



Sunday, October 31, 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. 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
- Wed. Nov. 3/Oct. 21** **Venerable Hilarion the Great of Palestine (AD 371).**
6:30 p.m. Vespers
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education
- Sat. Nov. 6/Oct. 24** **St. Matrona the Confessor of Diveyevo (AD 1963).**
3:00 p.m. Catechumen Class
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Confessions
- Sun. Nov. 7/Oct. 25** **20th Sunday after Pentecost. Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries of Constantinople (AD 355).**
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

Week	Amount Received	Difference from amount needed
October 17	\$ 2,728.00	+ \$ 333.25
October 24	\$ 2,112.00	- \$ 282.75

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, 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, Anastasia and the baby, Brody (Anthony) Lessin

MEMORY ETERNAL: Mary Peterson

Festal Liturgy for St. Demetrios at St. Demetrios

The Monastery of St Demetrios will celebrate its feast day on Monday Nov 8. Great Vespers will be served on Sunday, Nov 7 at 5:30 pm and Divine Liturgy will be served at 10:00 am on Monday with the Reading of the Hours beginning at 9:40.

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. 31 POTLUCK Fellowship
- Nov. 7 Fellowship provided by Team 1
- Nov. 11 Fellowship provided by Team 2

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. 31 Sdn. Stephen Terrell
- Nov. 7 Rdr. Joseph McLeod
- Nov. 14 Rdr. John Raccanello

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 31st

Sunday 10/31

John 20:11-18 (*8th Matins Gospel*)
 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9
 Luke 8:5-15
 Colossians 4:5-9,14,18 *Apostle*
 Luke 10:16-21 *Apostle*

Monday 11/1

Philippians 2:12-16
 Luke 9:18-22

Tuesday 11/2

Philippians 2:16-23
 Luke 9:23-27

Wednesday 11/3

Philippians 2:24-30
 Luke 9:44-50
 Thursday Reading
 Philippians 3:1-8
 Luke 9:49-56

Thursday 11/4

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

Friday 11/5

Philippians 3:8-19
 Luke 10:1-15
 Galatians 1:11-19 *Apostle*
 Matthew 13:54-58 *Apostle*

Saturday 11/6

Luke 1:39-49, 56 *Matins Gospel*
 2 Corinthians 1:8-11
 Luke 7:2-10
 Philippians 2:5-11 *Epistle, Theotokos*
 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 *Gospel, Theotokos*
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 *Departed*
 John 5:24-30 *Departed*

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!

St. Herman's Sewing Guild?

There had been some talk about having a St. Herman's Sewing Guild—for those who want to learn to sew, for those who want to have a chance to work on sewing projects in the fellowship of others, and for those who would like to work on projects to beautify our sanctuary. If you would be interested in participating in such a guild, please talk with Joseph or Kristin Milligan.

"If someone offends you, don't tell anyone about it except your elder, and you will be peaceful. Bow to everyone, paying no attention whether they respond to your bow or not. You must humble yourself before everyone and consider yourself the worst of all. If we have not committed the sins that others have, perhaps this is because we did not have the opportunity – the situation and circumstances were different. In each person there is something good and something bad; we usually see only the vices in people and we see nothing that is good."

+ St. Ambrose of Optina, [*Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina*](#)

"O holy angel that standeth by my wretched soul and my passionate life, forsake not me a sinner, nor shrink from me because of mine intemperance. Give no place for the cunning demon to master me through the violence of my mortal body, strengthen my poor and feeble hand, and guide me in the way of salvation. Yea, O holy angel of God, guardian and protector of my wretched soul and body, forgive me all wherein I have offended thee all the days of my life; and if I have sinned during the past night, protect me during the present day, and guard me from every temptation of the enemy, that I may not anger God by any sin. And pray to the Lord for me, that He may establish me in His fear, and show me, His servant, to be worthy of His goodness. Amen."

— From the Morning Prayers

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.