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## **Educational Prayer Corner:**

Wisdom from the Optina Elders.

"Guard the holy faith, that priceless treasure, and with it enter the Kingdom: it is not for something trivial that we labor, but for acquiring a kingdom, and what a kingdom-a heavenly one! We want to be made its citizens." St. Barsanuphius.

### **December Celebrations and Observances:**

6<sup>th</sup>: Jacob Carrelle-Birthday. 11<sup>th</sup>: Rebeca Rucks-Namesday. 16<sup>th</sup>: Zachary Stafursky-Birthday. 21<sup>st</sup>: John Mazziotti-Memory Eternal! 22<sup>nd</sup>: Roxanne Kovalchik-Birthday. 26<sup>th</sup>: Jonathan Cohen-Birthday. 31<sup>st</sup>: Nikola Lalovic-Birthday

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If anyone would like to donate towards re-plating the chalice in display case, see Fr. Paul.

See Fr. Paul if you would like to donate toward altar candles in memory of a loved one.

Collections. Weekly: \$246. Loose: \$18. Tithe: \$622. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Perogi). \$47.

What is Orthodox Christianity? This PowerPoint multimedia presentation completed by St. Tikhon's graduate Fr. Daniel Mackay is available to view. It is a three-part slideshow that aims to: 1) Answer the question for a contemporary American audience with some familiarity of Christianity and 2) offer some basic orientation for those who may be exploring Orthodox Christianity.

Part One: "The Teachings of Christ" (running time 40 minutes): <a href="https://vimeo.com/133268270">https://vimeo.com/133268270</a>
Part Two: "Falling Away From Christ" (running time 45 minutes): <a href="https://vimeo.com/132086893">https://vimeo.com/132086893</a>
Part Three: "The Life in Christ" (running time 40 minutes): <a href="https://vimeo.com/132791183">https://vimeo.com/132791183</a>

## Coffee Hour Schedule:

December 13: Bandru & Lalovic families. All are welcome! December 20: Fr. Paul & Patty Schellbach. All are welcome!

December 27: Christmas Potluck. All are welcome!

~Bulletins for December IMO John Naughton. ~



All Saints Orthodox Church
December 13, 2015
St. Herman of Alaska
Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

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### SUNDAY – December 13, 2015

**EPISTLE:** Col.. 3: 4-11 **GOSPEL:** Luke 14: 16-24

Saints of the Day: St. Herman of Alaska & Holy Forefathers

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS who are visiting and worshipping with us this morning. Your presence has blessed us, and we pray that you also have been blessed by God and will return to visit again. A schedule of our services and special events is posted on our website along with many other interesting items and links. Please visit us there as well (www.alsaintsolyphant.org).

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The following Troparia and Kontakia are sung after the Little Entrance:

Resurrectional Troparion--Tone 3) 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 firstborn of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted the world great mercy. (Forefathers of Christ Troparion--Tone 2) 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! (Repose of St. Herman of Alaska Troparion--Tone 7) 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!

(Resurrectional Kontakion--Tone 3) On this day Thou didst rise 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 Thy Power.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (Repose of St. Herman of Alaska Kontakion--Tone 3) 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 from your land and its people: Peace for the world and salvation for our souls! Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Forefathers of Christ Kontakion--Tone 6) You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trail 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.

# Schedule for the week:

**TODAY:** \*\*9:30 Divine Liturgy. Followed by Coffee Hour (Fasting). Annual meeting follows.

**Nativity Fast continues thru December 24th.** 

Saturday, December 19th: Parastas for Walter Peregrim 2PM. Confession: 3:30PM. Vespers 4PM.

#### Announcements

Today: Sunday, December 13th - Annual Meeting following Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday, December 16th- Akathist to St. Herman 6:30 PM.

Please continue to keep Matushka Patty in your prayers! She stays with Judy Mangialetti 2415 Wimbledon Circle Burlington, NC 27215. Please consider sending Judy a Christmas greeting card to thank her for her gracious Christian hospitality. Please send Patty Christmas greetings too!

Bulletin sponsorships are needed beginning March 2016. Please see Fr. Paul or Ken.

Basket Raffle continues! Please consider bringing a theme basket for the December 20<sup>th</sup> Raffle! See Dorothy Maday in the Social Hall downstairs during coffee hour to buy tickets or to just to donate to the St. Tikhon's summer camp. All basket proceeds go to the St. Tikhon's Camp fund. We hope to help more and more kids enjoy the summer week fun.

**Perogies:** Available for purchase Friday 9-11:30 a.m. and Sunday 11-12. Try some tasty Perogies!

We pray to the Lord in His great mercy to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are in need:

Archpriest John. Subdeacon Will. Claudia. Yelena and the child to be born of her. Justin. Liam. Matushka Patty.