ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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February 16, 2025 – The Prodigal Son
(the 2nd Pre-Lenten Sunday)

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

BRIEF WEEKLY UPDATE – A full bulletin will return next week.

Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Resurrection (Tone 1)

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

Venerable Herman of Alaska (Tone 7)

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, / guiding all men to the heavenly kingdom, / teacher and apostle of the true faith, / intercessor and defender for 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!

Prodigal Son (Tone 3)

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; / and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou hadst given me. / Therefore I cry to Thee like the Prodigal: / "I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father; // receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants!"

Calendar of Services & Events

Saturday, Feb 15 – No Vespers.
Sunday, Feb 16, 9:00 a.m. – *(Prodigal Son)* Typica/Obednitza (Protodeacon Peter Skoog).

Saturday, Feb 22, 4:30 p.m. – Great Vespers
Sunday, Feb 23, 9:00 a.m. – *(Last Judgment)* Divine Liturgy (Fr John Black). ***ANNUAL PARISH MEETING following the Divine Liturgy.***

On Saturday & Sunday, March 1 & 2, His Eminence, Archbishop Mark will join us in the celebration of the divine services.

Saturday, March 1, 4:30 p.m. – Great Vespers
Sunday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. – *(Forgiveness Sunday)* Divine Liturgy, followed immediately by Forgiveness Vespers. BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT.

A full Lenten Schedule will be posted shortly.

Announcements

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** is NEXT WEEK, Feb 23. The Annual Meeting is **a sacred task.** It is our opportunity to gather ***in council*** to discuss the various temporal needs of the Church, and to help steer this "ship of salvation" along its course. *It is the duty of everyone who calls St Herman's their home.*

While anyone may attend and observe an all-parish meeting, in order to be considered a voting member, one must be "in good standing" within the Orthodox Faith in general – attending services regularly, receiving the sacraments, working towards the life of the parish, etc. And it is expected that those who seek to participate in such meetings will strive to be at peace with one another, seeking only the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the witness of His Gospel.

Prayers

For health of: Archbishop Nathaniel Popp, Archbishop Alexander Golitzin, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Marcia Lutz, Bernard Kusior, Julia Jay.

Memory Eternal: Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana, Durrës and All Albania (Jan 25). Mat. Eugenia Nehrebecki (Jan 2).

Attendance

Sun Jan 26 Liturgy: 28 adults, 4 children (Communion: 19 adults, 3 children)
Sun Feb 1 Vespers: 1 adult, 3 children
Sun Feb 2 Liturgy: 24 adults, 1 child (Communion: 20 adults, 1 child)
Sun Feb 9 Liturgy: 9 adults, 3 children (Communion: 5 adults, 3 children)