

10th Sunday after
Pentecost
Postfeast Transfiguration
St. Herman
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1 Corinthians 4:9-16  
Matthew 17:14-23  
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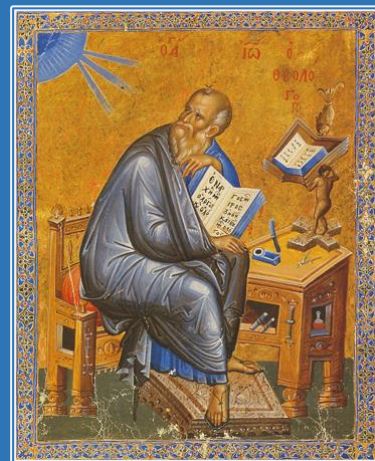
Homily by
Dn. Joseph Ray

Epistle Reader:
Russell Clodfelter
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Scherer / Griffith

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, August 9, 2026
And the Days Following
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*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

## Feast Days and Services

### Feast of the Dormition and Baptisms

**The Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God – August 15**  
**Service Schedule: Great Vespers – Friday, August 14 at 7:15pm**  
**Baptisms & Divine Liturgy, Saturday, August 15 at 9:00am**

It is our tradition to bring flowers from our gardens to decorate the Cathedral for this Feast Day and place in front of the Icons. (If you bring your own vases, please put a label on the bottom and they will be put aside in the Narthex at the end of the week. Blue is the color theme for the Feast Day.)

Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning will end the Dormition Fast.



**Holy  
Baptism**

We will baptize Ashley Ihde, Alex Hanna and Taylor Wilson

## Parish Events and News

### Coffee Hour – Information Needed for New Host Schedule Coming Up

“I will be creating a new hosting schedule soon for September through December. If you know you will be out of town, please let me know and I will make sure you are not scheduled for that time. I will also update the snack groups soon as well.” Thank you — Jennifer Gillquist (Prefer text at 907-632-1064, email is [jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillquist@gmail.com))



## *Coffee Hour This Sunday - August 9, 2026 Group Luke (2) - Second Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Scherer / Griffith**

Snacks: Agnew, Arnold, Bower, Davisson, Drennan, Dunham, Fisher, Hanna, Hoyt, J. Jenkins, M & M Jones, D & M Kendall, Komar, Lindblom, K Medders, L & M Mellor, G. Moses, Peters, Saur, Snider, Sturdevant, N. Temple, Tysver, Villafanna, Wells

*Next Sunday – Group Mark (3) – August 16 - Hosts: Hawi / A & J Temple*

*Snacks: Alexander, Artz, Burkowske, Cook, Doss, B & D Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, P. Gillquist, Griffith, Hattenburg, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Justus, Labrecque, Lowry, Marcus, O Medders, T & L Mellor, Northey, Palmer, Polson, Scherer, Sorensen, J & A Stiehr, A & J Temple, V. Temple, Unser, Wasile, Wolkoff*

*Note from Jennifer Gillquist:*

*Coffee hour hosts: If you cannot host on your assigned day, please find your own replacement and then let me know if the change ASAP. Initial set up can be done the evening before. You can text me at 907-632-1064*

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## *St. James House Weekly News*



**St. James House Café**  
**Come Sit and Enjoy a Cup of Coffee and**  
**Catch Up with Friends**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am to 9am**

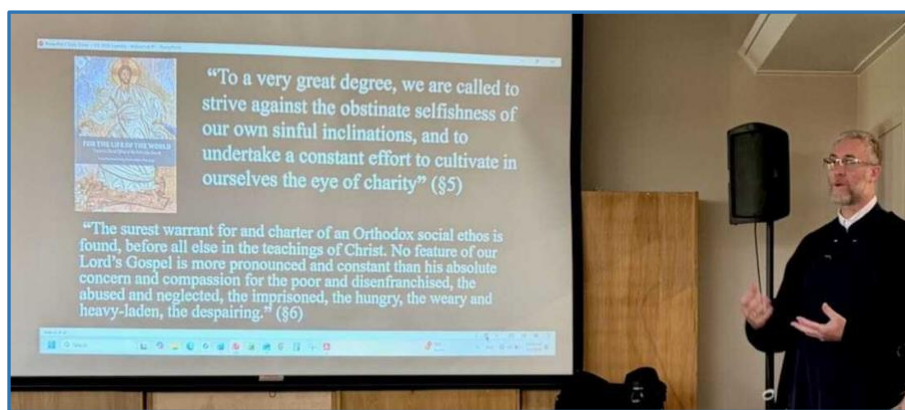
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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **“Checking In” with Each Other**

Is there something you'd like to share about what your family is up to? Please email [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)

### **A Few Photos from the ERI**



Fr. Deacon Perry Hamalis and Dr. Gayle Woloschak presented four sessions at our Eagle River Institute, introducing the landmark document, 'For the Life of the World: Toward a Social Ethos of the Orthodox Church.' Dr. Irina Paert gave three sessions highlighting important Orthodox figures in the modern era. Recorded lectures and more

information will soon be added to the website, [eagleriverinstitute.org](http://eagleriverinstitute.org). About 50-75 people attended each session. Free childcare was provided to over 30 children so parents could more easily attend, and three meals were provided as well.



