



Sunday, September 26, 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. Sept. 26/Sept. 13** **14th Sunday after Pentecost. Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (The Holy Sepulchre) at Jerusalem (AD 335).**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
1:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
- Mon. Sept. 27/Sept. 14** **The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross.**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at the Monastery of St. Demetrios
- Wed. Sept. 29/Sept. 16** **Great-martyr Euphemia the All-praised, of Chalcedon (AD 304).**
5:30 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Vespers
7:15 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class
- Sat. Oct. 2/Sept. 19** **Holy Martyr and Confessor Michael and his counselor Theodore, wonderworkers of Chernigov (AD 1245).**
3:00 p.m. Catechumen Class
5:00 p.m. Vigil and Confessions
- Sun. Oct. 3/Sept. 20** **15th Sunday after Pentecost. Great-martyr Eutathius (Eustace) Placidus, his wife Martyr Theopistes, and their children Martyrs Agapius and Theopistus, of Rome (AD 118).**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
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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>
September 12	\$ 3,970.00	+ \$ 1,575.25
September 19	\$ 3,256.27	+ \$ 861.52

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, 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.

**Readings for the Week of
September 26th**



Fellowship Hour

- Sept. 26 Fellowship provided by Team 4
- Oct. 3 Fellowship provided by Team 1
- Oct. 10 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

- Sept. 26 Rdr. John Raccanello
- Oct. 3 TBA
- Oct. 10 Sdn. Stephen Terrell

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.

Sunday 9/26

Mark 16:9-20 *(3rd Matins Gospel)*
 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4
 Matthew 22:1-14
 Hebrews 3:1-4 *Epistle, Church*
 Matthew 16:13-18 *Gospel, Church*
 Galatians 6:11-18 *Sunday before the Universal Elevation*
 John 3:13-17 *Sunday before the Universal Elevation*

Monday 9/27

John 12:28-36 *Matins Gospel (The Universal Exaltation)*
 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 *The Universal Exaltation*
 John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35 *The Universal Exaltation*

Tuesday 9/28

Galatians 2:21-3:7
 Mark 6:1-7
 Monday Reading
 Galatians 2:11-16
 Mark 5:24-34
 2 Timothy 2:1-10 *Great-martyr Nicetas*
 Matthew 10:16-22 *Great-martyr Nicetas*

Wednesday 9/29

Galatians 3:15-22
 Mark 6:7-13

Thursday 9/30

Galatians 3:23-4:5
 Mark 6:30-45

Friday 10/1

Galatians 4:8-21
 Mark 6:45-53

Saturday 10/2

1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5
 Matthew 24:1-13
 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 *Saturday After*
 John 8:21-30 *Saturday After*

As thou takest thy seat at table, pray. As thou liftest the loaf, offer thanks to the Giver. When thou sustainest thy bodily weakness with wine, remember Him Who supplies thee with this gift, to make thy heart glad and to comfort thy infirmity. Has thy need for taking food passed away? Let not the thought of thy Benefactor pass away too. As thou art putting on thy tunic, thank the Giver of it. As thou wrappes thy cloak about thee, feel yet greater love to God, Who alike in summer and in winter has given us coverings convenient for us, at once to preserve our life, and to cover what is unseemly. Is the day done? Give thanks to Him Who has given us the sun for our daily work, and has provided for us a fire to light up the night, and to serve the rest of the needs of life. Let night give the other occasion of prayer. When thou lookest up to heaven and gazest at the beauty of the stars, pray to the Lord of the visible world; pray to God the Arch-artificer of the universe, Who in wisdom hath made them all. When thou seest all nature sunk in sleep, then again worship Him Who gives us even against our wills release from the continuous strain of toil, and by a short refreshment restores us once again to the vigour of our strength. Let not night herself be all, as it were, the special and peculiar property of sleep. Let not half thy life be useless through the senselessness of slumber. Divide the time of night between sleep and prayer. Nay, let thy slumbers be themselves experiences in piety; for it is only natural that our sleeping dreams should be for the most part echoes of the anxieties of the day. As have been our conduct and pursuits, so will inevitably be our dreams. Thus wilt thou pray without ceasing; if thou prayest not only in words, but unitest thyself to God through all the course of life and so thy life be made one ceaseless and uninterrupted prayer.”

+ St. Basil the Great, from Homily V. In martyrem Julittam, quoted in the Prolegomena in Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Series II Volume 8

The heart itself is but a small vessel, yet dragons are there, and there are also lions; there are poisonous beasts and all the treasures of evil. But there too is God, the angels, the life and the kingdom, the light and the apostles, the heavenly cities and the treasures of grace—all things are there. (H.43.7)

+ St. Macarius



**The Queen of All Skete
Work Weekend**



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.