

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

January 30th Weekly Bulletin

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- ✠ Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. ✠
✠ Saturday Catechumen Class 3 p.m. Vespers and Confessions 5 p.m. ✠
✠ Wednesday Vespers and Adult Education Classes 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. ✠

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Fellowship Hour

Jan. 30 - POTLUCK Chili Cookoff
Feb. 6 – Fellowship by **Team 1**
Feb. 13 – Fellowship by **Team 2**
Feb. 20 – Fellowship by **Team 3**

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

Jan. 30 - Rdr. Joseph McLeod
Feb. 6 - Rdr. John Raccanello
Feb. 13 - Rdr. Stephen Mirov
Feb. 20 - Sdn. Stephen Terrell

If you are interested in assisting with the reading and becoming a tonsured reader please contact Fr. Alexander Laymon.

Liturgical Services/Activities:

- Sun. Jan 30/Jan 17 **32nd Sunday after Pentecost, St. Anthony the Great(356)**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Chili Cookoff!
1:00 p.m. Brotherhood Meeting
- Wed. Feb 2/Jan 20 **Venerable Euthymius the Great (473)**
6:30 p.m. Vespers and Confessions
7:00 p.m. Adult Education Class
- Sat. Feb 5/Jan 22 **St. Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool for Christ (18th cent.)**
Anniversary of Vladyka Jonah's Ordination!
3:00 p.m. Catechumen Class
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Confession
- Sun. Feb 6/Jan 23 **33rd Sunday after Pentecost, New Martyrs and Confessors of the Russian Church**
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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.

**Readings for the Week of
January 30th**

Sunday 1/30

John 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 18:35-43
Hebrews 13:17-21 Venerable Anthony
Luke 6:17-23 Venerable Anthony

Monday 1/31

James 2:14-26
Mark 10:46-52
Hebrews 13:7-16 St. Athanasius and St. Cyril
Matthew 5:14-19 St. Athanasius and St. Cyril

Tuesday 2/1

James 3:1-10
Mark 11:11-23
Wednesday Reading
James 3:11-4:6
Mark 11:23-26

Wednesday 2/2

Matthew 11:27-30 Matins Gospel
Hebrews 13:17-21 Venerable Euthymius
Luke 6:17-23 Venerable Euthymius

Thursday 2/3

Matthew 11:27-30 Matins Gospel
James 4:7-5:9
Mark 11:27-33
Galatians 5:22-6:2 Venerable Maximus the Greek
Luke 6:17-23 Venerable Maximus the Greek

Friday 2/4

1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12; 2:6-10
Mark 12:1-12

Saturday 2/5

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23
Luke 17:3-10

Herman's Sewing Guild—First Meeting on February 12th

St. Herman's will have its first Sewing Guild meeting on February 12th at noon. Everyone who is interested is welcome to attend. If you are an experienced sewer looking for a few hours to work on personal projects or would like to help with projects for the church, or have no experience and would like to learn how to sew, or you are somewhere in-between, come and join us. If you would like to sew, or help teach others to sew and have a portable sewing machine, please bring it if possible. If you have any questions, please speak with either Judith Cook or Joe or Kristin Milligan.

Annual Statements are Available

End of year contributions statements are available and they will be emailed to save on postage. Please watch your inbox for a message from treasurer@sthermanorthodox.org. For those that have not provided an email address, please contact Judith Cook at the above email address if you would like to have your statement delivered via email or to request a paper copy to be mailed to you. St Herman is grateful for your support of our church operations and other programs.

Festal Icons Update

The festal icon of the Annunciation is finished, and the Visitation of the Theotokos is nearly complete. The next one beginning: The Theophany/Baptism of Christ. If you would like to support this project, please mark your donation for "Festal Icons".

Finances:

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>
Jan 16	\$ 1,982.78	TBD
Jan 23	\$ 4,249.00	TBD
Attendance: 185		



Sunday January 30 Epistle Reading – Timothy 1:15 – 17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading – Luke 18:35 – 43

