

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration.

GLORIFICATION OF VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA

(1970). Apostle Matthias (ca. 63). Martyr Anthony of Alexandria. Ven. Psoi of Egypt (4th c.). Martyrs Julian, Marcian, John, James, Alexius, Demetrius, Photius (Phocas), Peter, Leontius, and Mary, of Constantinople (730).

EPISTLE: GALATIANS 5.22-6.2: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

1 CORINTHIANS 4.9-16: Imitating the Apostles, we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure.

GOSPEL: LUKE 6.17-23: Christ teaches the beatitudes to the multitude.

MATTHEW 17.14-23: The faith of a mustard seed can move mountains.

LITURGY TIME CHANGE: For remainder of the month of August, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30. The reading of the Hours will begin at 9:10. Please be timely, early even.

5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: As we continue to celebrate our 5th Anniversary, a special thanks is offered for all who have labored to make the celebration a success - singers, cooks, decorators, volunteers and cleaners. Thank you! Yesterday's liturgy and meal were a halcyon mark in the life of our mission parish. And today we are thankful to be joined once again by His Eminence, Michael, Archbishop of New York.

LAST CALL FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY: This is the last call to register for the Annual Diocesan Youth Day at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson NJ on August 20th from 9 AM to 8:00 PM. The cost of \$30 includes all park fees, round-trip bus transportation from Saint Mary's Church, and a meal voucher! Reservations must be made by August 10th. The event is for all diocesan youth and their friends, from elementary school to college for a day of fun and fellowship.

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WELCOME! We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us! Please know that we are glad that you are here praying with us and invite you to join us after the service for a meal and to meet everyone in our community.

T-SHIRTS: The t-shirts for the parish have arrived! They are a beautiful deep red emblazoned with a budded three bar cross, with the name of Holy Apostles Church on it. If you have ordered one, or would like to purchase one now, they are available in the back of the church.

OCF LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: The Diocese and OCF are holding leadership conference in Trenton, NJ on September 12th. If you are interested, please see Fr James to make arrangements.

ONLINE SERMONS: Sermons and other videos promoting our parish have been posted on YouTube. Search for Holy Apostles Orthodox Video and subscribe to the channel. If you ever miss a Divine Liturgy or the Feast Days, you can catch with the sermon later in the week.

DORMITION: We will be travelling to Dormition Church in Binghamton on Saturday, August 15 for the Divine Liturgy to celebrate their parish feast day.

LIVING:

Apr Timothy H	Gretchen	Gaetan	Marie
Apr Herman S	Mary & Susan	Jean	Joseph
Apr John C	John & Carmine	Christine	Laura
Apr Thomas Ea	Nathan	Samuel	Martha
Apr Michael T	Leah	Lisa	Stanley & Helen,
Apr Stephen M	Helen	Iconographer Helena	Taissia
Pr Athanasios	Lindsey	<u>Catechumens:</u> Elliott	Steluta
Dn Symeon	Susanne H	<u>Children:</u> Caleb,	Theophan
Dn Michael	Elizabeth	Christopher E, Anthony,	Lynda
Abess Silouana	Mary	Mia and Isabel,	Florence
Mother Raphaela	Joe A	BIRTHDAYS: Alyssa W,	James
Mother Christophora	Daniel	Abram C. ANNIVS:	James R
Mat Cecelia	Andrew & family	None.	Vasily
Mat Katya	Harold	NAMESDAYS: None.	Modecai
Mat Dorothy	Wilhemina		Lyudmila
Joshua	Elizabeth	REPOSED:	Nickolay
Brittany & Isaac	David	Priest Matthew	Anetta
Gretchen	Madeline	Priest John	NEWLY REPOSED:
Peter	Shirley	Apr Alexander	None.
Marriane	Larry	Rdr Gregory	ANNIVERSARIES:
Terrence	Christina	Daniel	None.
Helen	Jim & Kim	Ada	
Judy	Rachel	Lillian	
	Constantine & Maria	Joseph	

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SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER VESPERS AND AT ANY OTHER CONVENIENT TIME.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9: 9:10 Hours, 9:30 Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

MONDAY, AUGUST 10: Diocesan Youth Day registration deadline

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11: 8:30 Morning Prayers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12: 8:30 Daily Matins

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13: 8:30 Morning Prayers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14: 8:30 Morning Prayers

