

# St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

## January 8<sup>th</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 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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### Fellowship Meal

Jan 1 –Potluck  
Jan 7 – Potluck  
Jan 8 – Team 2  
Jan 15 – Team 3  
Jan 19 - Potluck  
Jan 22 – Team 4  
Jan 29 - Potluck

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

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:

Fri. Jan 6/Dec 24

#### The Eve of the Nativity of Christ (Rozhdestvenskyi Sochelnik)

9:30 am Hours

10:00 am Vespers and Ordination followed by Potluck

6:00 pm Vigil

Sat. Jan 7/Dec 25

#### The Nativity according to the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ

9:30 am Hours

10:00 am Christmas Liturgy followed by Potluck  
5 pm Vespers at MONASTERY

Sun. Jan 8/Dec 26

#### Sunday after the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, holy ancestors.

9:30 a.m. Hours

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Merry Christmas

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:sarithsews@gmail.com) or Kris Milligan at [thosemilligans@gmail.com](mailto: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>.

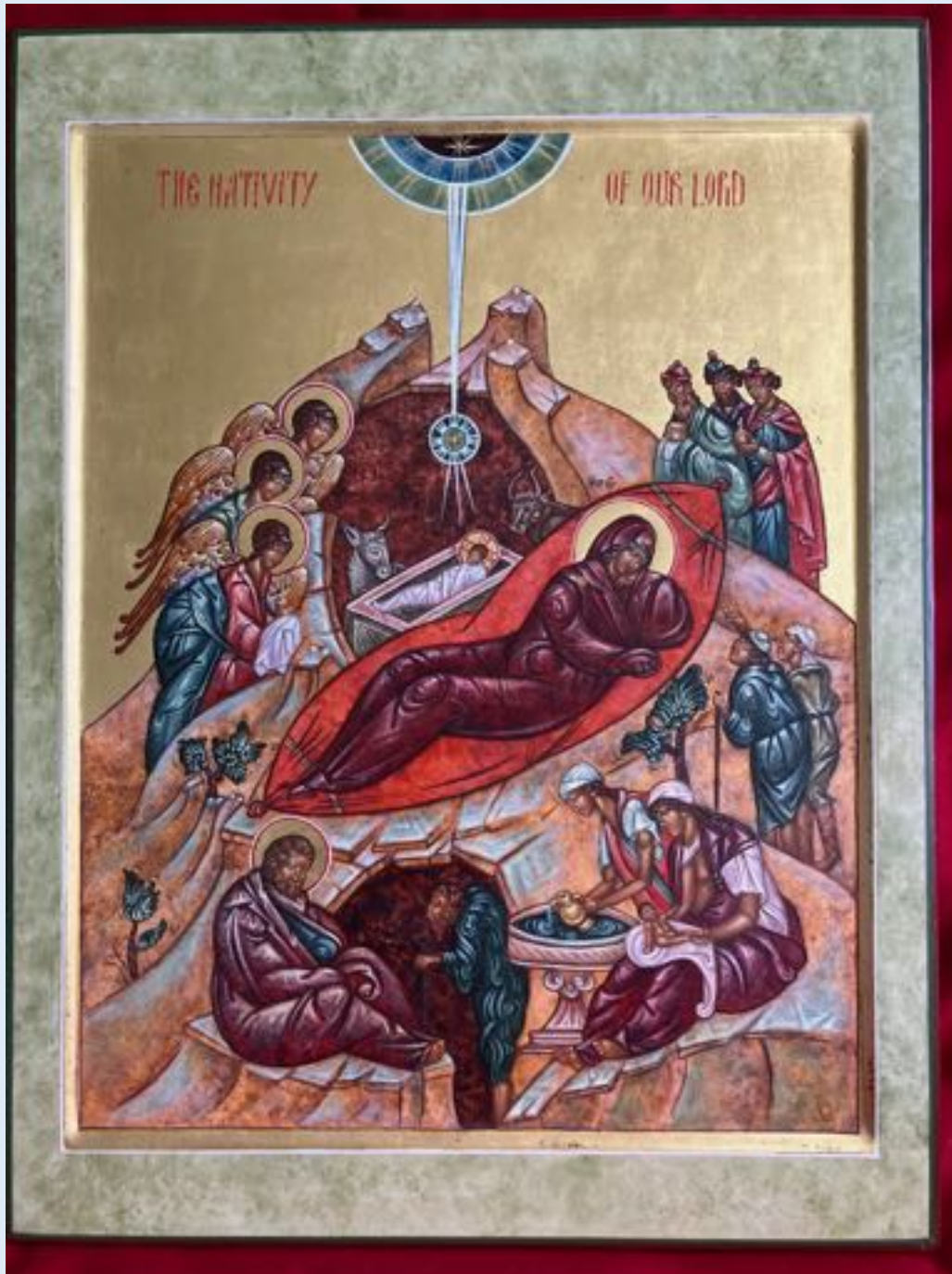
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# New Festal Icon

