

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

December 4th 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 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. ✠

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Fellowship Meal

Dec. 18 – Fellowship Team 3
Dec. 25 – Fellowship Team 4
Jan 1 – Fellowship Team 1
Jan 7 – Potluck
Jan 8 – 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

Dec. 18 – TBD
Dec. 25 – Rdr. Stephen Miroy
Jan 1 – Isaac J,
Jan 7. Rdr. Joseph McLeod

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

Liturgical Services/Activities:

Sat. Dec. 17/Dec. 4

Great-martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana at Heliapolis in Syria (306)

3:00 p.m. Catechumen's Class

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sun. Dec. 18/Dec. 5

Venerable Sabbas the Sanctified (532)

9:30 a.m. Hours

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Sisterhood Silent Auction

Wed. Dec. 21/Dec. 8

Venerable Patapius of Thebes (7th c.)

4:30 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Great Vesper

7:00 p.m. Adult Education Class

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.

Church Food Pantry

The Church Food Pantry is now open in the hall basement, and you can take food from the pantry anytime the hall is open. If you also need monetary assistance for items not in the pantry, such as gas or baby items, please talk to, email, or call Fr. Alexander Laymon at anevsky54@gmail.com or 540.212.1855.

The Pantry will continually be accepting food donations by placing the food in the hall, and accepting monetary donations in the church donation box marked "Food Pantry".

Limited Seating

The pews around the nave are placed there primarily for pregnant women, parents with small children, the aged and infirm. If you are young and healthy please be considerate of other parishioners and allow those who need to sit down a place to do so.

Flower Fund

The Sisterhood has established a donation box to collect money to furnish flowers for our church. The box is in the narthex. Please make checks payable to the Sisterhood of the Myrrh-bearing Women.

Help Decorate!

Please help decorate the Chapel for the upcoming Feast of the Nativity. There is a plan in place for the Nativity decorations of the Chapel and you are invited to help out! Any donations of red poinsettias would be greatly appreciated--any size, but please only red color. Thank you for any help!

Sewing Guild

The sewing guild meets every second Saturday of the month from noon until 2:30 pm to work on pattern making and other various projects for the church. Bring your sewing machine and white thread to help with these projects. No sewing experience is required; these are learn as you go projects. For additional information please contact Judith Cook at sarithsews@gmail.com or Kris Milligan at thosemilligans@gmail.com.

Sisterhood Silent Auction

Sisterhood Silent Auction! Baskets and goodies have been collected for the sisterhood Silent Auction. On December 18th the items will be out on display and there will be a last chance to make a bid on your favorite(s)! Wine, games, incense, gardening--it is a great way to pick up a beautiful Nativity gift for someone! Please talk with Kristin Milligan if you have any questions.

Melanie Raccanello GoFundMe

There was a collection this past Sunday for Isadora (Melanie) Raccanello as she battles an aggressive form of breast cancer. The collection will help pay for her medical bills and living expenses as she fights this battle. If you prefer, you may also make donations through a GoFundMe page which has been established by her children and their spouses <https://www.gofundme.com/f/melanieraccanello>.

