



Sunday, May 2, 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. May 2/Apr. 19** **The Bright Resurrection of Christ, The Pascha of the Lord.**
1:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers
- Wed. May 5/Apr. 22** **Bright Wednesday, Venerable Theodore the Sykeote, bishop of Anastasiopolis (AD 613).**
6:30 p.m. Great Vespers for St. George
7:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner
- Thurs. May 6/Apr. 23** **Bright Thursday, Holy Glorious Great-martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George (AD 303).**
8:45 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for St. George
6:00 p.m. Akathist for St. George followed by Brotherhood Meeting
- Sat. May 8/Apr. 25** **Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea (AD 322).**
10:00 a.m. Iconography Guild Meeting
3:00 p.m. Catechumen Class
5:00 p.m. Vigil and Confessions
- Sun. May 9/Apr. 26** **Second Sunday of Pascha: Antipascha, St. Thomas Sunday, St. Stephen, bishop of Perm (AD 1396).**
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>
Year-to-date	\$ 61,894.97	+ \$ 21,184.12
April 18	\$ 3,753.35	+ \$ 1,358.60
April 25	\$ 3,239.07	+ \$ 844.32

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

MEMORY ETERNAL:



Fellowship Hour

May 2 Potluck Paschal Feast!
 May 6 Potluck Fellowship
 May 9 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

May 2 1pm Rdr. John Raccanello
 May 6 TBA
 May 9 TBA

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.

Readings for the Week of May 2nd

Sunday 5/2

Acts 1:1-8
 John 1:1-17
 John 20:19-25 *Vespers, Gospel*

Monday 5/3

Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 (*Epistle*)
 John 1:18-28 (*Gospel*)
 Matthew 28:1-20 (*Cross Procession, 1st Gospel*)
 Mark 16:1-8 (*Cross Procession, 2nd Gospel*)
 Luke 24:1-12 (*Cross Procession, 3rd Gospel*)
 John 20:1-10 (or Luke 24:36-53) (*Cross Procession, 4th Reading*)
 Luke 24:36-53 (or John 20:1-10) (*Cross Procession, 4th Reading*)

Tuesday 5/4

Acts 2:14-21
 Luke 24:12-35

Wednesday 5/5

Acts 2:22-36
 John 1:35-51

Thursday 5/6

Luke 12:2-12 *Matins, Gospel*
 Acts 2:38-43
 John 3:1-15
 Acts 12:1-11 *St. George*
 John 15:17-16:2 *St. George*

Friday 5/7

Acts 3:1-8
 Philippians 2:5-11
 John 2:12-22
 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Saturday 5/8

Luke 10:1-15 *Matins, Gospel*
 Acts 3:11-16
 John 3:22-33
 1 Peter 5:6-14 *St. Mark*
 Mark 6:7-13 *St. Mark*

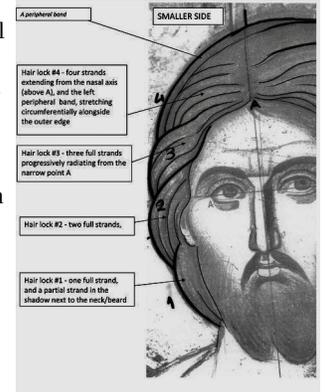
the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

Icon Guild Meeting Saturday:

Our next icon guild meeting will be **Saturday, May 8th, 10:00-3:00**, the usual second Saturday. All are welcome to bring their projects or begin a new one. We still have practice boards available if you need one. It's an excellent opportunity to learn the basics and practice, to fellowship, and to spend some quiet time to work and pray. In lieu of dues, donations will go toward our building fund.



Contact Mat. Joanna

The Paschal Sermon

The Catechetical Sermon of St. John Chrysostom is read during Matins of Pascha.

If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived thereof. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; He gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has wrought from the first hour.

And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one He gives, and upon the other He bestows gifts. And He both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into

