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August 9, 2026

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration; Glorification of our Venerable and God-bearing Father Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of Alaska and Equal to the Apostles

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Wed., Aug. 12th	**Small Compline**	**7 pm**
	Fri., Aug. 14th	**Vespers with Litya of Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**	**7 pm**
	Sat., Aug. 15th	**Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**	
		Hours	**8:45 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**9 am**
		Great Vespers with Confession	**6 pm**
	Sun., Aug. 16th	**Afterfeast of the Dormition; Translation of the Image "Not-Made-by-Hands" of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople**	
		Hours	**9:15 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**9:30 am**

REMINDER: ***We're currently in the Dormition fast which prescribes those who are able to refrain from meat and dairy and to increase prayer and almsgiving until the Feast of the Dormition. See Fr. Evan if there are any questions.***

*Take time to read the Scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for the Dormition Liturgy on 8/15 and next Sunday's Liturgy.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 *(Resurrection)*
Philippians 2:5-11 *(Dormition)*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:23-35 *(Resurrection)*
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 *(Dormition)*

Tone 1 Troparion
(Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 7 Troparion
(Feast)

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!

Tone 1 Kontakion
(Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is

throne of glory; intercede for thy land and its people: peace for the world and salvation for our souls!

Tone 7 Kontakion
(Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to Thee! **Tone 7 Troparion** *(St. Herman)* O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, guiding all men to the heavenly	freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!" **Tone 3 Kontakion** *(St. Herman)* The eternal light of Christ our Savior guided thee, O blessed Father Herman, on thine evangelical journey to America to proclaim the Gospel of peace. Now as thou standest before the	that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father. **Tone 1 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)* Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! *(Ps. 32:22)* *V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)* **Tone 7 Prokeimenon** *(St. Herman)* Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. *(Ps. 115:6)*

Epistle

(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.

Gospel

(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.

Announcements:

A Note from Fr. Evan:

As part of our due honor, love, care, and reverence for the Mysteries, each person receiving Holy Communion is asked to wait for a server to wipe his or her mouth with the cloth before we do anything else (including venerating the chalice). I appreciate your love, care, and attention in this and please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Evan

This month's Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **August 10th at 6:30 pm**.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS – AUGUST 15.

Dormition marks the holy day observing the Falling Asleep and Burial of the Theotokos. It is an observation of the Church's first funeral. This fact along with the long standing practice of bringing flowers to the Virgin, inspires the faithful to bring flowers (especially those from their own gardens) and sweet smelling herbs like basil and oregano to be blessed in Church. The herbs can be used in cooking.

In addition to the 2 pews in the basement of the rectory that are looking for a new home, there are also a few other items: 1 wooden chest, 1 wooden entertainment stand, misc. headboards and baseboards (not a complete bed set), misc. mirrors, a wooden highchair, 1 pulpit/display case, 1 jewelry box, 1 small round table, 1 coffee table, 1 large rug. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Father Evan or one of the Parish Council members know.

Did you lose something? If so, see Marie Dudzinski who is safely keeping it.

We are seeking to update the parish directory for the purpose of good pastoral care, community life, and communication and will be having parish directory forms for everyone to fill out (either individual, or the head of a household on behalf of the rest of the family) that will be available at the candlestand starting this Sunday through mid-September. The forms can be picked up and returned another week or filled out and returned same day. Alternatively, people can fill it out electronically through the below QR-code.

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

Note Date Changes!

HROC 2026 Festival

Mark your calendars for:

Sunday, September 20th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

It's Festival time again! This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 20th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that we are in need

of volunteers to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! All cooking sessions start at 7 a.m. on Saturdays unless otherwise noted. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties. See you then!

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

Aug. 22nd, Aug. 29th	**Potato & Cheese Perohi & Noodles**
Sept. 12th	Beef Stroganoff
Fri., Sept. 18th	Bread Baking & Pete Beans
Sept. 19th	Halupki Making & Festival Setup

ALSO -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause. ***Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!***

Holding area:::

HROC 2026 *Take Home & Enjoy* Festival

Our Annual Festival will be ***take-out only*** serving a limited number of Baba's favorites.

Mark your calendars for:

Sunday, August 27th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

This year's festival still offers the challenges of supply chain issues and the availability/high cost of the food ingredients, which every Parishioner encounters when grocery shopping for their family. However, armed with Baba's recipes and the Grace of God, we will succeed!

Also Baba's "Bake Shoppe" will be up and running in "take-out mode"! In addition to offering Baba's famous plain, raisin and cinnamon breads, and nut and apricot rolls, we are asking our wonderful HROC bakers for help to fill the Bake Shoppe shelves. If interested, all that is asked is that you pre-package and price your baked goods at home. There will be plastic "clam-shell" containers available for your use. ***NO*** *packaging of bake goods will be done at the church!*

Everyone's help will be greatly needed and deeply appreciated in order to get this year's Take-out Festival up and running. Below is the cooking schedule. If cooking isn't your speed, ***YOUR PRAYERS ARE DEFINITELY NEEDED!*** God bless everyone and thanks for your consideration.

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

July 8	Potato & Cheese Perohi
July 15	Potato & Cheese Perohi
Aug. 5	Potato & Cheese Perohi
Aug. 19	Beef Stroganoff
Fri., Aug.25	Bread Baking & Pete Beans
Aug. 26	Halupki & Festival Setup

It's Festival time again! This means that we are in need of volunteers to give of their time and talent on Saturdays and Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! Let's start off the season with everyone's assistance! May the Lord bless our efforts!

We are calling upon all of our able body parishioners and friends to allow time in their schedule Festival week and especially for the Saturday prep session to give us a helping hand in our Church Kitchen! There is always more room for one more!

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Holding Area:

'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.' This past week, Fr. Stephan received a call from a neighbor in the Rostraver community who needs assistance with items in their house and getting around. If interested, please contact Fr. Stephan.

Local honey available at the Candlestand for $10 per bottle.
All proceeds directly benefit our church.
Pure Honey; NO additives.

Weather permitting, Grave Blessing Schedule for May 26th:

West Newton Cemetery	2 pm
Monongahela Cemetery	3:15 pm
Sacred Heart Cemetery	4:30 pm
Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora	5:15 pm
Grandview Cemetery, Monessen	6 pm