

ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Book of Enoch Bible Study—Not too Late!

Tuesday, 7:30pm Met. Jonah has begun a new Bible Study series on the *Book of Enoch* and its relevance to our faith, Scriptures and the Church. The study is held weekly on Tuesday evenings over zoom. It is not too late to join. Log in at this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/897899985>

PW: 333

Meat fare Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, Feb. 23 Meat fare Sunday will be the *Sisterhood's Annual Chili Cookoff*. Please see Kaylee (Bridget) Talbert to enter a chili in the competition. Additional meats will be provided by the brotherhood, and desserts by Food team 4. Prizes will be awarded!

Parish Assembly

Feb 23 immediately after the chili cookoff, there will be an all-parish assembly to elect new parish council members and discuss business relevant to all members. Please plan to attend!

Cheese fare Bake-Off

Sunday 3 March, Cheese fare Sunday will be a bake-off competition for ages 17 and under. No grown ups!

Annual Giving Projections

The treasurer would like for you to offer a projected amount of your expected giving for this year to enable the planning of the budget. This is not a legally binding pledge but a prediction of what you expect to be able to give. Please send an email to the church treasurer, Sue Diaz at: srcasablanca@gmail.com

Service Schedule Feb. 17-23

Regular Fasting Week

Tuesday Feb 18

730 pm *New Bible Study* via Zoom

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Wednesday Feb 19 at St. Herman's

5pm Confessions

6:30pm Vespers and Talk, weather pending. Pay attention for possible cancellation.

Saturday Feb 22 - Commemoration of the Departed

930am Hours

10am Divine Liturgy at the Monastery

3pm Inquirers and Catechumens at St. Herman's

4pm Confessions

5pm Vespers

Sunday Feb 23

930am Hours and Liturgy followed by fellowship meal

**Please watch email for possible changes to the schedule.*

Commemorations for Proskomedia & Blessing of Icons

Commemorations for Proskomedia must be given before the start of liturgy. They may also be submitted at Vespers the night before.

Items to be blessed should be labeled with your name on a sticky note and submitted to an altar server BEFORE the start of liturgy. (i.e. icons, prayer ropes, crosses)

8 MPH on Clifton Chapel Lane

Please mind your speed on the lane for everyone's safety and to maintain peace with our neighbors.

Lenten Psalter Group

The discipline of reading the Psalter as a group is an excellent way to “lock in” your Lenten fast and prayer life.

Through Lent we read the Psalter daily, one Kathisma per person, per day, with the whole group covering the entire Psalter every day. By the end you will read through the entire psalter twice!

Sign up in the Narthex or see Fr. Michael.

Have you Ever Considered a Pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is more than a vacation--It is a journey with intention. Pilgrimage is a traditional way of deepening our own faith by seeking out people and places that can speak beauty and truth into our lives. As Orthodox Christians, we possess a rich history of Saints and the impact they have left on the earth. We do well to move outside our comfort zone and travel the paths they have marked out for us. During Lent there is an opportunity for a local pilgrimage in DC, and throughout the year there are many opportunities for travel to holy places all around the globe with an Orthodox Christian touring company. Please see the attached PDFs in this bulletin’s email and considering joining one of these incredible opportunities. See Mary (Kelly) Mine for more info.

Parish Prayer Needs

Please send Met. Jonah the full name and general reason for intercessory prayer (such as health or illness, unemployment, family issues, military deployments, 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.

O LORD OUR GOD, WHO DWELLEST IN THE HEAVENS, AND LOOKEST DOWN UPON ALL THY WORKS, LOOK DOWN UPON THY SERVANTS, THE CATECHUMENS, WHO HAVE BOWED THEIR NECKS BEFORE THEE, AND GRANT THEM A LIGHT YOKE.

MAKE THEM HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THY HOLY CHURCH, AND VOUCHSAFE UNTO THEM THE LAYER OF REGENERATION, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND THE ROBE OF INCORRUPTION, UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THEE, OUR TRUE GOD.

Jackson, Phillip, Ian, Caleb, Luke, Krista, Allison, Riley, Cameron, Caleb, Andrew, Matthew, Sayeed, Claire, Josiah, Faith, Andrew

GRANT, O LORD, HEALTH AND ALL THINGS NEEDFUL FOR THE SALVATION OF THY SERVANTS

Metropolitan Paul and the brothers of the Kyiv Caves Lavra and the suffering, persecuted church in Ukraine. The persecuted church and those suffering in the Holy Land, Archimandrite Seraphim, Archpriest Alexander, Hieroschemamonk Mefodii, Hieromonk Phillip, Priest Andrew, Priest Mark, Priest Alexander, Hieromonk Silouan, Hieromonk Alexei, Reader Moses, Servants of God Benedict, Samuel, George, Brian, Anthony, Adam, Patrick Handmaids of God Isadora, Sarah, Zacharoula, Photini, Maria, Maria, Stavroula, Svetlana, Koula, Joanna, Helen, Rebecca, Michael

GRANT, O LORD, FORGIVENESS AND ETERNAL JOY TO THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP, FOR WHOM WE CRY TO THEE IN SUPPLICATION: JESUS, ALL-MERCIFUL JUDGE, VOUCHSAFE THY SERVANTS THE SWEETNESS OF PARADISE.

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