6 PM Great Vespers for the Feast and the Blessing of Flowers & Fragrant Herbage

DORMITION SATURDAY, AUGUST 15: 9 AM Divine Liturgy for the Feast

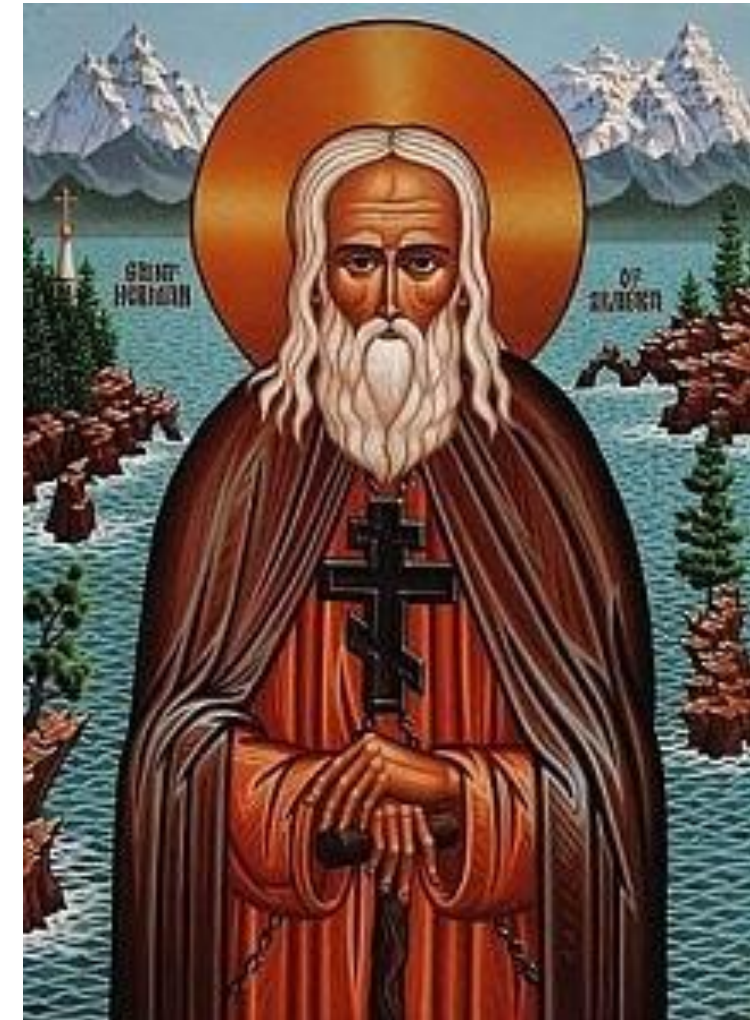
6 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16: 9:10 Hours, 9:30 Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

AUGUST 20: Diocesan Youth Day (Register by August 10)

PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that you would renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only Merciful and loving Lord Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: We pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.



Sunday, August 9th, 2015
10th Sunday after Pentecost
St Herman of Alaska

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Troparion Tone 1 *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
"Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Troparion Tone 7 *(for the Feast of Transfiguration)*

You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Your everlasting Light shine upon us sinners
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Troparion Tone 7 *(for 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!

Kontakion Tone 1 *(Resurrection)*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://
"You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Kontakion Tone 3 *(for 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!

Kontakion Tone 7 *(for the Feast of Transfiguration)*

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God,
and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold Your crucified,
they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world//
that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

Prokeimenon Tone 1

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You! (Ps 32/33:22)
v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)
Tone 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

Alleluia Verses Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps 17/18:47)
v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)

Tone 6: *v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)*

Hymn to the Theotokos

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!
Your childbearing was without corruption;
God came forth from your body clothed in flesh,
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.
Therefore we all magnify you, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your name forever.
(Ps 88/89:15b)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (Ps 111/112:6)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ON THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

This feast, which is also sometimes called the **Assumption**, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence. The Tradition of the Church is that Mary died as all people die, not "voluntarily" as her Son, but by the necessity of her mortal human nature which is indivisibly bound up with the corruption of this world.

