



Sunday, May 3, 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: *(please remember to sign up for services and communion)*

Sun. May 3/Apr. 20	<u>Third Sunday of Pascha: The Myrrh-bearing Women. Sts. Myrrh-Bearing Women, righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.</u> 9:45 a.m. Reading of the Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Wed. May 6/Apr. 23	<u>Holy Glorious Great-martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George (AD 303).</u> 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Adult Religious Education Class
Sat. May 7/Apr. 26	<u>Hieromartyr Symeon the Kinsman of the Lord (AD 107).</u> 4:00 p.m. Catechumen class 5:15 p.m. Confessions 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sun. May 8/Apr. 27	<u>Fourth Sunday of Pascha: The Paralyzed Man. Righteous Tabitha (1st c.)</u> 9:45 a.m. Reading of the Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Attendance

Great Vespers, 4/25–10	Divine Liturgy, 4/26–10	Vespers, 4/29–10
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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	\$ 42,767.91	+ 4,787.91
April 19	\$ 3,786.00	+ \$ 1,676.00
April 26	\$ 2,679.60	+ \$ 569.60

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, 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

“In proportion to your humility you are given patience in your woes; and in proportion to your patience the burden of your afflictions is made lighter and you will find consolation; in proportion to your consolation, your love of God increases; and in proportion to your love, your joy in the Holy Spirit is magnified. Once men have truly become His sons, our tenderly compassionate Father does not take away their temptations from them when it is His pleasure to ‘make for them a way to escape’ (1 Cor. 10:13), but instead He gives His sons patience in their trials. All these good things are given into the hand of their patience for the perfecting of their souls.”

+ St. Isaac the Syrian, *Ascetical Homilies* (42)

**Readings for the Week of
May 3rd**

Sunday 5/3
Mark 16:9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)
Acts 6:1-7
Mark 15:43-16:8

Monday 5/4
Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60
John 4:46-54

Tuesday 5/5
Acts 8:5-17
John 6:27-33

Wednesday 5/6
Luke 12:2-12 Matins, Gospel
Acts 8:18-25
John 6:35-39
Acts 12:1-11 St. George
John 15:17-16:2 St. George

Thursday 5/7
Acts 8:26-39
John 6:40-44

Friday 5/8
Luke 10:1-15 Matins, Gospel
Acts 8:40-9:19
John 6:48-54
1 Peter 5:6-14 St. Mark
Mark 6:7-13 St. Mark

Saturday 5/9
Acts 9:20-31
John 15:17-16:2

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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.

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Reader Schedule

May 3 ~ Rdr. Steve Terrell
May 10 ~ Rdr. Aaron Lessin

If you are interested in assisting with the reading and becoming a tonsured reader please contact Fr. Alexander Laymon.

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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.

Many Years!

Birthday

1 Tad St. Clair
2 Patrick St. Clair
3 Rebecca Lowe
4 Chuck McLeod
Deacon Joseph Sirko
6 Elizabeth Miller
20 Loun Atanasov
22 Rdr. John Raccanello
24 John Supples
27 Andrew Holstein
29 Andrew Sciascia

Name Day

6 George Evanisko
Georgie Evanisko
George Yuschak
23 Melanie (Isadora)
Raccanello

Anniversary

16 Rebecca & Ryan Lowe
28 Stella & Charles Jordan
30 Brian & Katie Supples

Reminder:

In an attempt to avoid gatherings of more than ten (10) people, please sign-up at following link to attend services or receive communion at designated times: <https://sugeni.us/ctvM>. Everyone who feels able to attend service or receive communion is encouraged to sign up. There are also times before services to sign up for confession. Those who cannot attend service are encouraged to read the Typika during service times and can call Vladyka about arranging a time for communion to be brought to them.

Current Status on Services and specific details on receiving communion at designated times outside of scheduled service times can be found at the top of the church website:

<https://sthermanorthodox.org> or directly at <https://sthermanorthodox.org/currentstatus>

Looking for a Good Movie for Movie Night?

Russian Faith has made available a Russian animated movie about Saints Peter and Fevronia: "Action. Romance, and traditional family values! Prince Peter valiantly slays dragons, while his faithful wife skillfully heals people with herbs and prayers. Peter and Fevronia are the patron saints of Christian marriage and family. This is a must-see film for children of all ages, from 6 to 106...This film is not historical—many things were added to the story, making it into a dramatic motion picture. Some parts of the story were inspired by the lives of Peter and Fevronia, but this particular movie is only loosely based on the historical accounts. Nevertheless, it is an uplifting film that does justice to the traditional values of patience, honesty, love, marriage, bravery, mercy, prayer, and a deep faith in Christ." (Taken from https://russian-faith.com/family-values/tremendous-christian-family-film-russia-saints-peter-fevronia-better-disney-english?mc_cid=1c7b2606f1&mc_eid=8185491909)



Just FYI, it is a Russian film, in Russian, although there are English subtitles. The link to the movie (which is found in the article) is: <https://youtu.be/26idlzHvm34>

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 order to fulfill the commandments of Christ, you must know them! Read the Holy Gospel, penetrate its spirit and make it the rule of your life."

+ St. Nikon of Optina