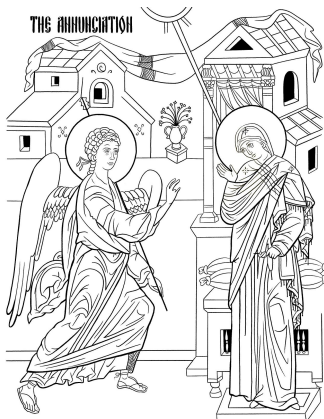




Weekly Bulletin

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Confessions:

During & after Vespers, before Divine Liturgy, or by Appointment

Upcoming Services

Sunday, August 9

9:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

Thursday, August 13

(Leavetaking of Transfiguration)

8:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

9 am Divine Liturgy

Friday, August 14

6 pm Great Vespers (w/ Litya)

Saturday, August 15

(Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos)

8:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

9 am Divine Liturgy

5:30 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, August 16

9:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

1 pm Catechesis

* **The Dormition Fast** through 8/15. Confessions before/during/after Vespers or by appointment.

Many Years! 8/9: Conrads (Anniversary); 8/10: Fr Lawrence (Name's Day), Tscheekars (Anniversary); 8/12: Frebergs (Anniversary); 8/15: Linda Deak (Name's Day)

Sunday, August 9th

10th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 1)

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 17:14-23

From Thoughts for Each Day of the Year According to the Daily Church Readings from the Word of God, by St. Theophan the Recluse.

This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. If this kind goes out by the prayer and fasting of another person, then it is even less able to enter one who fasts and prays.

What protection! Although there are a slew of demons and all the air is packed with them, they cannot do anything to one who is protected by prayer and fasting. Fasting is universal temperance, prayer is universal communication with God; the former defends from the outside, whereas the latter from within directs a fiery weapon against the enemies. The demons can sense a faster and man of prayer from a distance, and they run far away from him so as avoid a painful blow.

Is it feasible to think that where there is no fasting and prayer, there already is a demon? Yes, it is. The demons lodging in a person, do not always reveal their presence, but lurk there, stealthily teaching their host every evil and turning him away from every good thing; so this person is certain that he is doing everything on his own, but

meanwhile he is only fulfilling the will of his enemy.

Just commence prayer and fasting and the enemy will immediately depart, then wait on the side for an opportunity to somehow return again. And he truly will return, as soon as prayer and fasting are abandoned.

Glorification of Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America

The time of the Elder's passing had come. One day he ordered his disciple Gerasim to light a candle before the Icons, and to read the Acts of the Holy Apostles. After some time his face glowed brightly and he said in a loud voice, "Glory to Thee, O Lord!" He then ordered the reading to be halted, and he announced that the Lord had willed that his life would now be spared for another week. A week later, again by his orders, candles were lit, and the Acts of the Holy Apostles were read. Quietly, the Elder bowed his head on Gerasim's chest; the cell was filled with a sweet-smelling odor; and his face glowed, and Father Herman was no more! Thus he died in blessedness, he passed away in the sleep of a righteous man in the eighty-first year of his life of great labor the 25th day of December 1837. (It was the 13th of December according to the Julian Calendar, although there are some records which state that he died on November 28th and was buried on December 26th).

Those sent with the sad news to the harbor returned to announce that the administrator of the colony Kashevarov had forbidden the burial of the Elder until his own arrival. He also ordered that a finer coffin be made for Father Herman, and that he would come as soon as possible and would bring a priest with him. But then a great wind came up, a rain fell, and a terrible storm broke. The distance from the harbor to Spruce Island is not great—about a two hour journey—but no one would agree to go to sea in such weather. Thus it continued for a full month, and although the body lay in state for a full month in the warm house of his students, his face did not undergo any change at all, and not the slightest odor emanated from his

body. Finally, through the efforts of Kuzma Uchilischev, a coffin was obtained. No one arrived from the harbor, and the inhabitants of Spruce Island alone buried the remains of the Elder in the ground. Thus the words which Father Herman uttered before his death were fulfilled. After this the wind quieted down, and the surface of the sea became as smooth as a mirror.

In thanksgiving for being saved, Archbishop Innocent himself conducted a Memorial Service (Panikhida) over the grave of the blessed Father Herman.

O Holy Father Herman of Alaska, pray unto God for us!

Please pray for...

Archpriest Matthew Tate; Archpriest Lawrence Farley; Joe (Sunday's brother); Thomas; Helen; Marija (cancer); Maria; the nun Paraskeva and her mother Radojka; Ginny; the newborn Sieglinda (for health); Derek (Nektarios) for employment/housing assistance; Miles (Larissa's grandson); Zoi and Valeri (Oxana's parents); Natalia (Nina Slater's sister); Maria Carmen (Joseph Nuno's mother); Carol (Edie's mother); the child Rastko; Vasilije; Sophia; Steve; Alexis; Angelina; the child Uriah; Anna (sick); Alexis; Shawn; Claude; Olga (recovery from surgery); Kyle; Virginia (cancer); Lana; Ben, Maggie, Ada, and Stevie; Alexandra (health); Joseb; Seraphima; Tomica; Tina (Joseb's mother); Laura (Roger's wife); the child Stefan; Hannah; Jonah; Lydia; Alexandra (recovery from surgery); Luci (recovery from surgery); John (Alzheimer's) and his wife Eileen; Marion (sick); Timothy (cancer); Ken (cancer); Ethne; Daniel; Iskra; Viktor and Andrea; Ionna (cancer)

Leanna Marchell and the newborn Maximus; Emma Saperstein and the newborn child; Julie and the newborn Callen (MacLane family); Luisa and the newborn Jonah

Pregnancies: Nevena (Brown's friend), Matushka Rachel, Michelle Millar

The newly departed Helen (Donna Wheatley); George (Lana Clemen's cousin); Ralph; Manwa Fadel (Samir's aunt); Archpriest John, Mary, Walter.