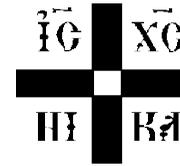


Weekly Schedule

Wednesday	Acathisto de María, 3:00 p.m.
Friday	Great Vespers for Patronal Feast, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Festal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Great Vespers
Sunday	Reading of Hours, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy</i>

Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America. A spiritual mission was organized in 1793, made up of monks of the Valaam Monastery. They were sent to preach the Word of God to the native inhabitants of northwestern America, who only ten years before had come under the sovereignty of Russia. St Herman was among the members of this Mission. St Herman came from a family of merchants of Serpukhov, a city of the Moscow Diocese. His name before he was tonsured, and his family name are not known. (The monastic name is given when a monk takes his vows). He had a great zeal for piety from youth, and at sixteen he entered monastic life. (This was in 1772, if we assume that Herman was born in 1756, although sometimes 1760 is given as the date of his birth.) First he entered the Trinity-Sergius Hermitage which was located near the Gulf of Finland on the Peterhof Road, about 15 versts (about 10 miles) from St Petersburg. **MIRACULOUS HEALING OF HERMAN** At the St Sergius Hermitage there occurred the following incident to Father Herman. On the right side of his throat under his chin there appeared an abscess. The swelling grew rapidly, disfiguring his face. It became difficult for him to swallow, and the odor was unbearable. In this critical condition Father Herman awaited death. He did not appeal to a physician of this world, but locking his cell he fell before an Icon of the Queen of Heaven. With fervent tears he prayed, asking of Her that he might be healed. He prayed the whole night. Then he took a wet towel and with it wiped the face of the Most Holy Mother, and with this towel he covered the swelling. He continued to pray with tears until he fell asleep from sheer exhaustion on the floor. In a dream he saw the Virgin Mary healing him. When Herman awoke in the morning, he found to his great surprise that he was fully healed. The swelling had disappeared, even though the abscess had not broken through, leaving behind but a small mark as though a reminder of the miracle. Physicians to whom this healing was described did not believe it, arguing that it was necessary for the abscess to have either broken through of its own accord or to have been cut open. But the words of the physicians were the words of human experience, for where the grace of God operates there the order of nature is overcome. Such occurrences humble human reason under the strong hand of God's Mercy. ...

For more on the life of St. Herman of Alaska, please see <http://ocafs.oca.org/FeastSaintsViewer.asp>



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Troparion (Tone 8) (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion (Tone 7) (Transfiguration)

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

Troparion (Tone 7) (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!

August 9, 2009

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 8

Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration.
Apostle Matthias (ca. 63). **GLORIFICATION OF**
VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDER-
WORKER OF ALL AMERICA (1970).

Kontakion (Tone 8) (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection,// and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful

Prayers for our beloved Living and Departed:

Zara, Witiak family, Margaret, Rabik family. Brett. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Mary, Stephen,
Mary, Joseph,
Spack family.
May Their
Memories Be
Eternal!



Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 3:9-17

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-34

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."³⁴When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Welcome to our Visitors!!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession of sins may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invite Someone to Church!

It has been said that the number one way to find new parishioners is simply to invite them. I would ask all of you to invite any friends, family, or acquaintances to come and pray with us. This does not mean that we coerce anyone; but it does mean that we mustn't shy from our duties to evangelize. Whether or not these invitees come is up to them. I ask only that you invite them.

Bulletin board

Please do periodically check the bulletin board. I will post cultural events and the like there for any who are interested.

Website

Our new website continues to evolve and is looking wonderful. The address is **www.holyassumptionphilly.org**. Posted on the website will be a variety of information, which includes among other things a monthly calendar, worship times, and a photo gallery. This is also a great way to have your relatives who live outside our area to keep abreast of the goings-on at Holy Assumption.

His Grace, Bishop Tikhon to visit

His Grace, Bishop Tikhon, will make a pastoral visit to serve lead the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 16. Please arrive a bit early, as we will greet him at 9:30am.

Youth Event

Tentatively scheduled for the third Saturday in September, the 19th, is a youth event at the zoo. Please keep this date free and see either Sandra Hourahan or Father Matthew with any questions. Announcements will be forthcoming.

Collections

Our first weekly collection is as follows:

1st Sunday	Centennial Fund
2nd Sunday	Youth Group
3rd Sunday	Property Management
4th, 5th Sunday	Charity

Announcements?

Do you have any announcements for the parish that you would like to see included in the weekly bulletin? If so, please email or call Fr. Matthew by Tuesday.