimitrakopoulou, Kaliope Sauter, Maria and Evaggelia Petrelli, Kevin McDonald, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Subdeacon Peter McLeod

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Fellowship Hour

Mar. 31 ~Lenten Fellowship
provided by Team 4
Apr. 7 ~Lenten 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.

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Reader Schedule

Mar. 31 ~ Reader Moses Swift
Apr. 3 ~ Brother Paul Neustrom
Apr. 4 ~ Reader Moses Swift
Apr. 7 ~ Reader Michael Yuschak

If you are interested in assisting with the reading and becoming a tonsured reader please contact Deacon Alexander.

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Prosfora

Nancy St. Clair and Brianna Lessin are 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 March 31st

Sunday 3/31
John 21:15-25 (11th Matins Gospel)
Hebrews 4:14-5:6
Mark 8:34-9:1

Monday 4/1
Isaiah 14:24-32 (6th Hour)
Genesis 8:21-9:7 (Vespers, 1st Reading)
Proverbs 11:19-12:6 (Vespers, 2nd Reading))

Tuesday 4/2
Isaiah 25:1-9 (6th Hour)
Genesis 9:8-17 (Vespers, 1st Reading)
Proverbs 12:8-22 (Vespers, 2nd Reading)

Wednesday 4/3
Isaiah 26:21-27:9 (6th Hour)
Genesis 9:18-10:1 (Vespers, 1st Reading)
Proverbs 12:23-13:9 (Vespers, 2nd Reading)

Thursday 4/4
Isaiah 28:14-22 (6th Hour)
Genesis 10:32-11:9 (Vespers, 1st Reading)
Proverbs 13:19-14:6 (Vespers, 2nd Reading)

Friday 4/5
Isaiah 29:13-23 (6th Hour)
Genesis 12:1-7 (Vespers, 1st Reading)
Proverbs 14:15-26 (Vespers, 2nd Reading)

Saturday 4/6
Hebrews 6:9-12
Mark 7:31-37

Sunday School Almsgiving Activity

The Sunday school students are embarking on an almsgiving activity to feed the hungry, but they need your help. Along with filling almsgiving boxes at home, the children will be helping during coffee hour clean up as acts of good works and service. They hope to collect donations during that time. Please consider helping them in their almsgiving practice by placing donations in the collection box/jar in the Fellowship Hall.

Curious about those odd-shaped buildings in icons?

Is there symbolism related to structures in icons?
How are interior spaces shown?
How are colors selected?

Find out the answer to these questions and more. Learn how these are done by practicing and layering egg tempera paints on your own simple board.

Fr. Igumen Mefodii, Master iconographer of the Prosopon School returns to St. Herman's to lead a mini-workshop, "Architecture in Iconography", Sat. May 11th, 9 a.m. - 3 or 4 p.m. with an easy potluck lunch.

All adults are welcome, with a donation to Fr. Mefodii, the purchase of one or two brushes and an inexpensive board. (The event and supplies are free to icon guild members.)

For details and to reserve your board, please contact Mat. Joanna by Pascha.

Who's Your Neighbor?

The parish would like to assemble a photo directory of our families. Names and photographs will be especially helpful for our newer members and they would be posted on a bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Marina has volunteered to be our photographer and Marlene will assist.

Update on Erik Laymon

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your prayers and those of so many of the Faithful are being answered. After losing over 50% of his skin, Erik is healing well and a full recovery is anticipated. We expect that he will be transferred to a rehabilitation hospital nearer his home this week. Mat. Jo and I cannot adequately express our thankfulness to Almighty God and to you for your prayers and support during this difficult time.

Egg Raffle

Svetlana Jenkins has made and donated an egg to the Sisterhood of the Myrrh-Bearing Women to be raffled.
It is on display in the bookcase in the church hall.
Tickets are $10.00 a piece or Three for $25.00.
Checks are payable to the Sisterhood of the Myrrh-Bearing Women (we have a stamp for this)
All proceeds will be donated to the building fund.

Please Join Us for the Blessing of Our New Land!

Please join us at 1754 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554 after Fellowship for the blessing of the newly erected cross and the newly purchased land.