



Sunday, February 16, 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

60 Clifton Chapel Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22555 – Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1295, Stafford, VA 22555 – Website: www.sthermanorthodox.org

Liturgical Services/Activities:

Sun. Feb. 16/Feb. 3	<u>Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Holy and Righteous Symeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess (1st c.)</u> 8:30 a.m. Matins 9:45 a.m. Baptisms 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Wed. Feb. 19/Feb. 6	<u>Venerable Bucolus, bishop of Smyrna (ca. 100)</u> 6:30 p.m. Great Vespers, followed by the Adult Religious Education Class
Sat. Feb. 22/Feb. 9	<u>New Hieromartyrs Peter and Valerian priests (AD 1930).</u> 9:00 a.m. Brotherhood (and families) Event at Queen of All Skete 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers at Queen of All Skete (<i>No Great Vespers at St. Herman's</i>)
Sun. Feb. 23/Feb. 10	<u>Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare). Hieromartyr Charalampus, bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly, and Martyrs Porphyrius and Baptus (AD 202).</u> 8:45 a.m. Matins 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

Attendance

Great Vespers, 2/8 – 19

Divine Liturgy, 2/9 –

2020 Finances

The Parish needs (TBD) /week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 10,393.08	TBD
February 2	\$ 1,945.00	TBD
February 9	\$ 00.00	TBD

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, Mark, Janis, Paisley, George, Archpriest Alexander, Matushka Kathleen, Emma Nicole, Alexa Kate, Steven, Chad, Millicent, Archpriest Victor, Matushka Masha, Pdn. Patrick, Matushka Joanna, Matushka Sophia, Mother Theodora, Archpriest Alexander, James, Leonidas, Sophia, Maria, Larry, Bill, Modestos, Reader Moses, Jo Ann, Sarah, Paula

MEMORY ETERNAL: Kathy Sekela



Fellowship Hour

Feb. 16~ Fellowship provided by Team 3
Feb. 23~ Fellowship provided by 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

Feb. 16~Sdn. Nicholas Sanford
Feb. 23~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 February 16th

Sunday 2/16
Mark 16:1-8 (*2nd Matins Gospel*)
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Luke 15:11-32

Monday 2/17
1 John 2:18-3:10
Mark 11:1-11

Tuesday 2/18
1 John 3:11-20
Mark 14:10-42

Wednesday 2/19
1 John 3:21-4:6
Mark 14:43-15:1

Thursday 2/20
1 John 4:20-5:21
Mark 15:1-15

Friday 2/21
2 John 1:1-13
Mark 15:22-25, 33-41

Saturday 2/22
1 Corinthians 10:23-28
1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 (*Departed*)
Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36
John 5:24-30 (*Departed*)



Brotherhood (and Families!) Event at the Queen of All Skete February 22nd!

On Saturday, February 22nd, the day before Meatfare Sunday, families are coming to help out at the Queen of All Skete. Father Deacon Joseph, chairman of the Brotherhood of Saint George the Dragon Slayer at St. Herman's in Stafford is providing a good deal of assistance in coordinating things.

Starting around 9 AM, we will be working outside, pulling out logs and cutting small growth in the beautiful woods (as it is easier to see with no leaves on the trees). We'll toss the debris into a trailer and then dump it in one of the fields. After a few hours, we'll light a bonfire – we want to do this early enough in the day that it will be extinguished by Vespers time.

Children (we have quite a few at Stafford!) will be given play firemen's hats and the adults can help teach them how to control a fire. The Skete has hoses and nozzles.

Because it is the day before Meatfare, a blessing is given for people to bring meat to cook outside, over the bonfire or on a grill if they wish to bring one. There is no kitchen facility in the Skete, and there is only a very small bathroom sink. Any meat will have to be prepared in advance and brought in coolers.

For those not wanting to work outside, the upstairs area is ready to be painted, a small bit of insulation still needs to be done in the mechanical/laundry room, and there are probably other indoor tasks.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for Orthodox people to get together before Lent. In the afternoon we will celebrate Vespers.

Questions may be directed to Mother Andrea, or Father Deacon Joseph Sirko.

The address of the Skete: Queen of All Skete
445 Longshot Ln.
Rochelle VA 22738

Please bring chainsaws, pick up trucks/trailers, food/beverage, work gloves/goggles, boots, and any lawn tools for cutting small brush and pruning.

Looking forward to hosting everyone!

In our Lord Jesus Christ,
Mother Andrea

Essential Oils Class

We've all heard about essential oils, but you might be asking: "What exactly are they? How do I use them? Are they all the same?" God gave us these amazing tools in nature, so join Brianna Lessin and a certified aromatherapist, Meredith Irwin (her business partner), to find the answers to these questions and any others you have! We will begin at 2PM on Saturday, 29 February in the fellowship hall. (Then stay for games after! We'll bring some snacks for you!)

Game Day at St. Herman's!

Enjoy board games, table top games, or cards? We will be gathering at the Fellowship Hall on Feb. 29th at 3:30 p.m. to play games until we adjourn for Great Vespers at 6 p.m. There will be games for all ages, so everyone is encouraged to come and bring your favorite game to share, or come and learn a new one! If you have any questions, please speak with Joe or Kristin Milligan.

“If the poison of pride is swelling up in you, turn to the Eucharist; and that Bread, Which is your God humbling and disguising Himself, will teach you humility. If the fever of selfish greed rages in you, feed on this Bread; and you will learn generosity. If the cold wind of coveting withers you, hasten to the Bread of Angels; and charity will come to blossom in your heart. If you feel the itch of intemperance, nourish yourself with the Flesh and Blood of Christ, Who practiced heroic self-control during His earthly life; and you will become temperate. If you are lazy and sluggish about spiritual things, strengthen yourself with this heavenly Food; and you will grow fervent. Lastly, if you feel scorched by the fever of impurity, go to the banquet of the Angels; and the spotless Flesh of Christ will make you pure and chaste.”

+ St. Cyril of Alexandria

“Only if it is one and the same Christ who is consubstantial with the Father and with men can He save us, for the meeting ground between God and man is Flesh and Christ.”

+ St. Cyril of Alexandria