



Sunday, October 24, 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. 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
- Wed. Oct. 27/Oct. 14** **Venerable Parasceva (Petka) of Epibatima, Thrace, whose relics are in Iasi, Romania (11th c.).**
6:30 p.m. Vespers
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education
- Sat. Oct. 30/Oct. 17** **Translation of the relics (2001) of Venerable Joseph of Volokolamsk (AD 1515).**
3:00 p.m. Catechumen Class
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Confessions
- Sun. Oct. 31/Oct. 18** **19th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.).**
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 10	\$ 3,392.12	+ \$ 997.37
October 17	\$ 2,728.00	+ \$ 333.25

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.



Reader Schedule

Oct. 24 Rdr. Stephen Miroy
 Oct. 31 TBA
 Nov. 7 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 24th

Sunday 10/24

John 20:1-10 (*7th Matins Gospel*)
 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
 Luke 7:11-16
 Acts 8:26-39 *Apostle*
 Luke 10:1-21 *Apostle*
 Hebrews 13:7-16 *Fathers*
 John 17:1-13 *Fathers*

Monday 10/25

Philippians 1:1-7
 Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday 10/26

Luke 1:39-49, 56 *Matins Gospel*
 Philippians 1:8-14
 Luke 8:1-3
 Philippians 2:5-11 *Theotokos*
 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 *Theotokos*

Wednesday 10/27

Philippians 1:12-20
 Luke 8:22-25

Thursday 10/28

Philippians 1:20-27
 Luke 9:7-11

Friday 10/29

Philippians 1:27-2:4
 Luke 9:12-18
 2 Timothy 2:1-10 *Martyr*
 Matthew 27:33-54 *Martyr*

Saturday 10/30

1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3
 Luke 6:1-10



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.

The New Service Book from St. Tikhon's Monastery Press is Here!

St. Tikhon's Monastery Press has come out with a new service book for Vespers and Divine Liturgy. From their website:

"Vespers & Divine Liturgy: Service Book for the Faithful
 Announcing a long-awaited resource for those among the laity who wish to read along with the divine services. This volume contains the complete texts of Vespers, the liturgies of St. John and St. Basil, and the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. These texts mirror those contained in the priest's services books: the *Hieratikon*, volumes I & II."

This book has finally come in and 8 copies are available in the bookstore. If I receive more requests for it, I will place another bulk order. The book is currently on sale for \$15, so check it out and get yours next Sunday, October 31st!

God's grace always assists those who struggle, but this does not mean that a struggler is always in the position of a victor. Sometimes in the arena the wild animals did not touch the righteous ones, but by no means were they all preserved untouched.

What is important is not victory or the position of a victor, but rather the labor of striving towards God and devotion to Him.

Though a man may be found in a weak state, that does not at all mean that he has been abandoned by God. On the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ was in trouble, as the world sees things. But when the sinful world considered Him to be completely destroyed, in fact He was victorious over death and hades. The Lord did not promise us positions as victors as a reward for righteousness, but told us, "In the world you will have tribulation — but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

The power of God is effective when a person asks for the help from God, acknowledging his own weakness and sinfulness. This is why humility and the striving towards God are the fundamental virtues of a Christian.

+ St. John Maximovitch

"Filled with love, the holy Apostles went into the world, preaching salvation to mankind and fearing nothing, for the Spirit of God was their strength. When St. Andrew was threatened with death upon the cross if he did not stay his preaching he answered: 'If I feared the cross I should not be preaching the Cross.'" In this manner all the other Apostles, and after them the martyrs and holy men who wrestled against evil, went forward with joy to meet pain and suffering. For the Holy Spirit, sweet and gracious, draws the soul to love the Lord, and in the sweetness of the Holy Spirit the soul loses her fear of suffering."

+ St. Silouan the Athonite, [*Wisdom from Mount Athos: The Writings of Staretz Silouan, 1866-1938.*](#)

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.

