



Sunday, November 22, 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. Nov. 22/Nov. 9** **24th Sunday after Pentecost. St. Nectarius (Kephalas), metropolitan of Pentapolis (AD 1920).**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
- Wed. Nov. 25/Nov. 12** **St. John the Merciful, patriarch of Alexandria (AD 620).**
6:30 p.m. Vespers
 No Adult Religious Education Class
- Thurs. Nov. 26/Nov. 13** **St. John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople (AD 407).**
 Happy Thanksgiving!!!
- Sat. Nov. 28/Nov. 15** **St. Fulvianus, prince of Ethiopia, in holy baptism Matthew (1st c.).**
4:00 p.m. Catechumen Class
5:15 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Vigil
- Sun. Nov. 29/Nov. 16** **25th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (AD 60).**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
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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, 11/14--

Divine Liturgy, 11/15--

Vespers, 11/18--

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	\$ 127,366.20	+ \$ 31,613.42
November 8	\$ 2,217.73	+ \$ 107.73
November 15	\$ TBA	+ \$ TBA

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: 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: Gregory Comwell

Parish Assembly on Dec. 6

There will be a Parish Assembly on December 6th to discuss the architectural plan. This will also be the time to express and address any concerns with the plan and/or process. If you are uncomfortable bringing up concerns in assembly, please discuss this with Vladyka or Joe Milligan before and we can arrange to have a representative for you.



Fellowship Hour

- Nov. 29 Fasting Potluck Fellowship!!! (*Fish allowed*)
- Dec. 6 Fasting 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 Brianna Lessin or Mat. Veronica Sirko.



Reader Schedule

- Nov. 29 ~ Rdr. Aaron Lessin
- Dec. 6 ~ Rdr. Michael Yuschak

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 November 22th

Sunday 11/22

Mark 16:1-8 (*2nd Matins Gospel*)
Ephesians 2:14-22
Luke 8:41-56

Monday 11/23

2 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Luke 12:13-15, 22-31

Tuesday 11/24

2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2
Luke 12:42-48

Wednesday 11/25

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Luke 12:48-59
Thursday Reading
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Luke 13:1-9

Thursday 11/26

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

Friday 11/27

John 21:15-25 *Matins Gospel*
2 Thessalonians 3:6-18
Luke 13:31-35
1 Corinthians 4:9-16 *Apostle*
John 1:43-51 *Apostle*

Saturday 11/28

Galatians 1:3-10
Luke 9:37-43

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 \$70,000 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.

-Joe Milligan (Warden)

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. We still need donations toward both the icon of The Embrace of Sts. Joachim and Anna and The Nativity of the Holy Theotokos. 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. Nektarios

Saint Nektarios was born in Selyvria of Thrace on October 11, 1846. After putting himself through school in Constantinople with much hard labour, he became a monk on Chios in 1876, receiving the monastic name of Lazarus; because of his virtue, a year later he was ordained deacon, receiving the new name of Nektarios. Under the patronage of Patriarch Sophronius of Alexandria, Nektarios went to Athens to study in 1882; completing his theological studies in 1885, he went to Alexandria, where Patriarch Sophronius ordained him priest on March 23, 1886 in the Cathedral of Saint Sabbas, and in August of the same year, in the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, made him Archimandrite. Archimandrite Nektarios showed much zeal both for preaching the word of God, and for the beauty of God's house. He greatly beautified the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, and years later, when Nektarios was in Athens, Saint Nicholas appeared to him in a dream, embracing him and telling him he was going to exalt him very high.

On January 15, 1889, in the same Church of Saint Nicholas, Nektarios was consecrated Metropolitan of Pentapolis in eastern Libya, which was under the jurisdiction of Alexandria. Although Nektarios' swift ascent through the degrees of ecclesiastical office did not affect his modesty and childlike innocence, it aroused the envy of lesser men, who convinced the elderly Sophronius that Nektarios had it in his heart to become Patriarch. Since the people loved Nektarios, the Patriarch was troubled by the slanders. On May 3, 1890, Sophronius relieved Metropolitan Nektarios of his duties; in July of the same year, he commanded Nektarios to leave Egypt.

Without seeking to avenge or even to defend himself, the innocent Metropolitan left for Athens, where he found that accusations of immorality had arrived before him. Because his good name had been soiled, he was unable to find a position worthy of a bishop, and in February of 1891 accepted the position of provincial preacher in Euboia; then, in 1894, he was appointed dean of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School in Athens. Through his eloquent sermons, his unwearied labours to educate fitting men for the priesthood, his generous almsdeeds despite his own poverty, and the holiness, meekness, and fatherly love that were manifest in him, he became a shining light and a spiritual guide to many. At the request of certain pious women, in 1904 he began the building of his convent of the Holy Trinity on the island of Aegina while yet dean of the Rizarios School; finding later that his presence there was needed, he took up his residence on Aegina in 1908, where he spent the last years of his life, devoting himself to the direction of his convent and to very intense prayer; he was sometimes seen lifted above the ground while rapt in prayer. He became the protector of all Aegina, through his prayers delivering the island from drought, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Here also he endured wicked slanders with singular patience, forgiving his false accusers and not seeking to avenge himself. Although he had already worked wonders in life, an innumerable multitude of miracles have been wrought after his repose in 1920 through his holy relics, which for many years remained incorrupt. There is hardly a malady that has not been cured through his prayers; but Saint Nektarios is especially renowned for his healings of cancer for sufferers in all parts of the world. (*Great Horologion*)