PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR …

The health and salvation of –

Metropolitan Onufriy +	Vivian
Ukrainian Orthodox Church	Randall
Metropolitan Neofitos of Eldoret	Thomas
Metropolitan Isaiah	James
Archbishop Benjamin	Matthew
Archpriests Matthew, Boris	Keith
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Rose
Abbess Silouana	Abi
Subdeacon James	Gregory
Reader Timothy	John
Readers Aleksei, Lawrence	Robert
Khourie Annetta	Alex
Matushka Natalia • Shamassy Ina	Michael
Phoebe • Anne • Longinus • Nina	Patricia
Amal • Nicula • Seraphim • Patrick	Philip
David • Irina • Nadejda • Micah	Mari
Herman • Mary • Ibrahim	Atticus
	Matthew
Catechumens Rebecca,	John
Kourtney, Elijah,	Pamela
Lucy, Corey, Bryan,	
Damon, Samuel,	
Jack, Mckenna, Breana,	
Evan, Jake, Steven	

The repose and salvation of –

Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

A mission parish under the omophorion of His Grace Vasily, Bishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West, Orthodox Church in America

ORTHODOX CHURCH in AMERICA

ST. TIKHON ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 9, 2026

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America

Glorification of St. Herman of Alaska in Kodiak, AK on August 9, 1970

Sundays at 9:05 AM – Hours & Divine Liturgy

This Friday, August 14, 6:00 PM: Vespers + Litya

This Saturday, August 15, 9:10 AM: Hours + Liturgy

Next Saturday, August 22, 5:30 PM: Vespers + Confession

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The Glorification of Saint Herman of Alaska

Without exalting myself to the rank of teacher, nonetheless, fulfilling my duty and obligation as an obedient servant for the benefit of my neighbor, I will speak my mind, founded on the commandments of Holy Scripture, to those who thirst and seek for their eternal heavenly homeland.

A true Christian is made by faith and love of Christ. Our sins do not in the least hinder our Christianity, according to the word of the Savior Himself. He said: I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance; there is more joy in heaven over one who repents than over ninety and nine just ones. Likewise concerning the sinful woman who touched His feet, He said to the Pharisee Simon: to one who has love, a great debt is forgiven, but from one who has no love, even a small debt will be demanded. From these judgements a Christian should bring himself to hope and joy, and not in the least accept the torment of despair. Here one needs the shield of faith.

Sin, to one who loves God, is nothing other than an arrow from the enemy in battle. The true Christian is a warrior fighting his way through the regiments of the unseen enemy to his heavenly homeland. According to the word of the Apostle, our homeland is in heaven; and about the warrior he says: we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph.6: 12)].

The vain desires of this world separate us from our homeland; love of them and habit clothe our soul as if in a hideous garment. This is called by the Apostles the outward man. We, traveling on the journey of this life and calling on God to help us, ought to be divesting ourselves of this hideous garment and clothing ourselves in new desires, in a new love of the age to come, and thereby to receive knowledge of how near or how far we are from our heavenly homeland. But it is not possible to do this quickly; rather one must follow the example of sick people, who, wishing the desired health, do not leave off seeking means to cure themselves.

St Herman, Letter dated June 20, 1820

Troparion – Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on *high*, O Merciful One! /
Thou didst accept the *three*-day burial to free us from our sufferings! ///
O Lord, our Life and Resur*rec*tion: glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 4 (Saint)

O protomartyr Stephen, /
Thy head was adorned with a royal crown for thy suffering for Christ our God; /
For having denounced the outrage of the impious /
Thou didst behold thy Savior at the right hand of the Father. ///
Entreat Him now for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Resurrection)

By rising from the *tomb*, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. /
Eve exults in *Thy* Resurrection, ///
And the world cele*brates* Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Saint)

O blessèd proto*mar*tyr Stephen, worthy of all praise, /
Thou wast the first to be *plan*ted in the earth by the divine Gardener. /
And being the very first to have *shed* his blood for Him ///
Thou didst become the *first* to receive the crown of victory from Christ in heaven.

Epistles: I Corinthians 4:9-16 (Sunday); Gal. 5:22 – 6:2 (Saint)

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23 (Sunday); Luke 6:17-23 (Saint)

Also this week: *Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome (August 10); Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania (August 11); Martyrs Anicletus and Photius of Nicomedia, and many with them (August 12);* ***St. Tikhon, Bishop of Voronezh, Wonderworker of Zadonsk and All Russia*** *(August 13); Prophet Micah (August 14);* DORMITION OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY, THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY *(August 15).*

**** Dormition Fast***
fish, wine & oil allowed Thurs.; no fast Saturday *

The humble soul is blessed. The Lord loves her. The Mother of God is higher than all in humility, and therefore all races bless her on earth, while the heavenly powers serve her. And the Lord has given us this blessed Mother of His as a defender and helper.

St. Silouan the Athonite