

***Christmas Outreach
"Angel Tree" Project***

As of last Sunday, we only had 2 names left in our Angel Tree program. Can you help make it 100% successful? Next Sunday, December 17th is the deadline for bringing in the gifts, so there is still time. (And if anyone picked Tyrone T, an 11 year old boy, please call Dan Morris 440.871.8537) Thanks to all who have been busy preparing gifts for the children!

Charities Committee

We are most appreciative of the generosity of St. Theodosius parishioners when there is a need, however, we are finding things coming in for which we do not have a need nor a way to distribute them. If you have clothing or other household items, please do not leave them in the Parish Hall. In general we simply cannot make good use of them. If you think there is something you wish to donate, please see Dan Morris. He can let you know, or find out, if an item is one we can use. Thank you again for your kindness, and your understanding.

**St. Mary's
Altar Society
Annual COOKIE SALE
Saturday,
December 16, 2006**



**Ridge Manor Party Center
9 AM until 12 Noon**

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to let us know what you will be baking. Or call Virginia Medvec 440.892.4562 or Susan Lentz 216.621.2282.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CATHEDRAL ROOF FUND



**Thank You for Your
Continuing Donations to the
Cathedral Roof Fund. As of
December 3, 2006, \$30,706
has been collected toward our
goal of \$50,000.**

AMBO MAILING INFORMATION

Please review your records and make sure that your AMBO Subscription is up to date! Recall that we ask for a \$25/year contribution to defray the cost of postage.

(Or consider saving postage, paper and time by subscribing instead to the AMBO.PDF e-mail list - it's FREE!)

Prayer Requests

Departed:

Michael Kohan +10/30/06
Charlotte Marko + 11/20/06
Herbert Posnik + 11/24/06

Ill-afflicted:

Protodeacon Peter Homik
Helen Baldner
Mary Marhefka
Eva Dudich
John Clements
Eileen Eschuk
Henry & Julia Grabowski
Mary Ann Mishko
John & Ann Shuleva
Jan Tkacz
Jeanne Twitchell
Alexander Kuzminec
Billy J Spurlock
James Sheehan
Julia Zimmerman
Debra Ellis
Mary Wazevich
Valentina Ponomarenko
Christine Helle
Kluchnik Family
Tamara Halm (sister of Victor & George Ponomarenko)
Roy A. Baldner
Jennie Curran
Michael & Jennifer Turczyk

Maura & Will Oprisko & Un-born Child
Emily & Jason Grimes & Un-born Child

Parish Council News

👉 The next Parish Council Meeting is 6:00 PM, Monday, December 18, 2006 @ Ridge Manor. Any parish member is welcome.

Upcoming Events

- 🕯 December 15 - Fish Fry @ St. Andrew's
- 🕯 December 16 - Cookie Sale @ Ridge Manor
- 🕯 December 16 - Pastry pick-up @ St. Innocent
- 🕯 December 17 - Bring in all "Angel Tree" Gifts
- 🕯 December 17 - Cathedral Open House & Christmas Concert
- 🕯 December 26 - FOCA party @ Mapleside Farms
- 🕯 December 27-29 - Parish Teen Retreat
- 🕯 January 21 - 30E House dedication & blessing
- 🕯 January 22 - 30E for Life bus to Washington DC
- 🕯 January 26 - Tatiana Ball @ St. Sergius in Parma
- 🕯 January 28 - Chicken Paprikash Dinner @ St. Michael's

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**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.**

Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules

Coffee Hour Hosts:

12/10 Mary Swit, Tammy Ponomarenko
12/17 Patti Sankovic & Natalia
Pricinovskis
12/24 Maca Tyler
12/31 Donna Jacak
1/7/07 Mary Swit, Tammy Ponomarenko

Greeters:

Paul Pangrace & Maca Tyler
Steven & Eileen Bondor
Mike Tabeling & Karen Felon
Linda Smotzer

2006 Dues

**\$250.00 per
Adult member
(18 and older)**

St. Herman (continued from p. 2)

St. Herman's relics were brought from Spruce Island to the Resurrection Church on Kodiak (photo to the right) at the time of his glorification on August 9, 1970. This Resurrection Church is the succes-



sor of the 1794 Resurrection Church founded by St. Her-

man and his fellow missionaries upon their arrival on Kodiak.

A beautifully carved wooden reliquary in the Resurrection Church contains the coffin with Father Herman's relics (photo to the left). On top of the reliquary are: a large icon of the saint (center); as well as the "paramon" cross and metal chains (on the left) that he wore (shown in the icon at the top); and his *klobuk* (monk's hat) (in the glass box on the right). Also to be found at this church is Father Herman's hand cross, which he is shown holding in the icon at the top.



This article was written by Jane M. deVyver, M.Th., Ph.D., and the photos are by the author. The icon at the top was painted/written by His Grace, Bishop Job of Chicago (formerly, Fr. John Osacky), and presented to Holy Resurrection Church by him at the time of the glorification of St. Herman on August 9, 1970. The second icon was painted/written by Fr. Theodore Jurawicz of Erie, PA, and is at St. Innocent Orthodox Church in Redford, MI; it contains a small particle of the holy relics of St. Herman.

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I. THE WAY OF A CHRISTIAN

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 toward Christ. Our sins do not in the least hinder our Christianity, according to the word of the Saviour Himself. He deigned to say: not the righteous have I come to call, but sinners to salvation; there is more joy in heaven over one who repents than over ninety righteous ones. Likewise concerning the sinful woman who touched His feet, He deigned to say to the 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 judgments a Christian should bring himself to hope and joy, and not in the least accept an inflicted 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 Apostles, our homeland is in heaven; and about the warrior he says: "*our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers of wickedness under heaven*" (Ephesians 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. 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. (From a letter of June 20, 1820) +++ *St. Herman of Alaska*

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday December 10

26th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday December 11

Tuesday December 12

4:30 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Vespers

Wednesday December 13

**St. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker
of all America**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Thursday December 14

11:00 AM Faith Enrichment at Ridge Manor

Friday December 15

Saturday December 16

6:00 PM Vespers

Sunday December 17

27th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

**Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy
Youths**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**"From This Day, From This Hour,
From This Minute, Let Us Strive,
To Love GOD, Above All, And Ful-
fill His Holy Will." *St. Herman of
Alaska***



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