



Sunday, May 31, 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 31/May 18	<u>Seventh Sunday of Pascha: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra and seven virgin-martyrs: Alexandra, Tecusa, Claudia, Phaine, Euphraisa, Matrona and Julia (AD 303)</u> 9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Potluck fellowship
Wed. June 3/May 21	<u>Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine (AD 337) and Helen, his mother (AD 327)</u> 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Adult Religious Education Class
Sat. June 6/May 24	<u>Hieromartyr Therapon, bishop of Cyprus (4th c.)</u> 4:00 p.m. Catechumen class 5:15 p.m. Confessions 6:00 p.m. Vigil
Sun. June 7/May 25	<u>Pentecost – Trinity Sunday. St. Innocent archbishop of Cherson (AD 1857).</u> 9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Vespers with Kneeling Prayers 12:00 p.m. Potluck fellowship

Attendance

Great Vespers, 5/23--

Divine Liturgy, 5/24--

Vespers, 5/27--

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 17	\$ 3,790.00	+ \$ 1,680.00
May 24	\$ 00.00	+ \$ 00.00

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, Presbytera Cindy, Priest George, Presbytera 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

“The truly intelligent man pursues one sole objective: to obey and to conform to the God of all. With this single aim in view, he disciplines his soul, and whatever he may encounter in the course of his life, he gives thanks to God for the compass and depth of His providential ordering of all things. For it is absurd to be grateful to doctors who give us bitter and unpleasant medicines to cure our bodies, and yet to be ungrateful to God for what appears to us to be harsh, not grasping that all we encounter is for our benefit and in accordance with His providence. For knowledge of God and faith in Him is the salvation and perfection of the soul.”

+ St. Anthony the Great, “On the Character of Men and on the Virtuous Life: One Hundred and Seventy Texts,” Text 2, *The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 1)*



Fellowship Hour

Fellowship (Agape meal) is potluck and pizza! There will be a pizza fund can available for donations for the pizza.

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 31st

Sunday 5/31

John 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)
Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
John 17:1-13

Monday 6/1

Matthew 11:27-30 Matins Gospel
Acts 21:8-14
John 14:27-15:7
Galatians 5:22-6:2 St. Demetrius Donskoy
Luke 6:17-23 St. Demetrius Donskoy

Tuesday 6/2

John 10:1-9 Matins Gospel
Acts 21:26-32
John 16:2-13
Hebrews 13:17-21 St. Alexis
Luke 6:17-23 St. Alexis

Wednesday 6/3

Luke 1:39-49, 56 Matins Gospel
Acts 23:1-11
John 16:15-23
Philippians 2:5-11 Epistle, Theotokos
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 Gospel, Theotokos
Acts 26:1-5, 12-20 Equals-to-the-Apostles
John 10:1-9 Equals-to-the-Apostles

Thursday 6/4

Luke 7:17-30 Matins Gospel
Acts 25:13-19
John 16:23-33
2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Forerunner
Matthew 11:2-15 Forerunner

Friday 6/5

Acts 27:1-44
John 17:18-26

Saturday 6/6

Acts 28:1-31
John 21:15-25
1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 Departed
John 5:24-30 Departed

Parking Reminder!

Our neighbors who own the land outside our gate has requested that we do not park on their property. Please be sure to park INSIDE the gate: feel free to double, or even triple park. If you come early and get blocked in, just ask around (asking a man in black usually works) and people will help you get your car out.

Parish Assembly on June 14th!

There will be a Parish Assembly on June 14th to present the information gathered on architects and their ideas for the new church and property. Please plan to attend.

Fellowship Change—Potluck and Pizza!

With the easing of restrictions and more people able to attend services, we are having a modified fellowship for those who would like to stay. Fellowship will be potluck, and pizza will also be ordered. There is a “pizza fund” can that donations can be put in for the pizza. This is the current plan until we are fully open and able to go back to our fellowship teams.

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 (Stella) has been there. However, we 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 you 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 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.)

