



Sunday, February 4, 2018

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

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Liturgical Services/Activities:

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

Wed. Feb. 7/Jan. 25

St. Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople (389 AD)

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

Sat. Feb. 10/Jan. 28

Sts. Gerasimus (1441 AD), Pitirim (1455 AD), and Jonah (1470 AD), bishops of Perm.

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

Sun. Feb. 11/Jan. 29

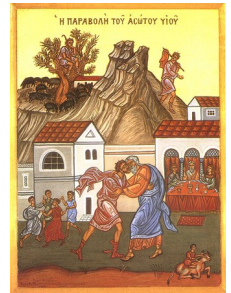
Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare). St. Laurence, recluse of the Kiev Caves and bishop of Turov (1194 AD)

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12:30 a.m. Sisterhood of Myrrh-Bearing Women Meeting



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Attendance

Great Vespers, 1/27 –

Divine Liturgy, 1/28 – 54

2017 Finances

The Parish needs \$1756.77 /week to meet budget*

Week	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 7,788.95	+ \$ 761.87
January 21	\$ 3,111.10	+ \$1,522.29
January 28	\$ 1,836.10	+ \$79.33

*new numbers due to adjustments from new budget

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. ı

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 prayer, 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, Emma Nichole Parkinson, Veronica Sirko, Father Alexander Webster, Donna Colaanni, 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 Stracquatano, USA (Korea), 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, J 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



Fellowship Hour

Feb. 4 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 1

Feb. 11 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 2

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.



Reader Schedule

Feb. 4 ~ Tim Mellor

Feb. 11 ~ Reader Michael Yuschak

Feb. 15 ~ Joseph Sirko

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



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.

Many Years!

Names Days

- 1 Brian Supples
- 3 Maximos Heitke
- Maximos Buka
- 4 Timothy Mellor
- Timothy St. Clair
- 6 Gina Van Weddingen
- 14 Felicity Lowe
- 16 Anna Milligan

Birthdays

- 4 Katherine Yuschak
- 5 Sarah Kosch
- 6 Danielle Cornwell
- 8 Reader Steve Terrell
- 15 Deacon Nicholas Pappas
- 19 Rob Cornwell
- 21 Ana Daou
- 28 Diakonissa Monica Pappas

Anniversaries

- 20 Reader Moses & Jo-Ann Swift

If your name should have been listed, please see Kristin Milligan during Fellowship.

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 CHANGE OF DATE

The date for the Sisterhood meeting has been moved from today to February 11th. 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.

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.



About the Orthodox Prayer Rope

The prayer rope is not some kind of amulet with magic or exorcising powers but it is a purely Orthodox holy object used only for praying and nothing else. We use the prayer rope in order to pray secretly. Of course as usually happens in the Church everything that we use for the worship of our God it is also a piece of art. The same thing happens with the prayer ropes. Some of them are very simple. Others are masterpieces and we use them to decorate icons or Crosses inside the Church or in our houses.

The orthodox prayer rope is made of wool, every node is constructed of 7 crosses, so the symbol of Jesus the cross is everywhere, and the prayer rope usually has 33 nodes, the years Jesus lived in earth.

The prayer rope usually is black, the colour of mourning and sorrow, and this remind to us to be sober and serious in our lives. We are sorry for our sins and our weakness and failings before God, our fellow men and ourselves; but in Christ, this sorrow becomes a source of joy and comfort.

The prayer rope is knotted from wool, that is, it has been sheared from a sheep, a reminder that we are rational sheep of the Good Shepherd, Christ the Lord, and also a reminder of the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. The cross likewise speaks to us of the sacrifice and victory of the life over death, of humility over pride, of self-sacrifice over selfishness, of light over darkness. And the tassel? To remind us the tears of repentance.

an excerpt from the speech of [His Eminence Metropolitan Nektarios](#) of Hong Kong and Southeast Asia, in the opening of the Exhibition "Orthodox Prayer Ropes – The Jesus Prayer"

“And not many days after,” it says, “the younger son gather all together, and took his journey into a far country” (Luke 15:13). Why did [the Prodigal Son] not set off at once instead of a few days after? The evil prompter, the devil, does not simultaneously suggest to us that we should do what we like and that we should sin. Instead he cunningly beguiles us little by little, whispering, “Even if you live independently without going to God’s Church or listening to the Church teacher, you will still be able to see for yourself what your duty is and not depart from what is good.” When he separates someone from the divine services and obedience to the holy teachers, he also distances him from God’s vigilance and surrenders him to evil deeds. God is everywhere present. Only one thing is far away from His goodness: evil. Being in the power of evil through sin we set off on a journey far away from God. As David says to God, “The evil shall not stand in thy sight” (Ps. 5:5).



