



Sunday, April 18, 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 6 pm – Adult Education each Wednesday at 7:15 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am

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Liturgical Services/Activities:

- Sun. Apr. 18/Apr. 5** **Fifth Sunday of the Great Lent: Venerable Mary of Egypt**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
- Wed. Apr. 21/Apr. 8** **Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Herodion, Agabus, Asyncritus, Rufus, Phlegon, Hermes, and those with them (1st c.).**
6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
- Fri. Apr. 24/Apr. 8** **Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Afrianus, maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore, and 33 others, beheaded at Carthage (AD 250).**
6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
- Sat. Apr. 25/Apr. 11** **New Hieromartyr Sergius (AD 1938).**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Lazarus Saturday)
3:00 p.m. Catechumen Class
5:00 p.m. Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. Apr. 26/Apr. 12** **Palm Sunday: The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem. Venerable Basil the Confessor, bishop of Parium (AD 760)**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

*Please see next page for the Holy Week and Pascha schedule

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.

Attendance

Great Vespers, 4/10--

Divine Liturgy, 4/11--

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>
Year-to-date	\$ 54,762.45	+ \$ 18,841.20
April 4	\$ 3,371.75	+ \$ 977.00
April 11	\$ 2,488.17	+ \$ 93.42

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. ı

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

MEMORY ETERNAL:

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Fellowship Hour

- Apr. 25 Lenten Fellowship provided by Team 4
- May 1/2 Paschal Feast! Baskets and Potluck!
- May 2 Potluck Paschal Feast!

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.

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Reader Schedule

- Apr. 21 Rdr. Joseph McLeod
- Apr. 24 Bessarion Grant
Sdn. Stephen Terrell
- Apr. 25 Sdn. Aaron Lessin
- Apr. 26 Rdr. Michael Yuschak
- Apr. 27 Rdr. Stephen Miroy
- Apr. 28 Rdr. John Raccanello
- Apr. 29 10am Rdr. Joseph McLeod
6pm Rdr. Bessarion Grant
- Apr. 30 2pm Sdn. Stephen Terrell
6pm Sdn. Aaron Lessin
- May 1 10am Rdr. Michael Yuschak
11:30pm Rdr. Stephen Miroy
- May 2 1pm Rdr. John Raccanello

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.

Readings for the Week of April 18th

Sunday 4/18

Matthew 28:16-20 (*1st Matins Gospel*)
Hebrews 9:11-14
Galatians 3:23-29 (*Venerable Mary*)
Mark 10:32-45
Luke 7:36-50 (*Venerable Mary*)

Monday 4/19

Isaiah 48:17-49:4 (*6th Hour*)
Genesis 27:1-41 (*Vespers, 1st Reading*)
Proverbs 19:16-25 (*Vespers, 2nd Reading*)

Tuesday 4/20

Isaiah 49:6-10 (*6th Hour*)
Genesis 31:3-16 (*Vespers, 1st Reading*)
Proverbs 21:3-21 (*Vespers, 2nd Reading*)

Wednesday 4/21

Isaiah 58:1-11 (*6th Hour*)
Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16 (*Vespers, 1st Reading*)
Proverbs 21:23-22:4 (*Vespers, 2nd Reading*)

Thursday 4/22

Isaiah 65:8-16 (*6th Hour*)
Genesis 46:1-7 (*Vespers, 1st Reading*)
Proverbs 23:15-24:5 (*Vespers, 2nd Reading*)

Friday 4/23

Isaiah 66:10-24 (*6th Hour*)
Genesis 49:33-50:26 (*Vespers, 1st Reading*)
Proverbs 31:8-31 (*Vespers, 2nd Reading*)

Saturday 4/24

Hebrews 12:28-13:8
John 11:1-45

Schedule for Holy Week

- Monday:** 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
- Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
- Wednesday:** 6:00 p.m. Matins of Holy Thursday and Holy Unction
- Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Twelve Gospels
- Friday:** 2:00 p.m. Vespers
6:00 p.m. Lamentation Matins
- Saturday:** 10:00 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy
11:30 p.m. Paschal Nocturn, Procession, Matins and Liturgy
- Sunday:** 1:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

Service Books for Holy Week

The bookstore will have service books for the Holy Week services available for purchase on Sunday (God-willing). There will also be some new books added to the bookstore, in case you are looking for last minute Pascha gifts!



The Use of Incense in Orthodox Worship – April 18, 2021 Abbot Tryphon

From Old Testament times believers have burned incense as an offering when worshipping God. The ancient temple in Jerusalem even had priests whose sole duty was to keep the censer burning twenty-four hours a day. From an indication in Revelation 8:3-5 incense was used during the Catacomb period of the Church, however there is no clear evidence of its Christian use until about the year 500. Censers may at first have been fixed, with the introduction of portable censers originating later. The incensing of the altar, church, and congregation, is first recorded in the 9th century.

Emperor Justinian bestowed 36 golden censers with precious gems to the Cathedral Church of the Holy Wisdom, and according to the testimony of Emperor Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus (908-959), Byzantine Emperors entering the Church offered incense at specific censers.

Orthodox faithful will often burn incense using a hand censer in the home during Morning and Evening Prayers, and it is common for the head of the household to bless the Holy Icons and all of the members of the household with a hand censer.

Ancient pagan kings were often escorted with large fans of peacock feathers and burning incense when entering their palaces. Early Christians took both these symbols for their worship in recognition of Christ as their Sovereign King and Lord. To this day the Orthodox Church uses incense in most of her services, and large circular fans, reminiscent of the peacock fans of ancient times, are held over the Gospel book during the proclamation of God's Word during celebrations of the Divine Liturgy.

As a young man attending my very first Orthodox Liturgy, I was struck by the use of incense. The words of the Psalmist King David, "Let my prayer arise as incense before Thee...", is chanted during every celebration of Vespers during the censuring of the temple. During every service where there is a great censuring of the whole church, the priest (or deacon) censes the frescoes and icons as windows into eternity, as the incense wafts upward as an offering of the people of God.

The people are also censed by the priest in recognition of their having been created in the image and likeness of their Creator God. Incense is so central in Christian worship that it is even used in the worship of the domestic church, where the family gathers in prayer around their own icons, reading the scriptures together, and offering their family prayers to the Lord.

"Let my prayer arise as incense before Thee (Psalm 141)."

With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

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