

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

April 16th 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

April 16 – Pascha Potluck
April 23- Team 4
April 30 – Potluck
May 7 – 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

TBD

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

Liturgical Services/Activities:

Tues. April 11/ March 29

St. Eustathius (Eustace) the Confessor, bishop of Kios in Bithynia(9thc.)

4 pm Confessions

6 pm Bridegroom Matins for Holy Wednesday

Wed. April 12/March 30

Venerable John (Climacus) of Sinai, author of The Ladder (649)

4 pm Confession

6 pm Matins of Holy Thursday with Unction

Thurs. April 13/March 31

Repose of St. Jonah, metropolitan of Kiev, Moscow, and all Russia (1461)

6 pm Matins with 12 Gospels

Fri. April 14/April 1

Venerable Mary the Egyptian (522)

3 pm Vespers with the Taking Down of the Cross

6 pm Matins of Holy Saturday with Lamentations

Sat. April 15/April 2

Venerable Titus the Wonderworker (9th c.)

9:30 a.m. Vespers with Baptisms

11:30 pm. Paschal Nocturns, Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy followed by Potluck Feast

Sun. April 16/April 3 **Bright Resurrection of Christ, The Pascha of the Lord**
2 pm Paschal Vespers

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.

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.

Melanie Raccanello GoFundMe

Isadora (Melanie) Raccanello is battling an aggressive form of breast cancer. Provided is a link to her GoFundMe page which has been established by her children and their spouses <https://www.gofundme.com/f/melanieraccanello>.

Summer Camping Trip

St. Herman is kicking off a new initiative this summer which is a Family Camping Trip. It is our hope that this will become an annual event. Lucie Myrekta is the coordinator. Please get in touch with her if you are interested in participating. Her contact information is below.

The details for this coming summer are as follows:

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- Three St. Herman families have already committed to going.
 - The dates that they have made reservations for are July 18-22. However, it is fine if you can not make it for exactly those dates as long as there is some overlap.
 - The camping trip will be at Lost River State Park, Mathias, West Virginia.
 - Families who are interested will need to make their own reservations.
 - Some financial assistance is available.
 - Everyone, from babies to grandparents, is encouraged to participate.
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The goal is fellowship - to give people the opportunity to get to know and enjoy each other. This would be an extension of what we see happening at St. Herman whenever our church doors are open.

Lucie's contact info:

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Group Clothing Exchange

Friday, May 5th at 11am. Gather up your preloved ladies and children's clothes and shoes and bring them to swap with each other at no cost. Come and enjoy food together and fun for the kids. All unclaimed items will be donated afterwards. Contact Beth Marr (bethamarr@gmail.com).

A TRADITIONAL Pascha basket

Paska bread
Sweet bread made with eggs and butter. It symbolizes Christ who is our true bread.

Some cultural traditions shape their loaves into a braid, loaf, or in a can! But any shape, paska bread is special + delicious!

Christ is the light of the world

Eggs
BRIGHTLY colored or dyed red they symbolize NEW LIFE and resurrection

Sausage
Spicy, garlicky, or scrumptious, they remind us of God's favor and generosity

Bacon
Symbolizes the OVERABUNDANCE of God's MERCY to us

CHEESE
Some enjoy a custard-like cheese that is sweet + mild, reminding us of the MODERATION we should have towards everything

HORSERADISH with beets
bitter horseradish reminds us of Christ's suffering but sweetened because of the Resurrection

BUTTER
often shaped like a cross or a lamb. REMINDS US OF THE GOODNESS OF CHRIST THAT WE SHOULD HAVE TOWARDS all things

Wine
A SYMBOL OF LOVE TOWARDS OUR neighbors + THE GOODNESS OF THE faith

SALT
IT IS NECESSARY FOR FLAVOR AND SHOULD REMIND US OF our duty TO OTHERS.

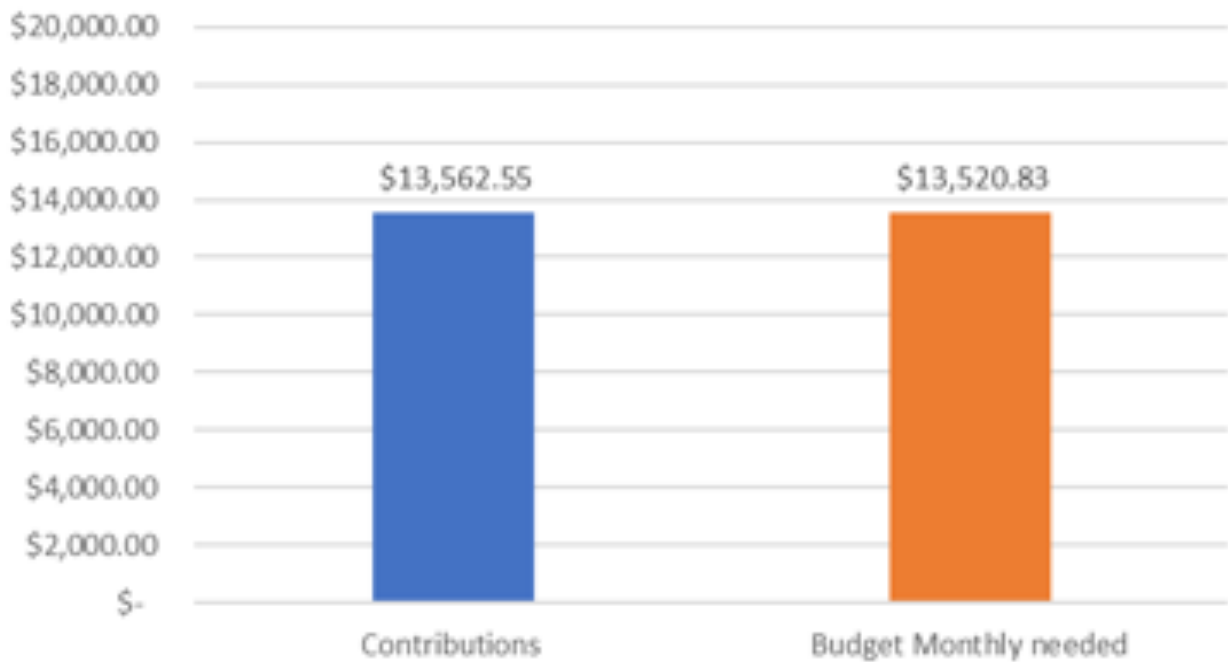
Ham
symbol of the joy + abundance of Pascha (because it is roasted or cured, the festivities of the day can be enjoyed by all without the burden of cooking)



Attendance



March 2023 Contribution vs. Budget Monthly Needed



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: Andrew Geracoulis