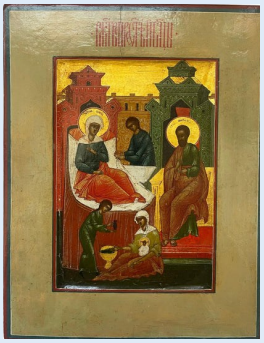

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Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Saint Herman of Alaska.

Regular Schedule

- ◊ **Fr. Peter's Office Hours:** Tue-Thur 10-3 (parish office) or by appointment (Wednesdays vary)
- ◊ **Saturdays:** Great Vespers 5pm followed by confession
- ◊ **Sundays:** Hours & Divine Liturgy 9:00 am followed by fellowship at the parish center. All are welcome.
- ◊ **Bible Study:** Tuesdays 6pm - Online

Announcements and News

- Baptism of David Brannon. Aug 9 at 9:0am
- The Myrrh Bearing Women Sisterhood will have its meeting on Sunday 9 August. All ladies are invited to attend. We will meet in the basement of the parish center during coffee hour. Contact Elizabeth Sweet if you have any questions. See you there.
- Fr. Peter in Royalton Aug 15. Dormition services at Assumption Greek Orthodox
- Rock and Roll Bingo Aug. 21
- Fr. Peter and Matushka away: Aug 29-Sept 2. No Vespers on 8.29. Fr. Anthony serving Aug 30.
- What on Earth is Orthodox Christianity Sept. 19
- Annual Golf Tournament Oct. 10
- Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Monastery Oct 13-16 signup: https://forms.gle/YuPGkMxdMjLqFLGY8

John 21:1-14

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

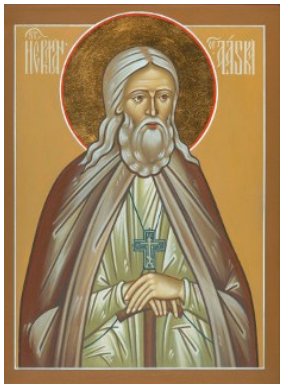
1 Corinthians 4:9-16

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all

things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Matthew 17:14-23

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.



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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!

Troparion — Tone 4

O blessed Father Herman of Alaska, / north star of Christ's holy Church, / the light of your holy life and great deeds / guides those who follow the Orthodox way. / Together we lift high the Holy Cross / you planted firmly in America. / Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ, / singing his holy Resurrection.

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 for your land and its people: / Peace for the world and salvation for our souls!

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