



Sunday, October 18, 2020

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: *(please remember to sign up for services and communion)*

- Sun. Oct. 18/Oct. 5** **19th Sunday after Pentecost. Martyr Charitina of Amisus (AD 304)**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Ordination followed by Fellowship
- Wed. Oct. 21/Oct. 8** **Venerable Pelagia the Penitent of the Mount of Olives (AD 457).**
6:30 p.m. Vespers
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. Oct. 24/Oct. 11** **Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus at Tarsus in Cilicia (AD 304).**
4:00 p.m. Catechumen class
5:15 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Vigil
- Sun. Oct. 25/Oct. 12** **20th Sunday after Pentecost. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (AD 787)**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

The risk of the COVID virus has compelled some of our parishioners to absent themselves from public contact including attendance at the Divine Liturgy. If you have been unable to come to church and would like to have communion brought to your home, please contact Fr. Alexander at 540-212-1855 or anevsky54@gmail.com.

Attendance

Great Vespers, 10/10--	Divine Liturgy, 10/11--	Vespers, 10/13--
	Divine Liturgy, 10/14--	Vespers 10/14--

2020 Finances

The Parish needs \$2,110/week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 116,951.87	+ \$ 29,639.09
October 4	\$ 1,567.00	- \$ 543.00
October 11	\$ 3,961.37	+ \$ 1,851.37

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. ˆ

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: Sarah, Emmanuel, Mark, Claudia, Katherine, Erika, Victoria, Michael, Tate, Renate, Dieter, Rebekah, Sofia, Ioannis, Anastasia, Elizabeth, Georgia, John, Elena, Alice, Matthew, Boris, Elizabeth, Davis (Columba), Moses, Emma, Kristin, Monk Sergius, Priest John, Priest David, Priest Costa, Priest Michael, Presbyteria Cindy, Priest George, Presbyteria Areti, Nun Aimiliane, Priest Charalambos, Monk Serapheim, Elizabeth, Katje, Rachel, Mandi, Clive, Clair, Rebecca, Janis, Paisley, George, Archpriest Alexander, Matushka Kathleen, Emma Nicole, Alexa Kate, Steven, Millicent, Archpriest Victor, Matushka Masha, Pdn. Patrick, Matushka Joanna, Matushka Sophia, Mother Theodora, Archpriest Alexander, James, Leonidas, Sophia, Maria, Larry, Bill, Modestos, Katya & Michael, Ephraim, Reader Moses, Jo Ann, Sarah, Paul, Laura and baby Mary, Brianna, Robert, Baby Nina, Charley & Alexandra, Irina & baby, Rebecca, Melissa & babies

MEMORY ETERNAL: Mark Laymon, William Laymon, Sr.

Found: A gold chain necklace was found on the grounds of St. Herman's. If you think it might be yours, please contact me, Kristin Milligan.



Fellowship Hour

Oct. 25 Fellowship Team 4
Nov. 1 Fellowship 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 Brianna Lessin or Mat. Veronica Sirko.



Reader Schedule

Oct. 25 ~ Rdr. Stephen Terrell
Nov. 1 ~ Rdr. Aaron Lessin

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



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 October 18th

Sunday 10/18

John 20:11-18 (*8th Matins Gospel*)
2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9
Luke 6:31-36
Hebrews 13:17-21 *Saints*
Matthew 5:14-19 *Saints*

Monday 10/19

John 21:15-25 *Matins Gospel*
Philippians 2:12-16
Luke 6:24-30
1 Corinthians 4:9-16 *Apostle*
John 20:19-31 *Apostle*

Tuesday 10/20

Philippians 2:16-23
Luke 6:37-45

Wednesday 10/21

Philippians 2:24-30
Luke 6:46-7:1

Thursday 10/22

John 21:15-25 *Matins Gospel*
Philippians 3:1-8
Luke 7:17-30
1 Corinthians 4:9-16 *Apostle*
Luke 10:16-21 *Apostle*