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!





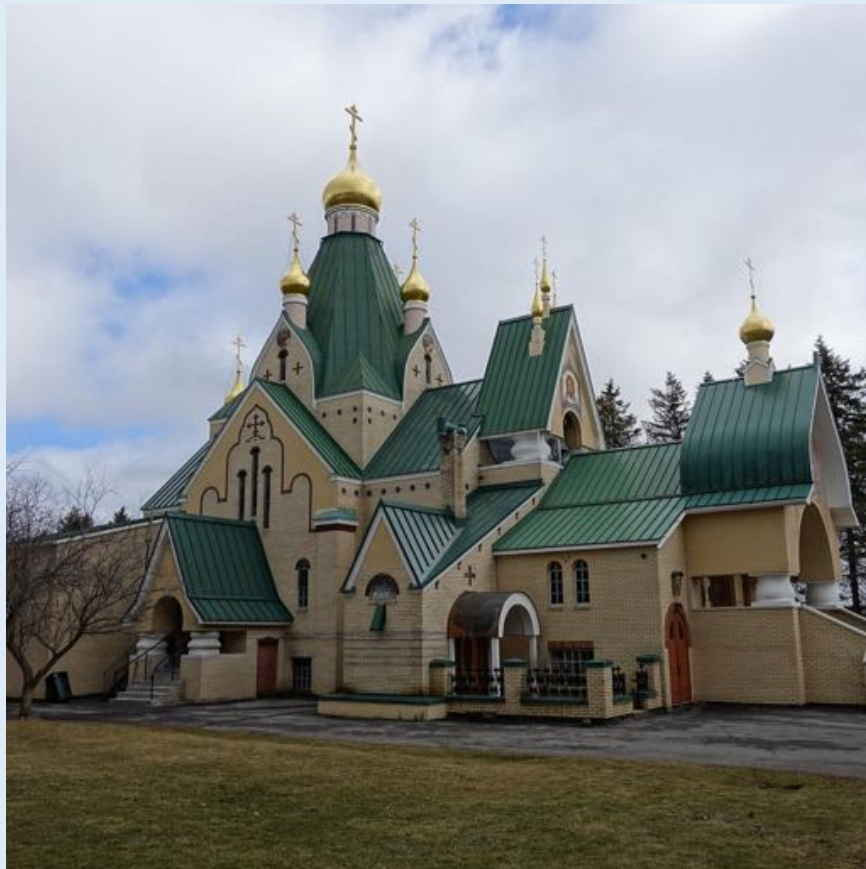
## Class Offered by Holy Trinity Seminary: Psalms and Spiritual Life; History, Theology, and Practical Application

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. 31<sup>st</sup>

<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	\$ 6,230.00	\$ 3,188.10
Dec. 25	\$ 5,364.00	\$ 2,322.10
Jan. 1		

Attendance: 120

## 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, Andrew Geracoulis, Emma Parkinson  
MEMORY ETERNAL: Mitch (Michael) Mine, Leonidas Stylianopoulos