

# St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church July 31<sup>st</sup> 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

July 31- Fellowship POTLUCK  
Aug. 7 – Fellowship Team 1  
Aug. 14 – Fellowship Team 2  
Aug. 21 – Fellowship 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 Jo Lu Terrell.

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## Reader Schedule

July 17 – John R.  
July 24 – Br. Andrew  
July 31 – Rdr. John Aponte  
Aug 7 - George

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

## Liturgical Services/Activities:

Sun. July 31/July 18

### Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Councils

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

Wed. Aug. 3/July 21

### Prophet Ezekiel

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

Sat. Aug. 6/July 24

### Martyr Christina of Tyre

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

Sun. Aug. 7/July 25

### The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most Holy Theotokos

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

**Readings for the Week of  
July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday 7/31**

John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)  
Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle)  
Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)  
Hebrews 13:7-16 Fathers  
John 17:1-13 Fathers

**Monday 8/1**

Matthew 11:27-30 Matins Gospel  
Galatians 5:22-6:2 Saint  
Luke 6:17-23 Saint  
1 Corinthians 9:13-18  
Matthew 16:1-6

**Tuesday 8/2**

Luke 4:22-30 Matins Gospel  
James 5:10-20 Epistle, Prophet  
Luke 4:22-30 Gospel, Prophet

**Wednesday 8/3**

1 Corinthians 10:12-22  
Matthew 16:20-24  
Tuesday Reading  
1 Corinthians 10:5-12  
Matthew 16:6-12

**Thursday 8/4**

1 Corinthians 10:28-11:7  
Matthew 16:24-28  
1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Equal-to-the-Apostles  
Luke 8:1-3 Equal-to-the-Apostles

**Friday 8/5**

Luke 1:39-49, 56 Matins Gospel  
1 Corinthians 11:8-22  
Matthew 17:10-18  
Hebrews 9:1-7 Theotokos  
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28  
Theotokos

**Saturday 8/6**

Luke 21:12-19 Matins Gospel  
Romans 13:1-10  
Matthew 12:30-37  
Romans 8:28-39 Passion-bearers  
John 15:17-16:2 Passion-bearers

**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.

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**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.

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**Church Food Pantry**

Please help us "Stock the Shelves" of the St. Herman Food Pantry this Sunday 7/17. Drop off your non-perishable food items in the Church hall. We need cans, glass, or plastic containers of food (e.g. vegetables, fruit, soup, pasta sauce, peanut butter, etc.) that have a 6 month or more expiration date.

You can also donate by cash, check or Walmart gift cards and drop them off in the donation box inside the church. Please purchase here

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Charitable-25-Walmart-Gift-Card-Alcohol-Tobacco-Lottery-Firearms-Prohibited/123045072>

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**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/>

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**Limited Seating**

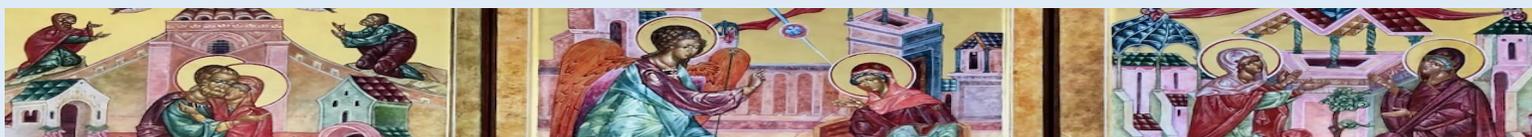
The pews around the nave are placed there primarily for pregnant women, parents with small children, the aged and infirm. If you are young and healthy please be considerate of other parishioners and allow those who need to sit down a place to do so.

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**During Communion**

It is customary in Orthodox Churches for those who commune to approach the chalice with crossed arms and to give their Orthodox name to the priest. Announcing one's name is most helpful to the priest who must then repeat the name when communing the individual.

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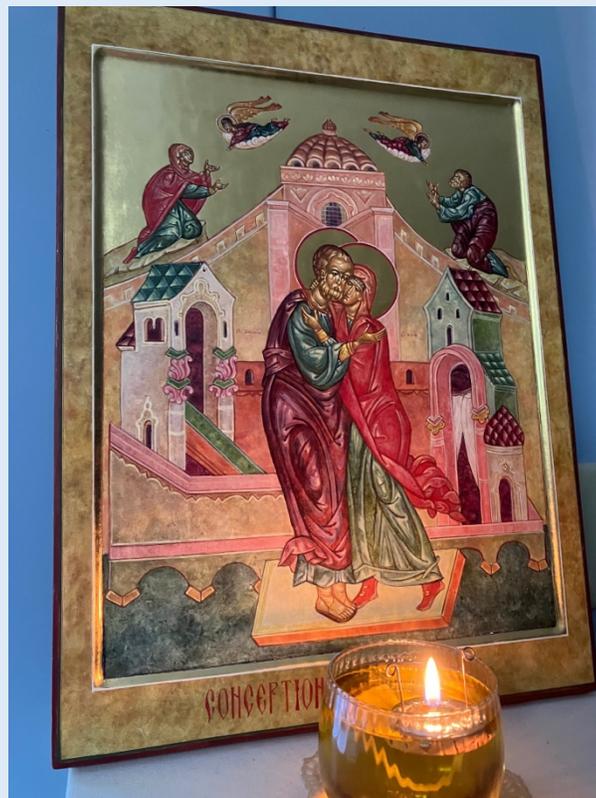
## New Festal Icon

### Sts. Joachim and Anna, The Conception of the Theotokos

The icon of the Conception of the Theotokos is very simple. Joachim and Anna tenderly embrace, standing before a bed. Without being explicit, it is boldly confessed that, whilst a miracle granted to a barren couple, the conception of St Mary happened through natural means.

In the corners, Joachim and Anna are shown separately. According to the Protoevangelium, in his grief Joachim retired to the desert in fasting and prayer for forty days, whilst Anna remained lamenting at home. An angel was sent to each of the holy couple announcing that their entreaties had been heard by God and that they should return to each other to conceive: the main scene shows the happy meeting.

In the background are the walls of Jerusalem, with the bed placed before the Royal Gates. The gates are a prefiguration of Mary, who by being the Mother of God is the royal gates through which the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, enters the world  
<https://iconreader.wordpress.com/2011/12/08/conception-of-the-theotokos-by-joachim-and-anna/>



## 2022 Finances

The Parish needs \$4,129.49/week to meet budget INCLUDING transfer to Building Fund

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
May 1	\$ 4,199.00	\$ 69.51
May 8	\$ 3,169.00	-\$ 960.49
May 15	\$ 3,714.06	-\$ 415.43
May 22	\$ 1,455.00	-\$ 2,674.49
May 29	\$ 5,175.27	\$ 1,045.78
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

Attendance 129

## 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, Mary Zupan and Lawrence, Glen & Mich Mine, Sarah Francis, Jeanine Karam, Christina Kendrat

MEMORY ETERNAL: Roy Patrick St. Clair