



Sunday, May 24, 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. May 24/May 4	<u>Sixth Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man. Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Methodius (AD 885) and Cyril (AD 869), first teachers of the Slavs.</u> 9:00 a.m. Paschal Matins 10:00 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by Paschal Procession 12:00 p.m. Potluck Barbeque
Wed. May 27/May 7	<u>St. Isidore, fool-for-Christ, wonderworker of Rostov (AD 1474).</u> 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Adult Religious Education Class
Thurs. May 28/May 8	<u>The Ascension of our Lord. Venerable Pachomius the Great, founder of cenobitic monasticism (AD 346).</u> 9:00 a.m. Matins 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Potluck
Sat. May 30/May 10	<u>Martyrs Peter of Lampsacus, and Andrew, Paul and Dionysia, at Euridinos (AD 249-251).</u> 4:00 p.m. Catechumen class 5:15 p.m. Confessions 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sun. May 31/May 11	<u>Seventh Sunday of Pascha: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra and seven virgin-martyrs: Alexandra, Tecusa, Claudia, Phaine, Euphraisia, Matrona and Julia (AD 303)</u> 9:00 a.m. Paschal Matins 10:00 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by Paschal Procession 12:00 p.m. Potluck Barbeque

Attendance

Great Vespers, 5/16--

Divine Liturgy, 5/17--

Vespers, 5/20--

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	\$ 52,623.33	+ \$ 8,313.33
May 10	\$ 5,292.00	+ \$ 3,182.00
May 17	\$ 3,790.00	+ \$ 1,680.00

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. j

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, Katya & baby, Ephraim, Reader Moses, Jo Ann, Sarah, Paul, Laura and baby, Brianna, Irene & baby Lydia, Robert, Baby Nina, Charley & Alexandra

MEMORY ETERNAL: Stanislav Tschursin, Brian



Fellowship Hour

Fellowship (Agape meal) is canceled until further notice. There will only be coffee available for those to who would like some for their trip home.

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

May 31 ~ Rdr. Steve Terrell
June 7 ~ 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 May 24th

Sunday 5/24

John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)
Acts 16:16-34
John 9:1-38
Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Equals-to-the Apostles
Matthew 5:14-19 Equals-to-the Apostles

Monday 5/25

John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)
Acts 16:16-34
John 9:1-38
Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Equals-to-the Apostles
Matthew 5:14-19 Equals-to-the Apostles

Tuesday 5/26

Acts 17:19-28
John 12:19-36

Wednesday 5/27

Acts 18:22-28
John 12:36-47

Thursday 5/28

Mark 16:9-20
Acts 1:1-12
Luke 24:36-53

Friday 5/29

Acts 19:1-8
John 14:1-11

Saturday 5/30

Acts 20:7-12
John 14:10-21

Update!

The Lord bless you! Christ is Risen!

There are changes to the signup, and we can have up to 45 people in church; we will still do the signup, and the shifts of those coming for communion: <https://sugeni.us/ctvM>.

Now that things are slowly going back to normal, we need to start coming back to church in a normal way. As soon as restrictions are lifted, we will not do the communion in shifts, and those who commune will be expected to be in church for the whole Liturgy. For those who are ill, we can make an exception or bring communion at home. But otherwise, we can't let this pattern become a habit, a "new normal." We don't do that in Orthodoxy! This is a few weeks off, but time to begin to shift our thinking.

With Joy in Christ,

Metropolitan Jonah

Covid-19 and Donations

Because of the current situation at church, I believe people are reluctant to leave their donations because neither Judith, Nancy, nor I have been there. However, Judith and I have been coming by after church to pick up the donations, count them and process them each week.

If leaving them is something you are not comfortable with, you can mail them to our post office box address, St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church, PO Box 1295, Stafford, VA 22554. I go to the post office to check the mail at least once a week.

Another solution, that Vladyka is very much in favor of, is to arrange automatic transfers from your personal checking account to the church checking account. There is no need to go inside your bank. This usually can be arranged online by selecting the "bill pay" or "transfer" option, and selecting the reoccurring option. (every month on the same day of the month.)

In Search of Portable PA System...

If any of you owns a portable PA system or some equipment that would be useful for conducting outdoor services that your would be willing to lend the parish for one or two services, please contact Joe Milligan at fisharmor@gmail.com.

New Committee forming—Can You Help?

The Parish Council has formed a Records Committee to take charge of meeting our legal requirements for record keeping, now that we are incorporated. If you can serve on this committee, please contact Joe Milligan at fisharmor@gmail.com. Committee membership is open to all parish members.

Sponsor St. Herman's new Feast Day Icons and Support our Building Fund!

With Vladyka's blessing, Mat. Joanna has begun the hand-written feast day icons for St. Herman Orthodox Church. They will be prayerfully written following the canons of the church and with the guidance of her instructor, Fr. Igumen Mefodii. The parish is asking for donations to sponsor either an entire icon or to make a partial donation. The goal is to raise \$3000 per icon. Two-thirds of the donation will be given to the church's building fund.

The matching icons will be 13"x 17", with 23k gold backgrounds, halos and details where needed. The high-quality boards will be recessed and braced on the back to prevent warping. The first three icons will be: "The Embrace of Joachim and Anna" also known as "The Conception of the Theotokos". The second will be the "Nativity of the Theotokos". The third will be "The Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple". You need only to indicate on your donation that it is for the icon project or for the the icon of your choice. This long-term project is for the beauty of our church, according to the gift of God's Grace and to His Glory. (The icons will be similar, but not identical to the icons shown.)

