



Sunday, October 17, 2021

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

A PARISH OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA—EASTERN AMERICAN DIOCESE

Vigil & Confessions each Saturday at 5 pm – Adult Education each Wednesday at 7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am

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Liturgical Services/Activities:

- Sun. Oct. 17/Oct. 4** **17th Sunday after Pentecost. Uncovering of the relics (AD 1595) of St. Gurias, first archbishop of Kazan (AD 1563) and St. Barsanuphius, bishop of Tver (AD 1576)**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
- Wed. Oct. 20/Oct. 7** **Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria (AD 290-303).**
6:30 p.m. Vespers
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education
- Sat. Oct. 23/Oct. 10** **Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the seven deacons (1st c.).**
3:00 p.m. Catechumen Class
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Confessions
- Sun. Oct. 24/Oct. 11** **18th Sunday after Pentecost. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (AD 787).**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

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.

2021 Finances

The Parish needs \$2,394.75/week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
October 3	\$ 4,224.02	+ \$ 1,829.27
October 10	\$ 3,392.12	+ \$ 997.37

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, Ephraim, Reader Moses, Jo Ann, Sarah, Paul, Brianna, Robert, Baby Nina, Charley & Alexandra, Irina & baby, Rebecca, Priest Alexander Laymon, Archpriest Michael Sekela, Fr. Filipe and his family, Irene and the baby, Inna and the baby, Ronin O'Neill, Adrianos

MEMORY ETERNAL: Mary Peterson

Help Support a Seminarian!

Bessarion Grant is attending his first year of seminary at Holy Trinity in Jordanville this year. We are taking a collection to help defray the cost of seminary for Bessarion. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check to St. Herman of Alaska ROCOR, with "Bessarion" in the note. Our initial goal is to provide \$1500 for his education. If you choose to donate via PayPal please follow the link on the church website and choose "Scholarship Fund" from the drop down menu.



Fellowship Hour

- Oct. 17 Fellowship provided by Team 3
- Oct. 24 Fellowship provided by Team 4
- Oct. 31 POTLUCK Fellowship

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.



Reader Schedule

- Oct. 17 Rdr. Michael Yuschak
- Oct. 24 Rdr. Stephen Miroy
- Oct. 31 TBA

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



Prosfora

Nancy St. Clair, Brianna Lessin and Maria Tsapos 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 October 17th

Sunday 10/17

Luke 24:36-53 (*6th Matins Gospel*)
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1
Luke 6:31-36

Monday 10/18

John 10:9-16 *Matins Gospel*
Ephesians 4:25-32
Luke 6:24-30
Hebrews 13:17-21 *Saints*
Matthew 5:14-19 *Saints*

Tuesday 10/19

John 21:15-25 *Matins Gospel*
Ephesians 5:20-26
Luke 6:37-45
1 Corinthians 4:9-16 *Apostle*
John 20:19-31 *Apostle*

Wednesday 10/20

Ephesians 5:25-33
Luke 6:46-7:1

Thursday 10/21

Ephesians 5:33-6:9
Luke 7:17-30

Friday 10/22

John 21:15-25 *Matins Gospel*
Ephesians 6:18-24
Luke 7:31-35
1 Corinthians 4:9-16 *Apostle*
Luke 10:16-21 *Apostle*

Saturday 10/23

Matthew 11:27-30 *Matins Gospel*
1 Corinthians 15:39-45
Luke 5:27-32
Galatians 5:22-6:2 *Venerable Ambrose*
Luke 6:17-23 *Venerable Ambrose*

Need Something to Read?

St. Herman's library has been reorganized thanks to several wonderful volunteers and some wonderful donations! If you are looking for something new to read, stop by the room next to the copier and check out what is available. Don't like borrowing books? The bookstore (same room, different side) also has new books, and is a great place to shop for both yourself, your family and friends!

Fellowship Reminder

Just a reminder that the Sunday School children and teachers have been blessed to have lunch directly after communion so they can begin Sunday School. We ask that everyone else wait for the blessing of the food by Vladyka or another priest before getting your lunch. Thank you!

Decluttering the Kitchen

There are too many abandoned items in the kitchen. If you have anything you've left behind from fellowship, please claim it ASAP. We are doing a purge soon! Also in the future please label your personal items used at fellowship. We appreciate your meal donations, and want to make sure your dishes get back to you!

Please help remove trash on Sundays

Getting trash service is not an option for the short term so we still have to pack out our trash every weekend. Many hands make light work. If you can take trash home with you, please help out.

Need recruits to help with Baptism setups

Deacon Mark puts a lot of work into setting up when we have baptisms. If you can commit to showing up early to help please contact Deacon Mark.

A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, "You are mad; you are not like us."

+ St. Anthony the Great

A monk complained to St. Arsenius that while reading Holy Scripture he does not feel, neither the power of the words read nor gentleness in his heart.

To that the great saint will reply to him: "My child, just read! I heard that the sorcerers of serpents, when they cast a spell upon the serpents, the sorcerers are uttering the words, which they themselves do not understand, but the serpents hearing the spoken words sense their power and become tamed.

An so, with us, when we continually hold in our mouths the words of Holy Scripture, but even though we do not feel the power of the words, evil spirits tremble and flee for they are unable to endure the words of the Holy Spirit." My child, just read!

The Holy Spirit Who, through inspired men, wrote these divine words, will hear, will understand and will hasten to your assistance; and the demons will understand will sense and will flee from you.

That is: He Whom you invoke for assistance will understand, and those whom you wish to drive away from yourself will understand. And both goals will be achieved.

+ St. Nikolai Velimirovich, Prologue of Ochrid (May 8)

"You write how things are difficult for the world, and yet the world knows not why. If the world does not know, the Church of God does. Things are difficult in the world because people are not brethren. Kinship between individuals and nations as been forgotten and people act towards their neighbors as towards strangers in a foreign land... Christ said, All ye are brethren (Matt. 23:8)...because you have one Father who is in Heaven, and you will remain brethren as long as you confess your one Father..."

+ St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Closings due to weather or other event will be sent via our electronic mailing lists and posted on our Facebook page. Additionally, we are using the Remind App to send text messages of last minute schedule changes. Text @stherman to 81010 to be added to our text notification group.