Neighborhood Outreach

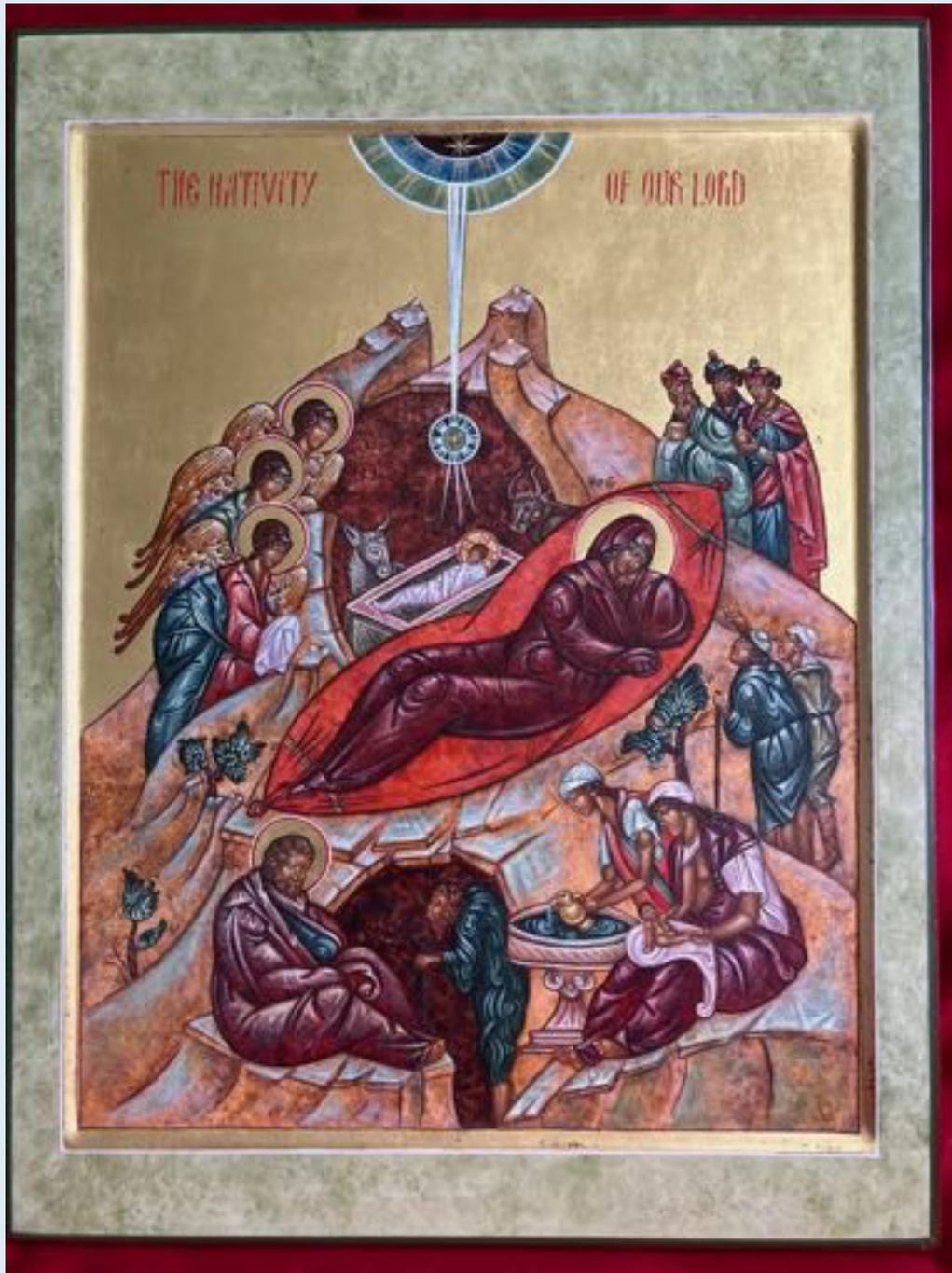
St. Herman will be having a neighborhood outreach this Sunday, December 18th to the 6 local Clifton Chapel families. We are asking you to please bring in some Christmas gifts that we can distribute to them -- desserts, cookies, candy, wine, beer, small gifts, etc. Please drop off the items in the hall at the table by the Christmas Tree. We will also need some help distributing the items. Thank you



New Festal Icon

There is a new addition to our chapel: The hand-written Icon of the Feast of Nativity, It is part of our on-going project to replace our printed feast-day icons with hand-written ones.

By Mat. Joanna Laymon!



Sisterhood Silent Auction Baskets!

The Sisterhood Silent Auction kicked off in full this past Sunday, and will finish this coming Sunday, December 18th. Bidding will close at 1:00 on the 18th. You can bid any time you are in the fellowship hall between now and then.

Below is a summary of items up for auction. Be sure and check them out!
Remember to get your bids in by 1:00 on Sunday, December 18!



**Williamsburg
Treats**



**Ice Cream
Sundae Basket**

Pictures not included of:

