



Sunday, December 27, 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. Dec. 27/Dec. 14** **29th Sunday after Pentecost. Week of the Holy Forefathers.**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
- Wed. Dec. 30/Dec. 17** **Holy Prophet Daniel (600 B.C.) and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael.**
6:30 p.m. Vespers
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. Jan. 2/Dec. 20** **Repose of St. Peter, metropolitan of All Russia (AD 1326).**
4:00 p.m. Catechumen Class
5:15 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Vigil
- Sun. Jan. 3/Dec. 21** **30th Sunday after Pentecost. Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with her 500 men and 130 women (AD 304).**
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, 12/19–

Divine Liturgy, 12/20–

Vespers, 12/13– *No service*

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	\$ 148,251.68	+ \$ 39,838.90
December 13	\$ 5,138.70	+ \$ 3,028.70
December 20	\$ 3,516.00	+ \$ 1,406.00

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, Kathy Mirov, Priest Alexander Laymon

MEMORY ETERNAL:

The acquisition of holiness is not the exclusive business of monks, as certain people think. People with families are also called to holiness, as are those in all kinds of professions, who live in the world, since the commandment about perfection and holiness is given not only to monks, but to all people.
~ Hieromartyr Onuphry Gaguluk



Fellowship Hour

- Jan. 3 Fasting Fellowship provided by Team 1
- Jan. 7 Festal POTLUCK Fellowship!
- Jan. 10 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 Sirko.



Reader Schedule

- Jan. 3 ~ TBA
- Jan. 6 ~ TBA
- Jan. 7 ~ TBA
- Jan 10 ~ TBA

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 December 27th

Sunday 12/27

John 20:1-10 (*7th Matins Gospel*)
Colossians 3:4-11 Epistle (*29th Sunday*)
Luke 14:16-24 Gospel (*28th Sunday*)

Monday 12/28

Hebrews 8:7-13
Mark 8:11-21

Tuesday 12/29

Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23
Mark 8:22-26

Wednesday 12/30

Hebrews 10:1-18
Mark 8:30-34
Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Prophet
Luke 11:47-12:1 Prophet

Thursday 12/31

Hebrews 10:35-11:7
Mark 9:10-16

Friday 1/1

Hebrews 11:8,11:16
Mark 9:33-41
Saturday Reading
Ephesians 5:1-8
Luke 14:1-11

Saturday 1/2

Matthew 6:1-13 *Matins Gospel*
Hebrews 4:14-5:6 *St. John*
Matthew 5:14-19 *St. John*
Hebrews 4:14-5:6 *Hieromartyr Ignatius*
Mark 9:33-41 *Hieromartyr Ignatius*
Galatians 3:8-12 *Saturday Before*
Luke 13:18-29 *Saturday Before*

Keep up with the Latest Schedule Changes this Winter!

Timely notification of last minute changes to the schedule is difficult. If you would like to receive text notifications for closures due to inclement weather or other last-minute schedule changes, please follow the directions below. The system is opt-in and you will NOT be automatically added to the list.

We have established an account on remind.com to provide these text alerts. This system will NOT be used to send routine church information.

As remind.com was developed for education, it may ask if you are a teacher, parent or student. You can choose any option, it will not make a difference for our purposes. Additionally, remind will also alert you that there may be a charge by your phone company to receive texts. There is no charge to use this service except what your phone company charges for text messages. **To sign up:** text the message @stherman to the number 81010 on your mobile phone.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

In Christ,
Fr. Mark

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.

Festal Potluck Fellowship

On January 7, after our Festal Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord, we will have a Festal Potluck Fellowship. If you are coming to service to celebrate Christ's Nativity, we encourage you to stay for fellowship and if you can, bring something to share to break the fast with everyone and celebrate the feast!

"The Nativity of Christ.—He has come upon earth, He Who in the beginning created us from earth and breathed His Divine breath into us; He has come Who "giveth to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts xvii. 25.); He has come, He Who by a single word called all things visible and invisible from non-existence into existence, Who by a word called into being birds, fishes, quadrupeds, insects, and all creatures, existing under His almighty providence and care; He has come, He Whom the innumerable hosts of Angels continually and joy. And in what humility has He come! He is born of a poor Virgin, in a cave, wrapped in poor swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. Riches, honours, glory of this world! fall down, fall down in humility, tearful devotion, and deep gratitude before the Saviour of men, and share your riches with the poor and needy. Do not pride yourselves on your visionary, fleeting distinctions, for true distinction can only be found in virtue. Glory of this world! learn here, before the manger, your vanity. Thus, let us all humble ourselves; let us all fall down in the dust before the boundless humility and exhaustion of the Sovereign of all, of God, Who has come to heal our infirmities, to save us from pride, vanity, corruption, and every sinful impurity."

+ St. John of Kronstadt, *My Life in Christ*