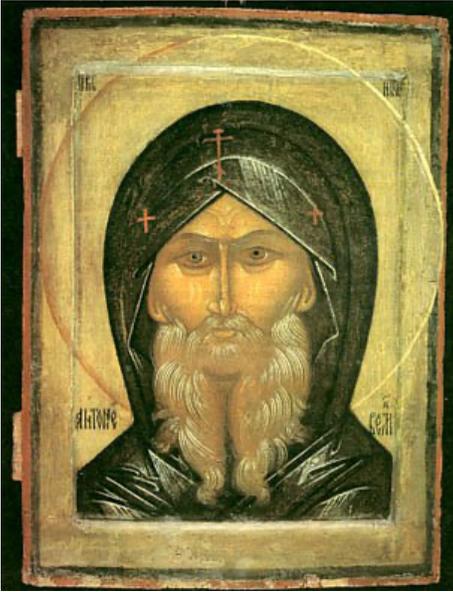
Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "**What do you want Me to do for you?**" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "**Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.**" And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

✧ A Word from the Holy Fathers Regarding this Passage ✧

The first kind of humility is to hold my brother to be wiser than myself, and in all things to rate him higher than myself, and simply, as that holy man says, to put oneself below everyone. The second kind is to attribute to God all virtuous actions... The soul, when it is humbled, begins to bear fruit, and the more fruit it bears, the lowlier it becomes. So also the saints the nearer they get to God, the more they see themselves as sinners... Abraham when he saw God, called himself 'dust and ashes' (Gen. 18:27). And Isaiah said, 'Unhappy am I, for my lips are unclean' (Isa. 6:5)... Fulfilling the commandments generates a state of humility and the process cannot be explained in words... Humility itself is something divine and incomprehensible. Bodily labors bear the soul on towards humility... A man standing in need of everything from God is ready to make progress. He is always calling on God for fear that God may stop helping, and so let his native weakness and powerlessness appear. So through this act of humility he prays and through his prayers he is made humble... the more humble he is, the more help he gets from God, and so advances in his spiritual life through his virtue of humility.

– St Dorotheos of Gaza, *Discourses*. On Humility. ✧

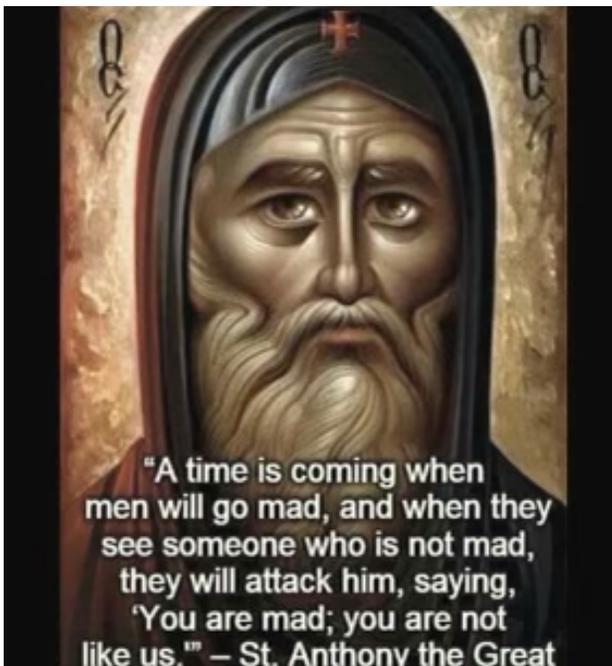
The Life of St. Anthony the Great



One day after a teaching on Jesus saying to the people, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Matthew 19:21), St. Anthony sold everything he owned, gave the proceeds to the poor, and left the city behind to live in the desert.

Although he held no titles or position, his holiness marked him as one whose wisdom commanded respect. When the Synod of Nicea was convened, he was invited to participate. His eloquent defense of the Orthodox doctrine concerning the person of Jesus Christ was instrumental in weakening the position of Arianism. His witness led to the eventual and complete elimination of Arianism.

He instructed his followers to bury his body in an unmarked, secret grave, lest his body become an object of veneration. The monastic rules of Saint Anthony, the "patriarch" of monastic life, have served as the basis for countless monasteries.



Troparion — Tone 4

By emulating the ways of Elias the zealot, / and following the straight paths of the Baptist, / O Father Anthony, you made the desert a city, / and upheld the world by your prayers. / Therefore, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion — Tone 2

(Podoben: "You sought the heights...")

You rejected the tumults of this life and lived a life of stillness, / emulating the Baptist in every way, most righteous one. / Therefore, we honor you with him, Father Anthony, / the foundation of the Fathers.

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, Claire, 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 John, Inna and Emma, Ronin O'Neill, Anastasia and the baby, Brody (Anthony) Lessin, Sophia Stylianopoulos, Olga Petrova and the baby, Mary Zupan and the baby

MEMORY ETERNAL: Mary Peterson, Anita Sanford, Adrianos Burke, Roy Patrick St. Clair