



Sunday, November 29, 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. 29/Nov. 16 **25th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (AD 60).**

9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours

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

Wed. Dec. 2/Nov. 19 **Prophet Haaggai (Aggaeus) (500 B.C.).**

6:30 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class

Fri. Dec. 4/Nov. 21 **The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple**

8:45 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sat. Dec. 5/Nov. 22 **St. Metrophanes (in schema Macarius), bishop of Voronezh (AD 1703).**

4:00 p.m. Catechumen Class

5:15 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Vigil

Sun. Dec. 6/Nov. 23 **26th Sunday after Pentecost. St. Alexander Nevsky (in schema Alexis), grand prince of Novgorod (AD 1263).**

9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours

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

1:00 p.m. Parish Assembly

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, 11/21—

Divine Liturgy, 11/22—

Vespers, 11/25—

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 15 | \$ TBA | + \$ TBA |
| November 22 | \$ 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, Presbytera Cindy, Priest George, Presbytera 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 Cornwell

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 Vladyla or Joe Milligan before and we can arrange to have a representative for you.



Fellowship Hour

- Dec. 6 Fasting Fellowship provided by Team 1
 Dec. 13 Fasting Fellowship provided by Team 2

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 Sirk.



Reader Schedule

- Dec. 4 ~Rdr. Stephen Terrell
 Dec. 6 ~Rdr. Aaron Lessin
 Dec. 13~ 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.

Readings for the Week of November 29th

Sunday 11/29

- Mark 16:9-20 (*3rd Matins Gospel*)
 Ephesians 4:1-6
 Luke 10:25-37
 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 *Apostle*
 Matthew 9:9-13 *Apostle*

Monday 11/30

- 1 Timothy 1:1-7
 Luke 14:12-15

Tuesday 12/1

- 1 Timothy 1:8-14
 Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday 12/2

- 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15
 Luke 15:1-10

Thursday 12/3

- 1 Timothy 3:1-13
 Luke 16:1-9
 Friday Reading
 1 Timothy 4:4-8, 16
 Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4

Friday 12/4

- Luke 1:39-49, 56 *Matins Gospel*
 Hebrews 9:1-7 *Theotokos*
 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 *Theotokos*

Saturday 12/5

- Galatians 3:8-12
 Luke 9:57-62
 Philemon 1:1-25 *Apostles*
 Luke 10:1-15 *Apostles*

Parish Assembly on December 6th! Please attend if possible!

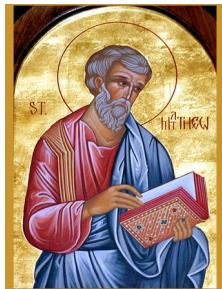
We will be having a parish Assembly on December 6th, one hour after liturgy. During that assembly we will be presenting the design for our new temple, offering an update on the process of getting quotes from contractors, and entertaining any and all questions. We are asking that attendees hold off on suggesting changes until our second assembly on the 20th of December. The idea is to make sure everyone has as much information as possible and time to digest it and think about what changes may be necessary. This is why we are having a two week delay between meetings. There are also some renderings of the new temple on the walls of the parish hall with room for written comment, and an anonymous suggestion box on the kitchen window bar. If you would like to speak to someone face to face but do not wish to speak in front of the assembly, or are not able to attend the assemblies, please feel free to speak to anyone on the building committee: Met. Jonah, Robert Jenkins (chair), Fr. Deacon Joseph Sirk, Charles McLeod, Rdr. Aaron Lessin, George Evanisko, Mihaela Coman, or Joe Milligan. All of us would be happy to entertain any of your concerns and speak to them on your behalf.

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.



Before They Were Famous... Saint Matthew the Evangelist

We celebrate St. Matthew today, Nov. 29th (NC: Nov 16). Sometimes, in magazines, you might see pictures of movie stars or models or athletes...BEFORE they were famous. Some-times they look kind of funny, with hair from the 70s or with clothes you'd never wear today! But now they're famous, so it doesn't even matter! Did you ever wonder what saints were like... before they were famous? Or before they were saints? Tomorrow we celebrate Saint Matthew. Saint Matthew was one of the special helpers of our Lord Jesus Christ. He spent lots of his life telling people about God. He even wrote one of the books of the Bible. But in the Gospel we read on his feast day, we hear about what he was like before he was Jesus's helper, before he followed Christ. We hear in the Gospel that Saint Matthew was a tax collector. In those days, tax collectors were big sinners because they would keep some of the taxes for themselves! People did not like these men. But our Lord trusted Matthew to become His special helper, His disciple. So, we read what Saint Matthew was like before he was famous, and before God called him to be His helper. God calls all of us to be His helpers and His followers! When we know the beautiful example of Saint Mat-thew, we can know God loves and trusts us to turn to Him too!

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Ancient Faith Orders for the Nativity

The bookstore will be putting in an order with Ancient Faith next Monday. If you have been eyeing a book or gift that you would like to order from Ancient Faith, you can order through the bookstore at St. Herman's. Just give your selections to Kristin Milligan by next Sunday, December 6th and she will add them to the church order. All orders have the added benefit of supporting the St. Herman's bookstore!

We have within us deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. This can not all be cut out with one sharp motion, but patience, persistence, care and attention. The path leading to perfection is long. Pray to God so that he will strengthen you. Patiently accept your falls and, having stood up, immediately run to God, not remaining in that place where you have fallen. Do not despair if you keep falling into your old sins. Many of them are strong because they have received the force of habit. Only with the passage of time and with fervor will they be conquered. Don't let anything deprive you of hope.
 --St. Nectarios of Aegina, Path to Happiness, 3

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.