

ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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News and Announcements

Services and Events through Pascha

Wednesday April 1

6pm 9th Hour, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (430 confession)

Thursday April 2

6pm Service of Holy Unction (430 confession)

Saturday April 4

9am Matins and Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday

After Liturgy, Lenten potluck, Parish clean up and decorate for Palm Sunday

5pm Vigil for Palm Sunday

Sunday April 5

930am Reading of the Hours

10am Divine Liturgy of Palm Sunday

Fellowship potluck: Fish permitted finger foods, please bring fish in a proper cooler and set out immediately before serving.

HOLY WEEK

Monday April 6

6pm Vigil for Annunciation

Tuesday April 7

6pm Bridegroom Matins of Holy Wednesday (@ Monastery)

Wednesday April 8

6pm Matins of Holy Thursday

Thursday April 9

6pm Matins of Holy Friday with 12 Gospel Readings

Friday April 10

3pm Vespers of Holy Friday, taking down of the Cross

6pm Matins of Holy Saturday with Lamentations

Saturday April 11

9am Vespers Liturgy with Baptisms

11:30pm Paschal Nocturns, Matins and Divine Liturgy and Potluck Feast

*Please see p. 3 for monastery service times

Tuesday Night Zoom Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 730pm via zoom. Please email Peter at dr.cloud@gmail.com to receive the link and pw and to be added to the list of participants. Our current discussion is a close examination of the Divine Liturgy, its text and context, meaning and importance. *For the Life of the World* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann is recommended reading.

Next Brisben Center Breakfast: April 25

St. Herman's has been working with the [Brisben Center](#) in Fredericksburg by serving a monthly breakfast on the last Saturday of the month. You are invited to serve the homeless and needy with us and mark your calendars for the upcoming months, as you are able. (4.25, 5.23, 6.27, 7.25, and 8.29) Please sign up for a slot at the following link, but please note—even if all slots are filled you are still welcome to come and serve. The sign up is for the minimum number needed. There is not a maximum.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4BA8AE238-62569978-brisben> - /

Regular Adult Catechism

Saturdays at 3pm in the fellowship hall basement and simultaneously on Zoom. See John Atkins or Vladyka to be added to the list.

Youth through Young Adult Catechism Class

Sundays after liturgy, students ages 16 and up are invited to attend a catechism class geared for the needs of young people. Please order the book *Catechism* by Met. Hilarion Alfeyev from the Monastery. There will be weekly readings in the New Testament and the Catechism books to aid students along the way.

A Little will Go a Long Way: A Financial Update

Have you SEEN IT? Our little construction project is happening for real, and we are anxiously awaiting the return to our beautiful chapel to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and other services with a little more breathing room.

That said, we have had a couple of setbacks that were anticipated, such as wood rot and compromised floor beams that had to be replaced. Even so, it has been a joy to partner with the Amish workers who, with skill and speed have done their best to complete the project in a timely manner. Soon after Pascha, God willing, we will be back in the building.

A number of you have given significantly to the building fund and we are so grateful. ***It is the goal of the Parish Council to avoid debt for this construction and while things look positive, we still have approximately \$50,000 to raise.***

The goal amount to raise is \$200,000
The amount raised to date is \$150,650
Our current deficit is **\$49,350**

To put this in perspective, if 100 parishioners were to pledge a minimum of \$500 over the course of the remaining year beyond their regular tithes, this would cover the deficit.

This amounts to only \$12.80 per week for the remainder of the year. That is approximately two Starbucks coffees, one Chipotle or Five Guys meal, or simply foregoing Oreos and chips at the grocery store. We can do this! Since we have more than 100 members of our parish, this number should not be difficult to cover, but if you have been waiting, NOW is the time to commit. Please note that it does not need to be given in a lump sum but can be pledged over the course of the year. To let us know of your pledges please contact Mary April Washington at: orangeslice127@gmail.com so that she can keep track. All checks must have "Building Fund" in the memo line, all cash should be in a similarly marked envelope so they may be properly recorded.

