



Sunday, August 15, 2021

# St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

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

Great Vespers & 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:

<b>Sun. Aug. 15/Aug. 2</b>	<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Dormition (Theotokos) Fast. Translation of the relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen</u></b> 9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
<b>Wed. Aug. 18/Aug. 5</b>	<b><u>Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Martyr Eusignius of Antioch (AD 362).</u></b> 6:00 p.m. Vigil for the Feast of the Transfiguration
<b>Thurs. Aug. 19/Aug. 6</b>	<b><u>The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ</u></b> 9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
<b>Sat. Aug. 21/Aug. 8</b>	<b><u>St. Philaret, archbishop of Chernigov (AD 1866).</u></b> 3:00 p.m. Catechumen Class 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Confessions
<b>Sun. Aug. 22/Aug. 9</b>	<b><u>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Dormition (Theotokos) Fast. Apostle Matthias (AD 63).</u></b> 9:00 a.m. Baptism 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](mailto: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>
August 1	\$ 11,981.88	+ \$ 8,649.13
August 8	\$ 2,706.00	+ \$ 311.25

*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, Mary Peterson, Irene and the baby, Inna and the baby

## MEMORY ETERNAL:

“Men are often called intelligent wrongly. Intelligent men are not those who are erudite in the sayings and books of the wise men of old, but those who have an intelligent soul and can discriminate between good and evil. They avoid what is sinful and harms the soul; and with deep gratitude to God they resolutely adhere by dint of practice to what is good and benefits the soul. These men alone should truly be called intelligent.”

+ St. Anthony the Great, “On the Character of Men and on the Virtuous Life: One Hundred and Seventy Texts,” Text 1, *The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 1)*



### Fellowship Hour

- Aug 15 Fellowship provided by Team 3
- Aug 19 POTLUCK Fellowship for Transfiguration
- Aug 22 Fellowship provided by Team 4
- Aug 28 POTLUCK Fellowship for the Dormition
- Aug. 29 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

- Aug 15 Rdr. Michael Yuschak
- Aug. 19 Rdr. Steve Miroy
- Aug 22 Rdr. John Raccanello
- Aug 28 Rdr. Joseph McLeod
- Aug. 29 TBD

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 August 15<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday 8/15

John 20:11-18 (*8th Matins Gospel*)  
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
 Matthew 14:14-22  
 Galatians 5:22-6:2 *Blessed Basil*  
 Matthew 11:27-30 *Blessed Basil*  
 Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 *Protomartyr*  
 Matthew 21:33-42 *Protomartyr*

### Monday 8/16

1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6  
 Matthew 18:1-11  
 Galatians 5:22-6:2 *Saints*  
 Luke 6:17-23 *Saints*

### Tuesday 8/17

1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
 Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2; 13-15

### Wednesday 8/18

1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5  
 Matthew 20:1-16  
 Thursday Reading  
 1 Corinthians 14:6-19  
 Matthew 20:17-28

### Thursday 8/19

Luke 9:28-36 *Matins Gospel*  
 2 Peter 1:10-19  
 Matthew 17:1-9

### Friday 8/20

John 10:1-9 *Matins Gospel*  
 1 Corinthians 14:26-40  
 Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20  
 Hebrews 7:26-8:2 *St. Metrophanes*  
 John 10:9-16 *St. Metrophanes*

### Saturday 8/21

Romans 14:6-9  
 Matthew 15:32-39

## Announcing! Feast day icons: For the beauty of our Lord's Church and the enlightenment of our parishioners.

The next feast day icon in our hand-written icon series is [The Annunciation](#). Please consider making a donation for this icon, noting in a memo: "Icons, Building Fund", for the continuation of this endeavor.



### Sunday School Registration

There will be registration forms available for those families interested in participating in Sunday School this coming year. Registering your child(ren) will help us know how to group age levels and know how many teachers will be needed. More information about the new Sunday School year will be coming soon!

Every weekend in August, [Ancient Faith Ministries](#) will discount books, gifts, and other products for back to school shopping. Check back each weekend for a new offer!

### New at St. Herman's

Ladies, have you ever arrived at St. Herman's and realized you left your headscarf at home? Don't fret anymore! Behind the entrance door inside the chapel is a hanger with scarves to borrow if wanted.

The gift shop has acquired several new items and restocked others: there are new saint pins, key chains, and saint cards and the incense has been restocked with old favorites and new scents to try. Be sure to stop by and restock items for your prayer corner.

### "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." [Matthew 17:14-23]

If this kind goes out by the prayer and fasting of another person, then it is even less able to enter one who fasts and prays.

What protection!

Although there are a slew of demons and all the air is packed with them, they cannot do anything to one who is protected by prayer and fasting.

Fasting is universal temperance, prayer is universal communication with God; the former defends from the outside, whereas the latter from within directs a fiery weapon against the enemies. The demons can sense a faster and man of prayer from a distance, and they run far away from him so as avoid a painful blow.

Is it feasible to think that where there is no fasting and prayer, there already is a demon? Yes, it is.

The demons lodging in a person, do not always reveal their presence, but lurk there, stealthily teaching their host every evil and turning him away from every good thing; so this person is certain that he is doing everything on his own, but meanwhile he is only fulfilling the will of his enemy.

Just commence prayer and fasting and the enemy will immediately depart, then wait on the side for an opportunity to somehow return again. And he truly will return, as soon as prayer and fasting are abandoned.

+ St. Theophan the Recluse, [Thoughts for Each Day of the Year: According to the Daily Church Readings from the Word of God](#)

*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.*