**Wine Basket
Games and Puzzles Basket
Homemade Jellies Basket
Homemade Lumpia Basket
(Filipino Egg Rolls)**



**Icon Writing
Starter Kit**



**Hermitage
Forest Scent
Basket**



**Crochet
Basket**



**Gardening
Basket**



**Hermitage
Incense
Starter Kit**

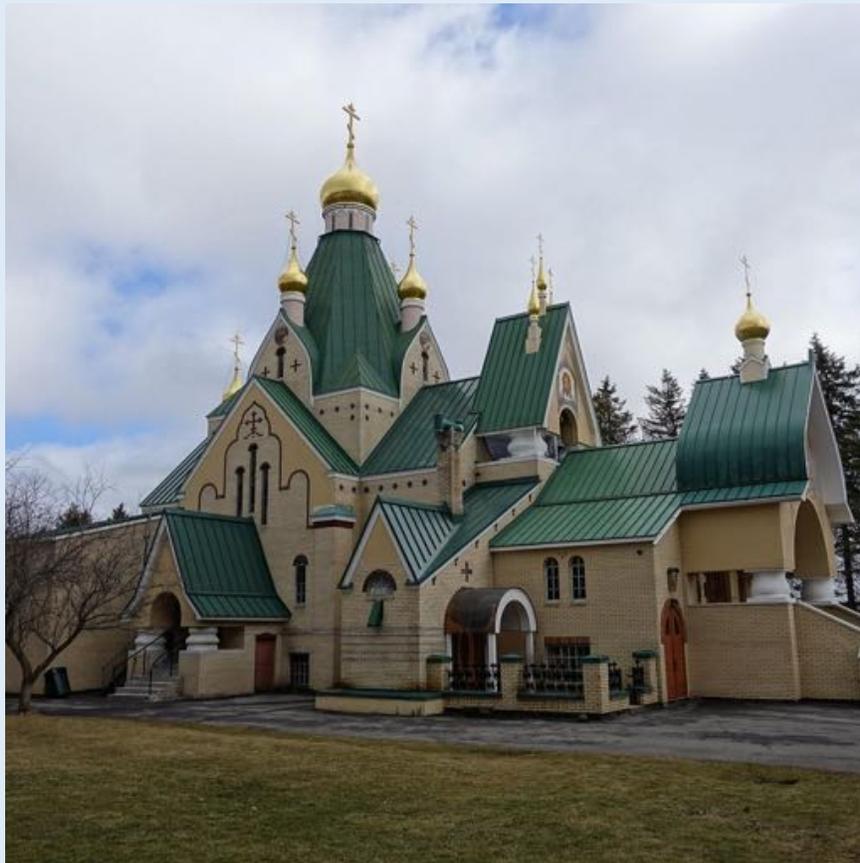
Class Offered by Holy Trinity Seminary: Psalms and Spiritual Life; History, Theology, and Practical Application

Sharing this new program: [Online Education Program for Laity | Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary \(hts.edu\)](https://www.hts.edu/online-education-program-for-laity)

The instructor talks about gaining a better understanding and appreciation of the psalms through the class.

The class is \$80 but if you use code "Firstcourse" it will be \$60. Each course is 4-5 sessions, approximately 5 hours long and is self-paced.

Here is a video with more information at the top of the page in addition to access to enroll at the bottom: <https://orthodox.teachable.com/>



2022 Finances

The Parish needs \$3,041.90/week to meet budget WITHOUT transfer to Building Fund
Transfer to the Building Fund has been suspended until Dec. 31st

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
June 5	\$ 4,732.56	\$ 603.07
June 12	\$ 3,775.00	-\$ 354.49
June 19	\$ 5,173.00	\$ 1,043.51
June 26	\$ 1,887.00	-\$ 2,242.49
July 3	\$ 2,887.00	-\$ 1,242.49
July 10	\$ 1,879.00	-\$ 2,250.49
July 17	\$ 2,740.28	-\$ 1,389.21
July 24	\$ 1,540.00	-\$ 2,589.49
July 31	\$ 7,145.28	\$ 3,015.79
Aug 7	\$ 5,047.28	\$ 917.79
Aug 14	\$ 1,467.00	-\$ 2,662.49
Aug 21	\$ 2,702.00	-\$ 1,427.49
Aug 29	\$ 6,386.40	\$ 2,256.91
Sept 4	\$ 2,552.00	-\$ 1,577.49
Sept 11	\$ 3,539.39	-\$ 590.01
Sept 18	\$ 2,930.00	-\$ 1,199.49
Sept 25	\$ 4,136.21	\$ 6.72
Oct 2	\$ 3,320.00	\$ 278.10
Oct 9	\$ 3,688.28	-\$ 646.38
Oct. 16	\$ 3,364.00	\$ 1,617.1
Oct. 23	\$ 4,659.00	\$ 159.00
Oct. 30	\$ 2,810.07	\$ 646.38
Nov. 7	\$ 3,718.64	\$ 676.74
Nov. 13	\$ 2,951.00	-\$ 90.90
Nov. 20	\$ 4,091.00	\$ 1,049.10
Nov.27	\$ 3,009.28	-\$ 32.62
Dec. 4	\$ 2,387.00	-\$ 654.90
Dec. 11	\$ 5,580.00	\$ 2,538.10

Attendance: 117

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, 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, Sarah Francis, Jeanine Karam, Christina Kendrat, Alexa, Valentina, Victor, Maria, Max, Mark, Elena, Anna, Benedict, Fr, Mark Grant and family

MEMORY ETERNAL: Mitch (Michael) Mine, Leonidas Stylianopoulos