Service at St. Sergius Chapel



Gayle Woloschak, Deborah Stallman,  
Dn. Tim Mellor and Fr. Marc



Gary Moon, Irina Paert, Daniel Paert, Gayle  
Woloschak, Fr. Marc, Dn. Perry Hamalis



New Gold Leaf Lettering for the Chapel

## *Dates to Remember*



### *Men's Book Club - Wednesdays 7-8pm*

We will meet at the St. James House. If you have any questions, you can text Sam Lowry at 616-928-5181.

### *Birthdays This Week*

August 9 - Stina Dozier

August 12 - Gordon Hoyt

August 13 - Jessie Stiehr

*M A N Y Y E A R S !*



### *Anniversaries This Week*

Subdn. Chris & Jessica Kies - August 16, 2009

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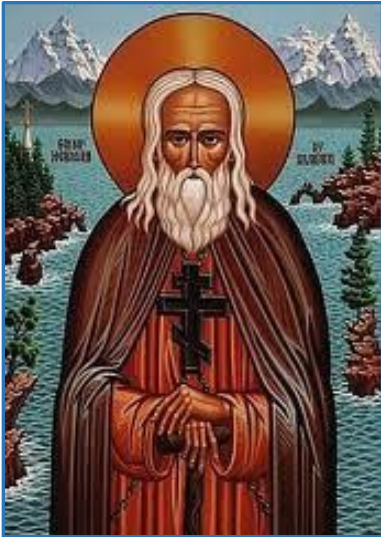
## Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month

- \* Warren Wasile - August 12, 2001
  - \* Bruce Alan Johnson - August 15, 2025
  - \* Preston Collier - August 16, 2023
  - \* Kh. Lynn Moffatt - August 16, 1023
  - \* Richard Eckert - August 29, 2013
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## THE SYNAXARION



### Canonization Herman of Alaska – August 9

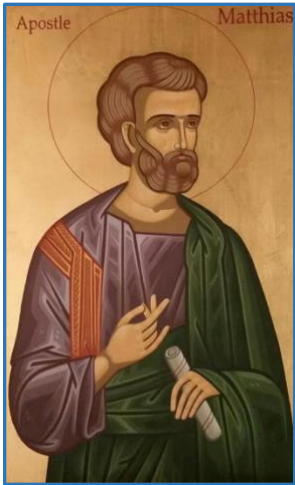
On August 9, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the canonization of our righteous Father Herman of Alaska, Enlightener of the Aleuts, who reposed in peace in the year 1837.

#### *Verses*

*Having stripped off the old man with many labors,  
To the new world came Herman as an Apostle.  
On the thirteenth, Herman shone like Alaskan gold.*

Herman was born in the Moscow Diocese around 1756. At age 16, he entered Russian Orthodox monastic life at the Holy Trinity - St. Sergius Hermitage near St. Petersburg. Later, he moved to the Valaam Monastery. During this time, the head of the Golikov-Shelikov Company, Gregory Shelikov, visited Valaam and made a request for several monks to begin a mission into the Alaskan territory. Father Herman was selected, along with seven other monks. They arrived on Kodiak Island in September 1794. The monks educated and converted the Aleuts and native Alaskans and, as time progressed, they found themselves protecting the natives from exploitation and abuse. Because of this moral stance the monks themselves were abused, arrested and physically threatened. In time, the enduring hardship, inclement weather, illness and more, Herman stood as the only remainder from the original band of missionaries. Father Herman felt it his duty to protect the native Aleuts. He defended them against the cruel treatment of those who controlled the colony. The natives regarded him as their intercessor before God. Once when there was a tidal wave on the Island, Herman took an icon of the Theotokos, placed it on the beach and assured the people that the water would not rise beyond the place where the icon was, and it did not. Another time, when there was a great fire on the island, he dug a trench and stayed the flames.

He died in the winter of 1837. Although December 13 was originally thought to be the day of his death, this may actually have been the day of his burial instead. This day is generally observed as his winter feast day.



## Apostle Matthias – August 9

On August 9, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we also continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ, and we commemorate the holy Apostle Matthias.

### *Verses*

*Judas went out and left the twelve in shame;*

*Matthias came in and replaced him with great honor.*

*On the ninth, devout Matthias was raised up to the heights of heaven.*

Born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah, he was a pupil of St. Simeon the Host of God in Jerusalem. Matthias was at first included among the “Seventy” Apostles of Christ, but, after the Lord’s Resurrection, because the place of Judas the betrayer felt vacant, the apostles chose Matthias to take his place as one of the twelve Great Apostles. Matthias was among those who loved the Lord with all their hearts. Receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Matthias began to preach the Gospel, first in Judea then in Ethiopia, where he suffered greatly for the sake of Christ. In Judea, he was arrested and taken for trial before Ananias the High Priest, before whom he fearlessly witnessed to Christ. Ananias - the same one who had earlier killed the Apostle James - condemned Matthias to death. Thus, the Apostle went to the eternal joy of his Lord.

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.

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