Remember to **please prayerfully consider your finances before donating and remember your expansion donation should be in addition to what you regularly tithe as we still have to pay the priests and utilities.**

A Little Light Housekeeping

TLDR: **Please take all diaper waste home with you!**

Please remember that St. Herman's does not have trash service and it is up to parish members to take trash bags home to dispose of them. Recently dirty diapers have been forgotten in the restrooms and...I will not insult your intelligence with a lecture about why this is not good, but the unlucky person who cleaned the bathrooms asked me to remind you about this issue. Please carry any dirty diapers home with you to put in your household waste bins.

Fellowship Hour Update

We will continue to have fellowship outside until construction is complete. As weather gets warmer, please bring anything that could spoil in coolers, place in a shady location until the end of service.

Read the Scriptures with Us!

Our Orthodox Study Bible reading group covers the entire Old Testament in 92 days, and the New Testament in 46 days! Currently 14 are striving together to read the Scriptures but would love for you to join! To join the Signal group, email John at john.atkins@john3v16.net.

Orthodox Coffee Signal Group

Looking for a place to field questions without getting into debates with unknown entities online? For Orthodox catechumens and inquirers ages 16 and up, and anyone else who wishes to join the discussion, See John Atkins at church, or shoot him an email to learn how to get involved.

- john.atkins@john3v16.net



O God save thy people and bless thine inheritance. Grant victory to the Orthodox Christians over their enemies.

Amen

St. Herman's Prayer Corner

Please send Met. Jonah the full name and general reason for intercessory prayer (such as health or illness, unemployment, family issues, military deployments, 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.

Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

Oh Lord and Master of my life, give me not the spirit of sloth, lust of power and idle talk.
prostration

Give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to thy servant.
prostration

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother: for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages.
prostration

Grant O Lord, Health and all things needful for the salvation of thy servants:

Metropolitan Paul and the brothers of the Kyiv Caves Lavra and the suffering, persecuted church in Ukraine. The persecuted Church and those suffering in the Holy Land, Archpriest Alexander, Abbot Tryphon, Hieroschemamonk Mefodii, Hieromonk Phillip, Priest Andrew, Priest Mark, Priest Alexander, Hieromonk Silouan, Reader Moses, Monk Alexei, Servants of God Benedict, Samuel, George, Brian, Anthony, Adam, Samuel, Nicholas, Handmaids of God Isadora, Sarah, Zacharoula, Photini, Maria, Maria, Stavroula, Svetlana, Koula, Joanna, Helen, Rebecca, Esther, Anna, Mary, Sophia, Macarius, Gabrielle

O Lord our God who dwellest in the heavens, and lookest down upon all thy works, look down upon thy servants, the catechumens, who have bowed their necks before thee and grant them a light yoke. Make them honorable members of thy Holy Church, and vouchsafe unto them the laver of regeneration, the forgiveness of sins, and the robe of incorruption, unto the knowledge of thee our True God.

Caleb, Luke, Krista, Allison, Riley, Nicholas, Ansley, Rebecca, Logan, Tiffany, Jonathan, Michael, Manuel, Sivili, John, Sarah, John, Madeline, Justin, Ian, Jack, Tasha, Jackson, Aaron, Corey, Landon, Ken, Zhaleh, Katherine

Grant, O Lord, forgiveness and eternal joy to thy servants who have fallen asleep, for whom we cry to thee in supplication: Jesus, all-merciful judge, vouchsafe thy servants the sweetness of paradise.

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St. Demetrios Monastery Holy and Bright Week Services

Monday 9:15am Presanctified

Tuesday 9:15am 3rd and 6th hours and liturgy for Annunciation

6pm Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday 8am Presanctified

Thursday 10am Vespers Liturgy with Foot washing

Friday 8am Royal Hours

Monday, April 13

8am Pashal Matins and Divine Liturgy

12pm Paschal Hours

5pm Paschal Hours and Vespers

