

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church June 12th 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 Confession, Vespers and Adult Ed. Classes 5 p.m. 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Fellowship Meal

June 12 – Fellowship Team 2
June 19 – Fellowship Team 3
June 26 – Fellowship Team 4
July 3 – Fellowship Team 1
July 10 – Fellowship 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 Jo Lu Terrell.

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Reader Schedule

June 12 – George
June 19 – Constantine
June 26 – Sbn. Stephen Terrell
July 3 – Sbn. Aaron Lessin
July 10 – Rdr. Stephen Miroy

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

Liturgical Services/Activities:

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

Wed. Jun 15/June 2

St. Nicephorus the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople (829)

5:00 p.m. Confession
6:30 p.m. Vespers
7:00 p.m. Adult Education Class

Sat. Jun 18/June 5

Hieromartyr Dorotheos, bishop of Tyre (361)

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

Sun. Jun 19/June 6

1st Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints.

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

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

Sunday 6/12

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

Monday 6/13

John 20:19-23 (Matins Gospel)
Acts 2:1-11
John 7:37-52; 8:12

Tuesday 6/14

Ephesians 5:8-19
Matthew 18:10-20

Wednesday 6/15

Romans 1:1-7, 13-17
Matthew 4:25-5:13

Thursday 6/16

Romans 1:18-27
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday 6/17

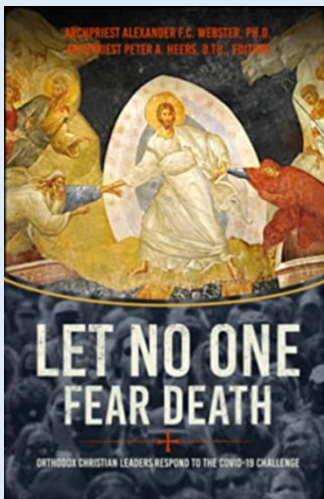
Romans 1:28-2:9
Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday 6/18

Romans 2:14-29
Matthew 5:33-41

Sunday 6/19

Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)
Hebrews 11:33-12:2
Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30



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/>

COVID-19 Book

Fr. Alexander's book on COVID-19 is finally available on Amazon, "[Let No One Fear Death](#)". Among the other chapter contributors is Metropolitan Jonah. Also note that this book, after only week on amazon.com, is already the no. 1 "Best Seller" among the 50 best-selling books in the category of "Ecclesiology Christian Theology." Vladyka and Fr. Alexander are willing to sign copies for any parishioners who purchase the book!

Sunday School Break

This Sunday is the last class before the summer break during the Apostle's Fast. We will have an ice cream sundae Sunday (on Father's Day) next weekend to celebrate the end of the year. We will start back up after the fast is over.



PENETECOST SUNDAY EPISTLE: ACTS 2:1-11

- 1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.
- 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.
- 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"
- 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?
- 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

AND THERE APPEARED TO THEM DIVIDED TONGUES AS OF FIRE... AND THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

So that by gradual increase... and progress from glory to glory, the light of the Trinity might shine upon the more illuminated... for this reason it was, I think that He gradually came to dwell in the disciples. He measured Himself out to them according to their capacity to receive Him: at the beginning of the Gospel, after the Passion, after the Ascension, making perfect their powers, being breathed upon them, and appearing in fiery tongues... You see lights breaking upon us, gradually and knowledge of such order of theology, as it better for us to maintain, neither proclaiming things too suddenly nor yet keeping them hidden to the end... He said that all things should be taught us by the Spirit Himself, made clear at a later time, when such knowledge would be seasonable and capable of being received after our Savior's restoration; when it would no longer be received with incredulity because of its marvelous character. For what greater thing than this did either He promise, or the Spirit teach... If He is not to be worshipped, how can He deify me by Baptism? And indeed from the Spirit comes our new birth, and from the new birth our new creation, and from the new creation our deeper knowledge of the dignity of Him from whom it is derived... Look at these facts: Christ is born; the Spirit is His forerunner. He leads Him up. He works miracles; the Spirit accompanies them. He ascends; the Spirit takes His place. – St. Gregory of

Nazianzus

PENTECOST GOSPEL: JOHN 7:37 – 52; 8:12

- 37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
- 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.
- 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- 40 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."
- 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?
- 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?
- 43 So there was a division among the people because of Him.
- 44 Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.
- 45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"
- 46 The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"
- 47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?
- 48 Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?
- 49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.
- 50 Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,
- 51 Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?
- 52 They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."
- 12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

IF ANYONE THIRSTS. LET HIM COME TO ME AND DRINK – ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Those who come to the divine preaching and give heed to the faith must manifest the desire of thirsty men for water, and kindle in themselves a similar longing; so they will be able, very carefully, to retain what is said For to show that men ought ever to thirst and hunger, He said Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness' (Matt.5:6) .. Elsewhere He calls it, 'eternal life, but here, living water.' He calls that living' which ever works: for the grace of the Spirit, when It has entered into the mind and has been established, springs up more than any fountain, does not fail, never becomes empty ...He has represented its abundance by the expression 'springing' ... Consider the wisdom of Stephen, the tongue of Peter, the vehemence of Paul: how nothing bore, nothing withstood them, not the anger of multitudes, not the risings up of tyrants, not the plots of the devils, not daily deaths, but as rivers borne along with a great rushing sound, so they went on their way hurrying all things with them ...When He was about to send them (after the crucifixion) He said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (c.20:22) .and then they wrought miracles.

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
June 5	\$ 4,732.56	TBD
Attendance 145		

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



Troparion – Tone 8

Blessed are You O Christ Our God / You have revealed the fishermen as most wise / by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit / through them You drew the world into Your net / O Lover of Man, Glory to You!

Kontakion – Tone 8

When the most High came down and confused the tongues, / He divided the nations; / but when he distributed the tongues of fire / He called all to unity. / Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-holy Spirit!