

Sunday, April 22, 2018

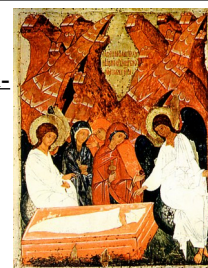
St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

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
60 Clifton Chapel Lane, Stafford, Virginia 22555 – Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1295, Stafford, VA 22555 – Website: www.sthermanorthodox.org

Liturgical Services/Activities:

Sun. Apr. 22/Apr. 9	<u>Third Sunday of Pascha: The Myrrh-bearing Women. Sts. Myrrh-Bearing Women, righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus</u> 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. Apr. 25/Apr. 12	<u>Venerable Basil the Confessor, bishop of Parium (760 AD)</u> 7:00 p.m. Talk given by Monk Sophronije
Sat. Apr. 28/Apr. 15	<u>Virgin-martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chionia in Illyria (304 AD).</u> 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sun. Apr. 29/Apr. 16	<u>Fourth Sunday of Pascha: The Paralyzed Man. Righteous Tabitha (1st c.)</u> 9:15 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour 1:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting



The Myrrh-Bearing Women

Attendance

Great Vespers, 4/14 –

Divine Liturgy, 4/15 – 58

2018 Finances

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

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 31,087.04	+ \$ 4,735.49
April 8	\$ 1,140.00	- \$ 616.77
April 15	\$ 641.00	- \$ 1,115.77

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. j

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, Emma Nichole Parkinson, Rob Cornwell, Beth Baggett, Archpriest Alexander Webster, Donna Colaianne, 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, Elaine 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, 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, Jessica Anne Swift, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL:



Fellowship Hour

Apr. 22 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 3
 Apr. 29 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 4

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

Apr. 22 ~ TBA
 Apr. 29 ~ TBA

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.

Readings for the Week of Apr. 22nd

Sunday 4/22

Mark 16:9-20
 Acts 6:1-7
 Mark 15:43-16:8

Monday 4/23

Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60
 John 4:46-54

Tuesday 4/24

Acts 8:5-17
 John 6:27-33

Wednesday 4/25

Acts 8:18-25
 John 6:35-39

Thursday 4/26

Acts 8:26-39
 John 6:40-44

Friday 4/27

Acts 8:40-9:19
 John 6:48-54

Saturday 4/28

Acts 9:20-31
 John 15:17-16:2

Special Talk on April 25 with Monk Sophronije

Next Wednesday, April 25, St Herman's will be hosting a special guest, Monk Sophronije from the Draganac Monastery in Kosovo. He will speak at the usual Bible Study on the difficult life of monastics in that war-torn region of the world. His presentation will be in English.

Draganac Monastery is the sole surviving monastery in the Eastern Region of Kosovo, the rest of the monasteries surviving are in a region of Kosovo known as Metohija. In simpler terms, this is the only living monastery in Eastern Kosovo. There were even other monasteries up until 1999, with monks and nuns, but they were all burnt down or blown up except Draganac. The monastery was founded in 1381, but of course after the Turks and then Communism, there wasn't much left when the 1990s came around. The current brotherhood was re-established by the Decani brotherhood in 2000, with the current abbot, Archimandrite Ilarion, coming in 2010. The brotherhood numbers 12 members, making it the second largest monastic brotherhood in Kosovo. A full schedule of services is kept and the monastery has close ties with a spiritual father on Athos, and the monastics there also focus on hospitality and missionary/humanitarian work with the local people, who are all extremely poor. Many live on only 100 euros per month.

The Monastery brothers, besides service of prayer, and regular upkeep of the monastery, make incense and wooden carved crosses and prayer ropes, as well as making translations of Orthodox texts into English. Some of them are involved actively with the international community in Kosovo to help further the interests of the local Orthodox population, who are under constant pressure from the Muslim Albanian majority. The monastery also has a large garden for food, and 30 goats and make their own cheese and get milk from them, and also have many chickens. The brotherhood also do covert missionary work with local Muslim Albanians who express interest in Christ and Orthodoxy.

The monks try hard to earn a living, but need help from the outside, because simply where they are, everyone is so poor, people cannot buy incense or crosses, or make much in the way of donations. Fr. Sophronije started a website www.draganacmonastery.com/ which has been a BIG help in getting foreign Orthodox to buy things and thus help the monastery.

Fr Sofronije, or as I have known him, Fr Sophrony, started his monastic life with Metropolitan Jonah at the Monastery of St John of San Francisco, in Manton, California. It is a joy to see how he has progressed!

Please inform your friends know about this upcoming event. Especially let Serbs and those interested in Serbia know.

Christ is Risen!

In XC,
 Metropolitan Jonah



Give SERVE a Helping Hand this April!

We are collecting boxes of Hamburger Helper to help SERVE stock their shelves. The last collection day is May 6th so let's see how many boxes we can collect!
 Coming Soon- Stuff the Truck June 9th



Raffle to Help Building Fund

A hand decorated egg was donated by Svetlana. The egg is on display in the cabinet in the Fellowship Hall.
 Egg Raffle- \$10.00 a ticket 3 for \$25.00
 The drawing will be held on May 26th.
 Please help us in this worthy cause; all proceeds will go to the building fund.



*Congratulations to Adrian and Vanya.
 May God grant you many years!*



On April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Turks, followed by the Young Turks, commenced what is now known as the Armenian Genocide. An estimated 1.5 million Armenian Christians living in Turkey were killed because of their faith and ethnicity by outright murder, starvation, and death marches into the Syrian Desert. Their plight was quickly forgotten by the world. This fact resulted in Adolf Hitler declaring on the eve of the Nazi persecution of the Jews and the subsequent Holocaust, "Who, after all, remembers the Armenians?" Please remember all those who were killed, Christians all, in your prayers.