The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary is without personal sins. In the Gospel of the feast, however, in the liturgical services and in the Dormition icon, the Church proclaims as well that Mary truly needed to be saved by Christ as all human persons are saved from the trials, sufferings and death of this world; and that having truly died, she was raised up by her Son as the **Mother of Life** and participates already in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who "**hear the word of God and keep it.**" (*Luke 11:27-28*)

The services of the feast repeat the main theme, that the Mother of Life has "passed over into the heavenly joy, into the divine gladness and unending delight" of the Kingdom of her Son. (Vesper verse) The Old Testament readings, as well as the gospel readings for the Vigil and the Divine Liturgy, are exactly the same as those for the feast of the Virgin's nativity and her entrance into the Temple. Thus, at the Vigil we again hear Mary say: "**My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**" (*Luke 1:47*) At the Divine Liturgy we hear the letter to the Philippians where St. Paul speaks of the self-emptying of Christ who condescends to human servitude and ignoble death in order to be "highly exalted" by God his Father. (*Philippians 2:5-11*) And once again we hear in the Gospel that Mary's blessedness belongs to all who "**hear the word of God and keep it.**" (*Luke 11:27-28*)

Thus, the feast of the **Dormition of the Theotokos** is the celebration of the fact that all men are "highly exalted" in the blessedness of the victorious Christ, and that this high exaltation has already been accomplished in Mary the Theotokos. The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. Finally it must be stressed that, in all of the feasts of the Virgin Mother of God in the Church, the Orthodox Christians celebrate facts of their own lives in Christ and the Holy Spirit. What happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience, and love. With her all people will be "blessed" to be "more honorable than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim" if they follow her example. All will have Christ born in them by the Holy Spirit. All will become temples of the living God. All will share in the eternal life of His Kingdom who live the life that Mary lived.

In this sense everything that is praised and glorified in Mary is a sign of what is offered to all persons in the life of the Church. It is for this reason that Mary, with the divine child Jesus within her, is called in the Orthodox Tradition the **Image of the Church**. For the assembly of the saved is those in whom Christ dwells.

A PRAYER TO SAINT HERMAN OF ALASKA

O Almighty God, We praise and glorify You, Our Lord and Creator. All the earth and everything within it acknowledges You as Creator, The Eternal Father.

Heaven and Earth, Angels and Men, together, praise and glorify You, the most glorious company of Apostles, the praiseworthy fellowship of Prophets, the great and noble gathering of Martyrs, the whole community of Saints, all praise You.

We the members of the holy community on earth pray: Make us worthy with all the Saints in Heaven, especially the newly glorified Elder, the Blessed Herman of Alaska, to reign in Your everlasting glory.

On this day the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church praises and glorifies You, our God, in joyful thanksgiving. The inheritors and children of the Holy Church of Christ which you, O Blessed Father Herman and your holy companions planted here, now flowering and growing throughout this great continent, gather at your reliquary. We gaze at your Relics in the knowledge that your soul joins together with the Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs, Saints and the Heavenly Hosts before the Throne of the Most Merciful God in praise of the Holy Trinity.

O Blessed Hermit of Spruce Island, good teacher of the faith in the Holy Trinity, and our Spiritual Father, intercede before the throne of the Almighty God, for peace within the Church, the dispelling of all disunity, faithlessness and discord.

Come to the aid of our spiritual leaders that they may always be true and effective instruments of the Holy Spirit, with the power to proclaim the evangelical truths, with the wisdom to enlighten the unenlightened, with the spirit to inspire all to love the knowledge of God, with the perseverance to defend the Church, even unto death, from all enemies both within and without and at all times.

May the hearts of your spiritual children be filled with that faith and love of the Holy Church which you manifested in your holy life; praying to Him to: deliver us from the temptations which cause us to fall; renew our child-like faith in our Heavenly Father; replace our trust in God, and in Him alone; satisfy our thirst for the true knowledge of God; teach us to serve God faithfully; transfigure our life that it may truly reflect the image and likeness of God.

O Holy Father and Patron of the Church in America: Be a physician to the weak in faith; be a support to the fallen; be a defender to the defenseless; be a bulwark of strength to the weary in spirit; be a guide to the travelers by sea, by land and by air; be our heavenly intercessor.

O Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, together with all the Saints and the Heavenly Hosts, pray to God that on each of us He will bestow wisdom for our mind, strength for our will, light for our spirit, enabling us to attain to the true peace of life which is from God alone. We praise with joyous and grateful hearts, the Life-Creating Trinity: Father Almighty, Only-Begotten Son, Comforter, Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.