

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

June 5th – June 12th Weekly Bulletin

60 Clifton Chapel Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22555 –
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✠ Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. ✠

✠ Saturday Catechumen Class 3 p.m. Vespers and Confessions 5 p.m. ✠

✠ Wednesday Confession, Vespers and Adult Ed. Classes 5 p.m. 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Fellowship Meal

June 5 – Fellowship Team 1
June 12 – Fellowship Team 2
June 19 – Fellowship Team 3
June 26 – Fellowship Team 4
July 3 – Fellowship Team 1

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 Jo Lu Terrell.

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Reader Schedule

June 5 – Rdr. John Aponte
June 12 – George
June 19 – Constantine
June 26 – Sbn. Stephen Terrell
July 3 – Sbn. Aaron Lessin

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

Liturgical Services/Activities:

Sat. Jun 4/May 22

Hieromartyr Basiliscus, bishop of Comana (308)

3:00 p.m. Catechumen's Class
4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sun. Jun 5/May 23

Seventh Sunday of Pascha: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

9:30 a.m. Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wed. Jun 8/May 26

Venerable Dodo of the St. David-Gareji Monastery, Georgia (596)

5 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Vespers
7 p.m. Adult Education

Sat. Jun 11/May 29

Virgin-martyr Theodosia of Constantinople (730)

3:00 p.m. Catechumen's Class
4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sun. Jun 12/May 30

PENTECOST

9:30 a.m. Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Vespers with Kneeling Prayers

**Readings for the Week of
June 5th**

Sunday 6/5

John 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)
Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
John 17:1-13

Monday 6/6

Acts 21:8-14
John 14:27-15:7

Tuesday 6/7

Luke 7:17-30 Matins Gospel
Acts 21:26-32
John 16:2-13
2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Forerunner
Matthew 11:2-15 Forerunner

Wednesday 6/8

Acts 23:1-11
John 16:15-23

Thursday 6/9

Matthew 11:27-30 Matins Gospel
Acts 25:13-19
John 16:23-33
Ephesians 6:10-17 St. John
Luke 12:2-12 St. John

Friday 6/10

Acts 27:1-44
John 17:18-26

Saturday 6/11

Acts 28:1-31
John 21:15-25
1 Thessalonians 4:13-17
Departed
John 5:24-30 Departed

Festal Icons

St Herman is blessed to have our very own iconographer in our midst. Matushka Joanna has embarked on a journey to provide the festal icons for our church. Take a moment to look around our church and see the beautiful hand written icons she has provided. St Herman recognizes the value of her labors. The Festal Icons Fund was created to provide recompense to Matushka Joanna for these valuable additions to our church. Please consider supporting her work by making a donation to that fund. We are trying to collect \$2000 for each icon.

Closing Costs for Clifton Chapel

To complete our purchase of Clifton Chapel the parish will need to pay for legal fees, title search and surveys of the property and the road. If you would like to assist in covering these expenses, please indicate "Clifton Chapel purchase" on your gift. Funds collected in excess of these needs will be added to the Clifton Chapel improvement fund.

Church Food Pantry

We need volunteers to help stock up the church pantry! Please contact Sue @ srcasablanca@gmail.com if you would like to get involved. This endeavor would help the whole church so please consider helping out.

Baptismal Gifts

We have been so blessed to have so many baptisms! I wanted to remind you that if you need a baptismal cross, Mother Andrea has many lovely ones in her gift shop. She is acquiring Russian ones while they are still available in places. Her gift shop is stocked full of books, icons, liturgical items, and of course, gifts! Visit her website and visit her in Rochelle, VA at the Queen of All Skete." <https://queenofallskete.org/about-us/>

Preparing for Education

[Miracle in Upstate New York - a Russian Seminary From Another World \(Jordanville\)](#). I have linked an article at the request of Fr. Alexander Webster of Holy Trinity Seminary/Monastery for those parishioners still trying to decide where they want to pursue their education. The article links a great video from the ROCOR Eastern American diocese during his time as Dean at the school: [FORGED IN FIRE: A Day in the Life of a Seminarian](#). I would like to remind the community we have two parishioners currently enrolled at HTS pursuing a Bachelors in Theology: Bessarion Grant and Luke Kendrat.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA EPISTLE: ACTS 20:16-18, 28-36

- ¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.
- ¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.
- ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,
- ²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
- ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.
- ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.
- ³¹ Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.
- ³² So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
- ³³ I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.
- ³⁴ Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.
- ³⁵ I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
- ³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

YOU MUST SUPPORT THE WEAK: IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

It is to raise up their minds that he says all this, and to persuade them not only not to flee, but also to bear nobly. This is the reason he calls it a 'course' and a 'ministry' on the one hand, showing it to be glorious from its being a race, on the other, showing what was due from it, as being a ministry. I am a minister: nothing more. He had comforted them, so they would not grieve that he was treated in such a bad way ... For my anxiety is not that you should be saved through me as the means, but only that you should be saved: the person as the instrument is immaterial. You do not know the pangs of spiritual childbirth, how overpowering they are, how he who is in travail with this birth would rather be cut into ten thousand pieces, than see one of those to whom he has given birth perishing and undone.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA GOSPEL: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

JN 9:1-38

- ¹ Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,
- ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.
- ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- ⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.
- ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- ⁶ I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
- ⁷ Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.
- ⁸ For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.
- ⁹ I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.
- ¹⁰ And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.
- ¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one

THE GREAT INTERCESSORY PRAYER OF CHRIST – ST. GREGORY NAZIANZUS

'Seeing He ever lives to make intercession for us' (Heb.7:25). O how beautiful and mystical and kind! For to intercede ...is to plead for us by reason of his mediatorship, just as the Spirit also is said to make intercession for us. For 'there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus' (Rom.8:26, I Tim.2:5). He still pleads even now as man for my salvation; for He continues to wear the body which He assumed, until He shall make me God by the power of His incarnation ...Thus, too, we have an advocate, Jesus Christ, not indeed prostrating Himself for us before the Father... but by what He suffered as man, He as the Word and the counselor persuades Him to be patient. I think this is the meaning of His advocacy.

AS THEY WATCHED, HE WAS TAKEN UP, AND A CLOUD RECEIVED HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT – HOMILY ON THE ASCENSION, ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Already it has been shown that He went up into heaven .."Clouds and darkness are under His feet," (Ps.18:9, 97:2) says the Scripture: for this is declared by the expression, 'And a cloud received Him:' the Lord of heaven it means. For as a king is shown by the royal chariot sent for Him ...They may vent no sorrowful exclamations, that it might not be with them as it was with Elisha, (2 Kings 2:12) who, when his master was taken up, rent his mantle "And Behold, two men stood by them' (Matt.18:16). With good reason: for 'in the mouth of two witnesses shall every word be established' (Deut.17:6) ...And it is said that they were 'in white apparel.' In the same manner they had already seen an Angel at the sepulchre, who had even told them their own thoughts. Here also an Angel is the preacher of His Ascension; although the Prophets had indeed frequently foretold it, as well as the Resurrection. Angels are everywhere, as at the Nativity (Matt. 1:20) and appearing to Mary (Luke 1:30) and at the Resurrection: 'He is not here, He is risen, and goes before you' (Luke 24:6) and at the Second Coming.



2022 Finances
The Parish needs TBD/week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
May 1	\$ 4,199.00	TBD
May 8	\$ 3,169.00	TBD
May 15	\$ 3,714.06	TBD
May 22	\$ 1,455.00	TBD
May 29	\$ 5,175.27	TBD
Attendance 140		

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 Mila, Brody (Anthony) Lessin, Sophia Stylianopoulos, Olga Petrova and the baby, Mary Zupan and Lawrence, Glen & Mich Mine, Sarah Francis, Jeanine Karam, Christina Kendrat

MEMORY ETERNAL: Anita Sanford, Roy Patrick St. Clair