Friday 10/23

Matthew 11:27-30 *Matins Gospel*
Philippians 3:8-19
Luke 7:31-35
Galatians 5:22-6:2 *Venerable Ambrose*
Luke 6:17-23 *Venerable Ambrose*

Saturday 10/24

2 Corinthians 1:8-11
Luke 5:27-32
Acts 8:26-39 *Apostle*
Luke 10:1-21 *Apostle*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are still short of our goal to secure the funds to take us through the design phase of our temple construction project. Our immediate goal is to raise \$120k and we still have to raise a little less than \$90,000 more to make that goal. If we don't make that goal then we will need to finance the remainder to get to the end of design phase. If you plan to donate to the building fund, please do so now to help us avoid seeking financing.

Remember that our Architectural Designer, Robert Latsko, is in Virginia and working diligently on our design. He is giving us an overview of the week's work every Sunday after lunch. If you are able to, please join us to see the latest! We are getting close to having a 3d rendering to forward for oohs and ahs.

-Joe Milligan (Warden)

Sunday School will begin October 25th!

We will have a Sunday School kick-off on October 25th. Parents and kids can meet teachers and parishioners can come and see what the kids will be learning over the year. Class time has been moved from directly after Communion to about 15 min after Fellowship has begun, so the teachers and kids can eat and then immediately go to their classes. We still need a teacher (preferably two) for grades 1-5. Curriculum is provided, and we are happy to answer any questions you might have about teaching. This is a great way to support our children and our families. Please consider helping out in this important way.

“The Lord did not come to make a display. He came to heal and to teach suffering men. For one who wanted to make a display the thing would have been just to appear and dazzle the beholders. But for Him Who came to heal and to teach the way was not merely to dwell here, but to put Himself at the disposal of those who needed Him, and to be manifested according as they could bear it, not vitiating the value of the Divine appearing by exceeding their capacity to receive it.”

— St. Athanasius the Great, [*On the Incarnation*](#)



When you Donate toward a Feast Day Icon You are Also Supporting the Building Fund for St. Herman's Future Church!

Our parish is requesting donations to sponsor our handwritten feast day icons, either totally or in part. Our goal is to raise \$3000 per icon. Two-thirds of the donations will be given to the church's building fund. Your donation can be in any amount. Please indicate with your check the feast day icon you prefer.

Please support this project for the beauty of our present and future church, according to the gift of God's Grace and to His Glory.

St. Seraphim of Sarov: . . . the devil strives to lead a man into despair. . .

Just as the Lord is solicitous about our salvation, so too the murder of men, the devil, strives to lead a man into despair. A lofty and sound soul does not despair over misfortunes, of whatever sort they may be. Our life is as it were a house of temptations and trials; but we will not renounce the Lord for as long as He allows the tempter to remain with us and for as long as we must wait to be revived through patience and secure passionless!

Judas the betrayer was fainthearted and unskilled in battle, and so the enemy, seeing his despair, attacked him and forced him to hang himself, but Peter, a firm rock, when he fell into great sin, like one skilled in battle did not despair nor lose heart, but shed bitter tears from a burning heart, and the enemy, seeing these tears, his eyes scorched as by fire, fled far from him wailing in pain.

And so brothers, St. Antioch teaches, when despair attacks us let us not yield to it, but being strengthened and protected by the light of faith, with great courage let us say to the evil spirit: “What are you to us, estranged from God, a fugitive from heaven and evil servant? You dare do nothing to us. Christ, the Son of God, has authority both over us and over everything. It is against Him that we have sinned, and before Him that we will be justified. And you, destroyer, leave us. Strengthen by His venerable Cross, we trample under foot your serpent's head” (St. Antioch, Discourse 27).

+ St. Seraphim of Sarov, “The Spiritual Instructions to Laymen and Monks”, printed in [*Little Russian Philokalia: St. Seraphim of Sarov*](#)