



Sunday, November 8, 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. 8/Oct. 26**      **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Holy and Glorious Great-martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher of Thessalonica (AD 306).**  
**9:30 a.m.**    Reading of the Hours  
**10:00 a.m.**    Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
- Wed. Nov. 11/Oct. 29**      **Virgin-martyr Anastasia the Roman (AD 256).**  
**6:30 p.m.**    Vespers  
**7:00 p.m.**    Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. Nov. 14/Nov. 1**      **Venerable Marcian of Cyrrhus (AD 388).**  
**12:00 p.m.**    Iconography Guild  
**4:00 p.m.**    Catechumen class  
**5:15 p.m.**    Confessions  
**6:00 p.m.**    Vigil
- Sun. Nov. 15/Nov. 2**      **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidophorus, and Anempodistus of Persia (AD 341).**  
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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](mailto:anevsky54@gmail.com).*

### Attendance

Great Vespers, 10/31--

Divine Liturgy, 11/1--

Vespers, 11/4--

### 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	\$ 125,148.47	+ \$ 31,505.69
October 25	\$ 2,544.45	+ \$ 434.45
November 1	\$ 4,132.32	+ \$ 2,022.32

*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, Mark Laymon, William Laymon, Sr.

Our brother in Christ Gregory Cornwell reposed on October 28th. Supporting the family can be as easy as providing a meal. If you are interested <https://takethemameal.com/PQKY5147> Please sign up at or contact Matushka Veronica.



### Fellowship Hour

Nov. 15 Fellowship Team 3  
Nov. 22 Fellowship Team 4

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. 15 ~ Rdr. Stephen Terrell  
Nov. 22 ~ 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 November 8<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday 11/8

John 21:15-25 (*11th Matins Gospel*)  
Galatians 6:11-18  
Luke 16:19-31  
2 Timothy 2:1-10 *Epistle, St. Demetrius*  
John 15:17-16:2 *Gospel, St. Demetrius*  
Hebrews 12:6-13; 25-27 *Epistle, Earthquake*  
Matthew 8:23-27 *Gospel, Earthquake*

### Monday 11/9

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Luke 10:22-24

### Tuesday 11/10

John 10:1-9 *Matins Gospel*  
1 Thessalonians 1:6-10  
Luke 11:1-10  
Hebrews 7:26-8:2 *St. Demetrius*  
John 10:9-16 *St. Demetrius*

### Wednesday 11/11

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Luke 11:9-13  
Galatians 5:22-6:2 *St. Abramius*  
Matthew 11:27-30 *St. Abramius*

### Thursday 11/12

1 Thessalonians 2:9-14  
Luke 11:14-23

### Friday 11/13

1 Thessalonians 2:14-19  
Luke 11:23-26

### Saturday 11/14

2 Corinthians 8:1-5  
Luke 8:16-21  
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8 *Unmercenary*  
Matthew 10:1,5-8 *Unmercenary*

## Sisterhood of the Myrrh-bearing Women's First Chili Cook-Off!

Enter your chili for a chance to win fun prizes! Bring your best chili: meaty or vegan; red or green; classic or unique. There will be a popular vote and a blind judging scorecard (if you are interested in being a judge, see Brianna).

The cook-off will be on **November 21, from 4-6pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Come for chili and stay for Vigil! Tickets are \$10/adult, \$5/child with a \$30 cap. People can also bring chili fixins' (cheese, sour cream, fritos, cornbread, etc.) and desserts. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

It's the last weekend before the Nativity Fast starts, so let's celebrate!

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.

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)

Truth is not a thought, not a word, not a relationship between things, not a law. Truth is a Person. It is a Being which exceeds all beings and gives life to all. If you seek truth with love and for the sake of love, she will reveal the light of His face to you inasmuch as you are able to bear it without being burned.

--St. Nicholas of Serbia, Thoughts on Good and Evil

### 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.



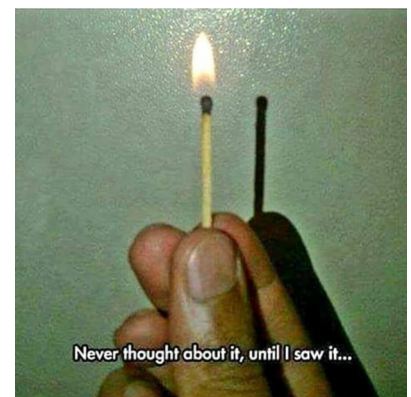
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Iconography,

This is a reminder that our iconography guild will be meeting again at St. Herman's on Saturday, Nov.14, 2020 at noon. We will be adding our next layers of egg tempera in our flesh-tone study, but you may also begin a new project or bring unfinished work. Everyone at any level of experience is welcome. Please let me know if you are coming! We collect donations to support our church's building fund since we currently have many supplies on hand to share.

Perhaps the Lord is calling you to this vocation. Pray, come, and see! If you have any questions, just email me.

Why do we not paint shadows in icons?  
"God is Light. In Him there is no darkness at all."—1 John 1:5

In Christ,  
Mat. Joanna  
Iconography Guild of St. Theodosia



Never thought about it, until I saw it...

Light has no shadow. "God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5"

