



Sunday, December 6, 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. 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

Wed. Dec. 9/Nov. 26 **Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) (635 B.C.).**

6:30 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class

Sat. Dec. 12/Nov. 29 **St. Elias, schemamonk of Valaam and Verkhoturye (AD 1900).**

10:00 a.m. Iconography Guild Meeting

4:00 p.m. Catechumen Class

5:15 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Vigil

Sun. Dec. 13/Nov. 30 **27th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-Called (AD 62).**

9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours

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

1:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

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, 11/28--

Divine Liturgy, 11/29--

Vespers, 12/2--

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	\$ 132,415.20	+ \$ 32,442.42
November 15	\$ TBA	+ \$ TBA
November 22	\$ 1,093.75	- \$ 1,016.25
November 28	\$ 3,955.25	+ \$ 1,845.25

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



Fellowship Hour

- Dec. 13 Fasting Fellowship provided by Team 2
- Dec. 20 Fasting Fellowship provided by Team 3

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

- Dec. 13~ Rdr. Michael Yuschak
- Dec. 20~ Rdr. Stephen Terrell

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 6th

Sunday 12/6

Luke 24:1-12 (*4th Matins Gospel*)
Ephesians 5:8-19
Luke 12:16-21
Galatians 5:22-6:2 *St. Alexander*
Matthew 11:27-30 *St. Alexander*

Monday 12/7

1 Timothy 5:1-10
Luke 17:20-25
Ephesians 6:10-17 *Great-martyr Catherine*
Luke 21:12-19 *Great-martyr Catherine*

Tuesday 12/8

1 Timothy 5:11-21
Luke 17:26-37
Hebrews 9:1-7 *Theotokos*
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 *Theotokos*
Philippians 3:20-4:3 *Hieromartyr*
Matthew 5:14-19 *Hieromartyr*

Wednesday 12/9

1 Timothy 5:22-6:11
Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

Thursday 12/10

Luke 1:39-49, 56 *Matins Gospel*
1 Timothy 6:17-21
Luke 18:31-34
Hebrews 9:1-7 *Theotokos*
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 *Theotokos*

Friday 12/11

2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18
Luke 19:12-28

Saturday 12/12

Galatians 5:22-6:2
Luke 10:19-21

Many Years!

Birthday

- 2 Nicholas Petro
- Ryan (Alexandra) Spahn
- 3 Preston Jordan
- Becky Petro
- 5 Russell Kosch
- Fr. Silouan
- 14 Sarah Francis
- 16 Melanie Raccanello
- 24 Chuck (C4) McLeod
- 28 Judith Cook
- Stephanie Yuschak

Name Day

- 6 Fr. Alexander Laymon
- Fr. Alexander Webster
- Alexander Selenskikh
- Elisabeth Sirko
- 8 Karina (Catherine) Coman
- Caitlin (Catherine) DeMarco
- Katherine Miroy
- Mat. Kathleen (Catherine) Webster
- Katherine Yuschak
- 13 Andrew Holstein
- Andrew Moellmer
- Andrew Geracoulis
- Andrew Webster
- 14 Charles Jordan

Anniversaries

- 1 Anna & Ramius Connour
- 5 Fr. & Mat. Laymon
- 17 Barbara Cornwell
- 17 Judith Cook & John Francis
- Rebecca Laymon
- 30 Fr. & Mat. Webster
- 19 Emma (Nichole) Parkinson
- Nicholas Petro
- Fr. Mark
- Nicholas Yuschak
- Nicholay Nicholov
- 20 Brooks (Ambrose) Lessin
- 27 Rdr. Aaron Lessin
- Rebecca Lowe

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 today, 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!

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.



An Update on our next Iconography Guild Meeting:

If you wish, come earlier to our next meeting: Sat., Dec. 12th: You may come as early as 10:00 and stay as long as 3:00. Bring your lunch if you plan to spend the day. As usual, we will open with prayer, discuss the spiritual symbolism of the icon, and listen to prayerful liturgical music as we work. We will be continuing the flesh tone study, and for those who have finished, beginning or continuing their own icon studies.

Bring the supplies you have and please let me know if you are coming, what you need, and what you would like to practice.—Mat. Joanna

O Loving Lord, grant me the courage to die to the death of selfish temptations through the daily practice of the spiritual disciplines You have preserved in Your Church for my salvation. Help me, Gracious Lord, to drive away the clouds of confusion and temptations that distract me from You, and fill me with that joy that comes from a life lived free and in love with You. Amen.