

Hymns & Readings Sunday August 9th, 2020
9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8.
After-feast of the Transfiguration
Glorification of Venerable Herman of Alaska



Troparion, Resurrection - Tone 8

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 Resurrection: glory to Thee!

Troparion, Transfiguration - Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, 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!

Troparion, St Herman - Tone 7

O Joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, / guiding all men 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!

Kontakion, Resurrection - Tone 8

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

verse: **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

Kontakion, St Herman - Tone 3

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

verse: **now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Konatakion, Transfiguration - Tone 7

On the mountain wast Thou 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 // that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

The Prokeimenon - Tone 7

The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

(Sunday) (Ps 75 [76]: 11)

verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel! *(Ps 75 [76]: 1)*

In the 7th tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. *(St Herman)*

(Ps 115 [116]: 15)

Epistle

§ 128: I Corinthians 3: 9 - 17 (Sunday)

§ 213: Galatians 5: 22 - 6: 2 (St Herman)

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers;

you are God's husbandry, you are God's building.

According to the grace of God which is given to me,

as a wise architect I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it.

But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

For no foundation can anyone lay other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones,

wood, hay, straw,

each one's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it,

because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall test each one's work,

of what sort it is.

If any man's work which he hath built on it endures, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work is burned, he shall suffer loss;
but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God
and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

If any man defiles the temple of God, him shall God destroy;
for the temple of God is Holy, which temple you are.

BRETHREN: the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh
with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another,
no envy of one another.

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass,
you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.

Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Epistle text from "The Apostol" St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, 2012. 2nd Edition.

The Alleluia - Tone 8

verse: Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
(Ps 94 [95]:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

verse: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him
with psalms! (Ps 94 [95]:2)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

verse: In the 6th tone: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in
His commandments. (St Herman) (Ps 33 [34]: 18)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

§ 59; Matthew 14: 22 - 34 (Sunday, Ninth of Matthew)

§24: Luke 6: 17 - 23 (St Herman)

AT THAT TIME, Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship,
and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

²³ And when he had sent the multitudes away,
he went up into a mountain apart to pray:

and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

²⁴ But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves:

for the wind was contrary.

²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

²⁶ And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying,
It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

²⁷ But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying,
Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

²⁸ And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou,
bid me come unto thee on the water.

²⁹ And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship,
he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink,
he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him,
O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

³² And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

³³ Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying,
Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

³⁴ And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

AT THAT TIME, JESUS stood in the plain,
and the company of his disciples,
and a great multitude of people out of all Judæa and Jerusalem,
and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him,
and to be healed of their diseases;

and they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

And the whole multitude sought to touch him:

for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said,

Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled.

Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you,

and when they shall separate you from their company,

and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy:

for, behold, your reward is great in heaven:

for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Hymn to the Theotokos - Tone 4

Instead of "It is truly meet ..." *we sing,*

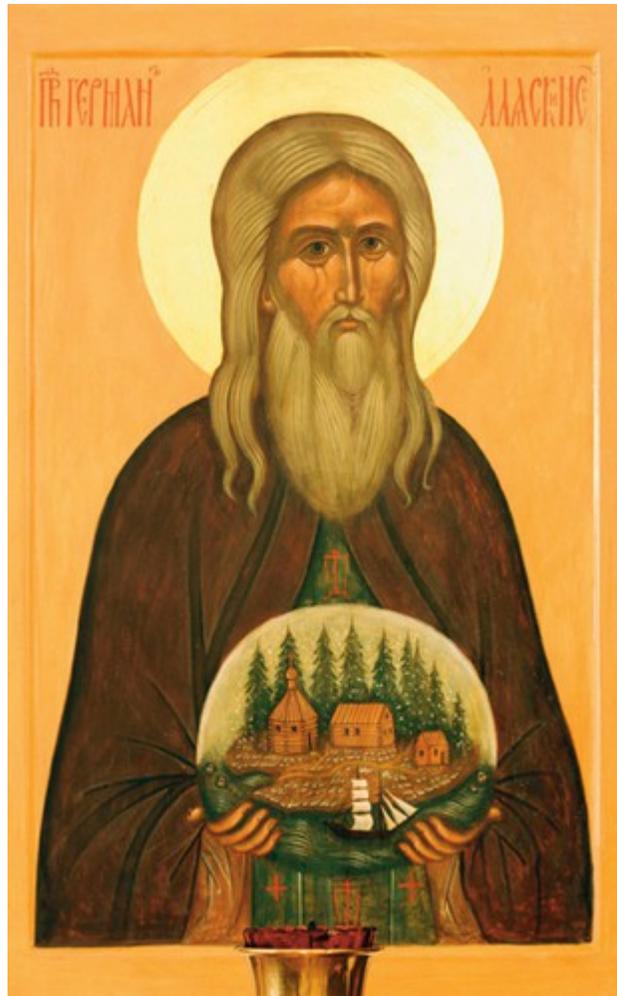
Magnify, O my soul, the Lord who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy birthgiving was incorruptible.

