

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

A PARISH OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA—EASTERN AMERICAN DIOCESE Great Vespers & Confessions each Saturday at 6 pm – Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am 60 Clifton Chapel Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22555 – Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1295, Stafford, VA 22555 – Website: www.sthermanorthodox.org

Liturgical Services/Activities:

Sun. Jan. 28/Jan. 15 Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. St. Paul of Thebes,

Egypt (341 AD), and St. John Calabytes ("Hut-dweller") of

Constantinople, monks (450 AD).

9:15 a.m. Choir practice **9:30 a.m.** Reading of the Hours

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

12:30 p.m. Parish Assembly

Wed. Jan. 31/Jan. 18 St. Athanasius the Great (373 AD) and St. Cyril (444 AD),

archbishops of Alexandria

7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class Today

Sat. Feb. 3/Jan. 21 Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (ca. 96 AD)

12:00 p.m. Icon Guild Meeting

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers followed by Holy Confessions

Sun. Feb. 4/Jan. 22 Sunday of the Prodigal Son. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russian Church.

9:15 a.m. Choir practice **9:30 a.m.** Reading of the Hours

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

Attendance

Great Vespers, 1/20 – 20

Divine Liturgy, 1/21 - 63

2017 Finances The Parish needs \$1588.81 /week to meet budget*

Week	Amount Received	Difference from amount needed	
Year-to-date	\$ 5,952.85	+	\$ 1,186.42
January 14	\$ 1,105.00	-	\$483.81
January 21	\$ 3,111.10	+	\$1,522.29

^{*}using last years weekly amount until new amount is determined by Parish Assembly on January 28th & then will be corrected

Honor the Lord from your righteous labors and offer Him the first fruits from the fruits of righteousness, that your storehouses may be filled with an abundance of grain and your wine presses may gush with wine.

Intercessory Prayer List

Metropolitan Jonah requests that you send him to 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 payer, so that we may keep the list current.

LIVING: Rebecca Laymon, Judith (Maria) Cook, Ana Rosado-Nazario, Ann Yuschak, Sarah Heitke, Dsa. Monica Pappas, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Charles Jordan, Veronica Sirko, Father Alexander Webster, Donna Colaianni, Archpriest Michael Sekela, Patricia Connerley, Martha Connerley, Kathy Sekela, Mark Laymon, Kristin Blaylock, Janis Sergeant, Millicent Novic, Ray Liddick, Leonidas Stylianopoulos, Sophia Stylianopoulos, Chad Gallagher, Matushka Cindy Joanna Mitchell, Protodeacon Brian Patrick Mitchell. Presvytera Flora Chioros. Father Stanley Voyiazakis. Presvytera Katherine Baker. Monk Anthony (West Virginia), Archpriest George Larin, Matushka Masha Potopav, Matushka Sophia Doubleday, Evdokiya Bykon, Kevin McCarthy, James Dunham, 2LT Benjamin Stracquatanio, USA (Korea), David Jones (Peace Corps, Ghana), James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Archpriest Victor Potapov, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Jo Ann Swift, Abbess Makaria, James and Bryce Wilt, Ryan Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, Glen A. Cooper, Kiernan Green, Protodeacon Nicholas Lukianov, Matushka Nadejda Revitsky, Archpriest George Johnson, Lisa King Buka. Richard Buka Sr., Gene King, Howard J. Stickley, Larry Terrell, Matushka Larisa Hutnyan, Jackie Leopold, Ellaine Baron, Protodeacon Pavel Wolkow, Mother Theodora, Archpriest Alexander Veronis, James Kushiner, Michael Gann, James Scott Jr., Anders Bjorklund, Maria Papademetriou, Peter and Laura Roshak and baby Mark, Protopresbyter Valery Lukianov, Archpriest George Kallaur, Archpriest Paul Ivanov, Christina Spannic, Ksenia Resnikoff, Maximos Andreas Winans, Michelle Duckett, Deacon Nicholas Pappas, Elizabeth Orlowsky, Conley Rohall, Jean Manco, Katherine Katsikas, Michael Kyle, Julia, Mark, Juanita, Marie Liller, Rachel Luckett, Hazel Menold, Jimmy Lloyd, Dakota Miller, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Jerry Laxson, Alfred Harry Davidson



Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Home Blessings

If you would like your home blessed this year, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Once it is known who would like a home blessing, a schedule will be made.

Sisterhood of the Myrrh Bearing Women Reminder:

There will be a Sisterhood meeting on Feb 4th. Election of officers for 2018 will be on the agenda. Annual dues are \$25.00 payable by cash or check and should be given to Judith Cook. We now have a Sisterhood stamp for checks.



Icon Guild Meeting Next Saturday!

The Iconography Guild of St. Theodosia will resume it's regular meeting time, the first Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to come Feb. 3rd at 12:30 and stay until 4:00 to prayerfully practice and to work on projects. Contact Mat. Joanna, sttheodosiaiconguild@yahoo.com.

Updating the Church "Many Years" List

A list of parishioners' birthdays, names' days, and anniversaries will be available in the fellowship hall to be checked for accuracy. Please check the box by your name if the information is correct. Please correct it if it is wrong. If you or a family member is not listed, please add yourselves in. If you have any questions, please speak with Kristin Milligan.

We are now taking deposits for:

Our Annual Prosopon School Iconography Workshop Dates: Aug. 6 - 11, 2018

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Beginning students will be doing an icon appropriate to their experience.

Intermediate/Advanced students will write the icon of the Crucifixion of our Lord. We are planning to use optional cross-shaped boards.

Please share this event with friends and family. Many come from out



For details visit our parish website, see the fliers in the church hall, and contact Mat. Joanna: sttheodosiaiconguild@yahoo.com

Some people tell me that they are scandalized because they see many things wrong in the Church. I tell them that if you ask a fly, "Are there any flowers in this area?" it will say, "I don't know about flowers, but over there in that heap of rubbish you can find all the filth you want." And it will go on to list all the unclean things it has been to.

Now, if you ask a honeybee, "Have you seen any unclean things in this area?" it will reply, "Unclean things? No, I have not seen any; the place here is full of the most fragrant flowers." And it will go on to name all the flowers of the garden or the meadow.

You see, the fly only knows where the unclean things are, while the honeybee knows where the beautiful iris or hyacinth is.

As I have come to understand, some people resemble the honeybee and some resemble the fly. Those who resemble the fly seek to find evil in every circumstance and are preoccupied with it; they see no good anywhere. But those who resemble the honeybee only see the good in everything they see. The stupid person thinks stupidly and takes everything in the wrong way, whereas the person who has good thoughts, no matter what he sees, no matter what you tell him, maintains a positive and good thought.

+ St. Paisios of Mt. Athos, "Good and Evil Thoughts," Spiritual Counsels III: Spiritual Struggle

Fellowship Hour

Jan. 28 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 4

Feb. 4 ~ Fellowship provided by 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 Nancy St. Clair.

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Reader Schedule

Jan. 28 ~ Reader Stephen Terrell Feb. 4 ~ Tim Mellor

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

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Prosfora

Nancy St. Clair is currently providing the Prosfora. If you are interested in helping to make Prosfora for the church, please contact Nancy St. Clair.

We are registered with two broadcast media weather alert systems: (1) television: WJLA-TV (channel 7) and News Channel 8, and (2) radio: WTOP radio (103.5, 103.9, 107.7 - all FM) and WTOP.com Any closings will also be posted on the home page of our website and via email to those who have asked to be on our electronic mailing list.

