



Sunday, July 15, 2018

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

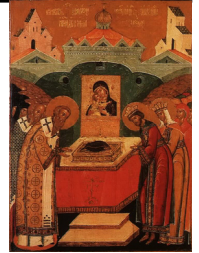
A PARISH OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA—EASTERN AMERICAN DIOCESE

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. July 15/July 2	<u>7th Sunday after Pentecost. The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most Holy Theotokos at Blachernae (5th 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
Wed. July 18/July 5	<u>Venerable Athanasius of Mt. Athos (1003 AD) and his six disciples.</u> 7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class
Sat. July 21/July 8	<u>Hieromartyr Cyril, bishop of Gortyna in Crete (250-252 AD).</u> 4:30 p.m. Catechism Class 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sun. July 22/July 9	<u>8th Sunday after Pentecost. Hieromartyr Pancratius, bishop of Taormina in Sicily (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



The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most Holy Theotokos at Blachernae

Attendance

Great Vespers, 7/7 – 23

Divine Liturgy, 7/8 – 59

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	\$ 54,081.49	+ \$ 6,657.70
July 1	\$ 2,308.00	+ \$ 551.23
July 8	\$ 1,813.00	+ \$ 56.23

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 flux 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: Met. Jonah, 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, Katie (Salome) Supples, Donna Colaiani, Archpriest Michael Sekela, Patricia Connerley, Martha Connerley, Kathy Sekela, Mark Laymon, Kristin Blaylock, Janis Sergeant, Millicent Novic, Ray Liddick, 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 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, 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, Jimmy Lloyd, Jessica Anne Swift, Matushka Eugenia Neherbecki, Homer Lewis, James Perry, Debbie Vatis, Linda Gale Jordan, Isabel Gillam, George Katsikas, Timothy Vlahos, Vasilliki, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Argyroula, Demetrios, Louise (Juliana) Paffhausen, Demetrios

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Fellowship Hour

July 15 ~ Fasting Fellowship
provided by Team 3
July 22 ~ 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.

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Reader Schedule

July 15 ~ Reader Nicholas Sanford
July 22 ~ Reader Michael Yuschak

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.*

Readings for the Week of July 15th

Sunday 7/15

John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)
Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle)
Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)
Hebrews 9:1-7 Theotokos
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 Theotokos

Monday 7/16

John 10:1-9 Matins Gospel
1 Corinthians 9:13-18
Matthew 16:1-6
Hebrews 13:17-21 Hieromartyr
Philip
John 10:9-16 Hieromartyr Philip

Tuesday 7/17

Matthew 10:16-22 Matins Gospel
(St. Andrew, archbishop of Crete)
or Matthew 11:27-30 (if St. Andrew
Rublev service perform)
1 Corinthians 10:5-12
Matthew 16:6-12
Romans 8:28-39 Royal Martyrs
John 15:17-16:2 Royal Martyrs
Hebrews 13:7-16 St. Andrew
Rublev
Luke 6:17-23 St. Andrew Rublev
Hebrews 8:3-6 St. Andrew,
archbishop of Crete
Matthew 7:12-21 St. Andrew,
archbishop of Crete

Wednesday 7/18

Matthew 11:27-30 Matins Gospel
1 Corinthians 10:12-22
Matthew 16:20-24
Galatians 5:22-6:2 St. Athanasius
Luke 6:17-23 St. Athanasius
2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Sts. Elizabeth
and Barbara
Matthew 15:21-28 Sts. Elizabeth
and Barbara

Thursday 7/19

1 Corinthians 10:28-11:7
Matthew 16:24-28

Friday 7/20

1 Corinthians 11:8-22
Matthew 17:10-18
Saturday Reading
Romans 13:1-10
Matthew 12:30-37

Saturday 7/21

Luke 1:39-49, 56 Matins Gospel
Philippians 2:5-11 Theotokos
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 Theotokos
2 Timothy 2:1-10 St. Procopius
Matthew 10:37-11:1 St. Procopius

“Your faithfulness
endures to all
generations; You
established the earth,
and it abides.”
(Ps. 119:90 NKJV)

Classes This Week!

The Adult Religious Education Class that meets on Wednesday will be
finishing up Acts this week. On Saturday, the Catechumens' Class will begin
talking about God and the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

Mystical Supper Icon Blessed and in Place!



THE BIG ARGUMENT SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Have you ever had a big argument with somebody?
Even with a good friend or a brother or a sister? Even
good friends can disagree about something. Two
thousand years ago, when the Christian Church was
just starting, two saints of our Church had a
disagreement about something. Saints Peter and Paul
disagreed about how they should act with new
Christians. We read in the Bible that Saint Paul told
Saint Peter he was wrong. But the apostle Peter gave
in. He wasn't stubborn and angry at Paul. He knew he
had made a mistake, and he gave in. They made up, and they worked together
to grow the Christian Church. This past week, we celebrated the feast day of
Saints Peter and Paul! We remember them for all the great things they did for
the Church...but especially we remember how they worked together to do these
things for God. When we have an argument, it's easy to be stubborn and angry
at the other person. But let's remember these two great saints and how they
held on to what really mattered—working for God! Our Church sure wouldn't
be the same without these two amazing saints!



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God's grace always assists those who struggle, but this does not mean that a
struggler is always in the position of a victor. Sometimes in the arena the wild
animals did not touch the righteous ones, but by no means were they all
preserved untouched.

What is important is not victory or the position of a victor, but rather the labor
of striving towards God and devotion to Him.

Though a man may be found in a weak state, that does not at all mean that he
has been abandoned by God. On the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ was in
trouble, as the world sees things. But when the sinful world considered Him to
be completely destroyed, in fact He was victorious over death and hades. The
Lord did not promise us positions as victors as a reward for righteousness, but
told us, "In the world you will have tribulation — but be of good cheer, for I
have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

The power of God is effective when a person asks for the help from God,
acknowledging his own weakness and sinfulness. This is why humility and the
striving towards God are the fundamental virtues of a Christian.

+ St. John Maximovitch

When thoughts are choking me like so many thorns, I enter the church, the
hospital of souls. The beauty of the icons delights my vision like a verdant
meadow, and without my noticing it stirs my soul to praise God.

+ St. John of Damascus

