

Our Vision: To know and love Christ, sharing His love with others

December 13th, 2015

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Tone 2 Troparion (Forefathers)

Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. // So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Tone 7 Troparion (St Herman)

Joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, guiding all people to the Heavenly Kingdom; teacher and apostle of the True Faith; intercessor and defender of the oppressed; adornment of the Orthodox Church in America: Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, // pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 3 Kontakion (St Herman)

The eternal light of Christ our Savior guided you, blessed Father Herman, on your evangelical journey to America to proclaim the Gospel of peace. Now you stand before the throne of glory; intercede for your land and its people: peace for the world and salvation for our souls!

Tone 6* Kontakion (Forefathers)

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-

Today's commemorated feasts and saints

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. REPOSE OF VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA (1837). Sunday of the Forefathers. Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, at Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Lucia (Lucy) of Syracuse (304). Ven. Arkády (Arcadius) of Novotorsk (11th c.). Ven. Mardárii (Mardarius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Ven. Arsenius of Latros (8th-9th c.). Ven. Nicodemus (Romanian).

blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: "Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, // for You are merciful and able to do as You will!"

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever! (Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3) v: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

Epistle Colossians 3:4-11 (Forefathers)

Galatians 5:22-6:2 (St Herman)

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps 99/100:6)

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps 99/100:6)

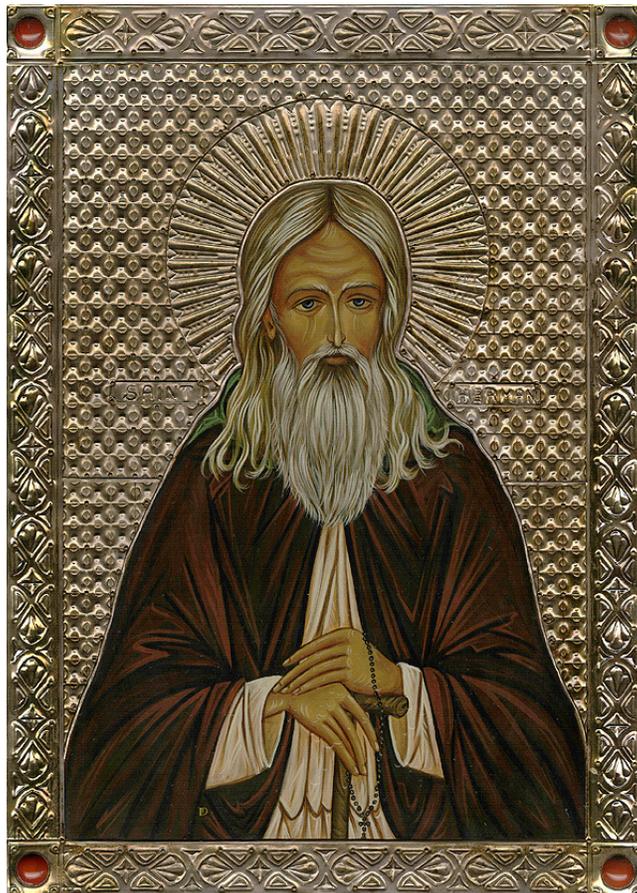
Tone 6v. His seed shall be mighty in the land. (Ps 111/112:2)

Gospel Luke 14:16-24 (Forefathers)

Luke 6:17-23 (St Herman)

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1) Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1) The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (Ps 111/112:6b-7a) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Announcements

THANKS TO ALL who helped decorate the church last Sunday. It looks beautiful!

Congratulations to Matt Fischer and Andrea Lewis on the **baptism of their son Everett** who was baptized yesterday.

Parish Council will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 following the Akathist to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The **Neighborhood Association** meets today at 4 at the church.

Pledge Cards for 2016 are in your mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider your giving and how you can do your part to help the ministry of the Church!

Our Church School teachers and children have begun practicing for the **YOLKA Christmas program**. The Yolka will be on Sunday December 20 following the Liturgy.

The **Coffee Hour sheet** for the first half of 2016 has been posted on the bulletin board.

Our deepest condolences to the **Tillman family** on the loss of their son, **John**, who passed away this last week in Chicago. Please pray for them, and may God remember John in His Kingdom. Memory Eternal!

Orthodox theology courses offered through the Diocese of the Midwest (St. Macrina Institute) will be offered in Cleveland starting in January. These courses are available to all, but are specifically designed for continuing education and for those training for teaching roles in the parish and for the diaconate. More information is on the bulletin board, but please check out <http://www.stmacrina.org/apply/> The first course will be on Orthodox Spirituality, starting January 10.

10 motorcycles for the Archdiocese of Kenya

There are some 250 priests serving the Archdiocese of Kenya. Many of them minister to multiple communities, some of which are extremely remote and only accessible by foot or motorbike. The distance between communities presents another obstacle in serving the faithful regularly.



“With this in mind, I would like to ask our diocesan parishes and missions to raise alms during the Nativity Fast to purchase at least 10 motorcycles for the Archdiocese of Kenya,” Bishop Paul wrote in [a letter addressed to all Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese](#). “One motorcycle costs a mere \$1,000.00. Perhaps one parish can donate the entire amount to purchase a motorcycle; two parishes could donate \$500.00 each to purchase one, or four parishes might donate \$250.00 each to purchase another. Of course, any gifts of any amount would be greatly appreciated. What a wonderful way for parishes of our diocese to work together to raise these funds.”

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall!



If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. For those interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity please ask any of our church community – or feel free to contact Fr Stacey. Our parish library is available for your reading interests. Children are welcome to join church school classes after liturgy.

CONFESSIONS

Fr Stacey can usually hear confessions after any weekday service or after Saturday Vespers. He is also available by appointment, or during his regular office hours.

Mission Statement:

Bringing the love of Christ to our community through prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and outreach within the tradition of historic Orthodox Christianity.

Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings

Coffee Hour Schedule

DEC 13 TAPYRIK, DEGENHART, BYRNES, BRANDON
DEC 20 RICHTER, MONAHAN, KKW, KISHA
DEC 27 CONDO, MILLER, KRAJCI, GATES



This Week:

Today

Hours	9:15 AM
Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:15 AM
Yolka Practice	11:30 AM

Wednesday

Akathist to Our Lord Jesus	6:30 PM
Parish Council	7:30 PM

Friday

Office hours	11:30 AM 2:30 PM
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Saturday

Great Vespers	5:00 PM
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Next Sunday

Hours	9:15 AM
Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Christmas Yolka Program	11:15 AM

Coffee Hour	11:30 AM
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Upcoming

Christmas Eve Vigil	Dec 24
Christmas Liturgy	Dec 25