God came in the flesh from thy womb

and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.

Therefore, we magnify thee, O Theotokos!



Prayer to Saint Herman of Alaska

O Almighty God, We praise and glorify Thee, Our Lord and Creator. All the earth and everything within it acknowledges Thee as Creator, the Eternal Father.

Heaven and Earth, Angels and Men, together, praise and glorify Thee, the most glorious company of Apostles, the praiseworthy fellowship of Prophets, the great and noble gathering of Martyrs, the whole community of Saints, all praise

Thee.

We the members of the holy community on earth pray: Make us worthy with all the Saints in Heaven, especially the newly glorified Elder, the Blessed Herman of Alaska, to reign in Thine everlasting glory.

On this day the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church praises and glorifies Thee, our God, in joyful thanksgiving. The inheritors and children of the Holy Church of Christ which you, O Blessed Father Herman and your holy companions planted here, now flowering and growing throughout this great continent, gather at your reliquary. We gaze at your Relics in the knowledge that your soul joins together with the Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs, Saints and the Heavenly Hosts before the Throne of the Most Merciful God in praise of the Holy Trinity.

O Blessed Hermit of Spruce Island, good teacher of the faith in the Holy Trinity, and our Spiritual Father, intercede before the throne of the Almighty God, for peace within the Church, the dispelling of all disunity, faithlessness and discord.

Come to the aid of our spiritual leaders that they may always be true and effective instruments of the Holy Spirit, with the power to proclaim the evangelical truths, with the wisdom to enlighten the unenlightened, with the spirit to inspire all to love the knowledge of God, with the perseverance to defend the Church, even unto death, from all enemies both within and without and at all times.

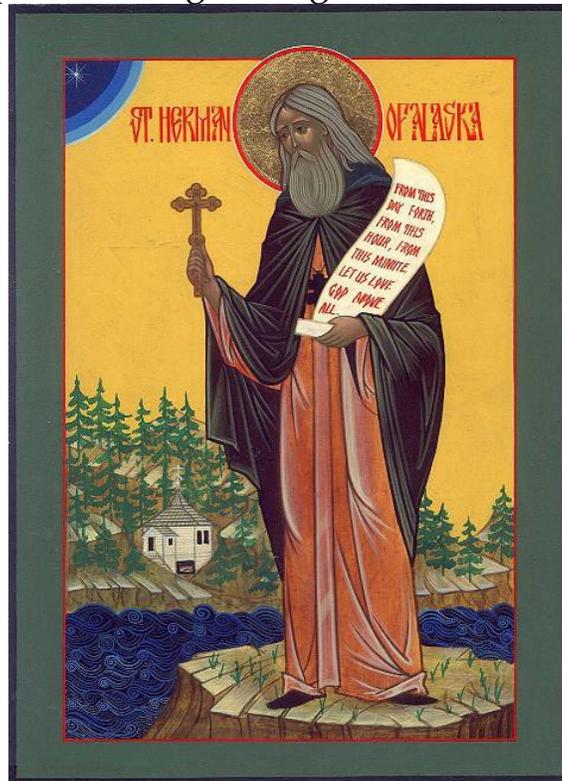
May the hearts of your spiritual children be filled with that faith and love of the Holy Church which you manifested in your holy life; praying to Him to: deliver us from the temptations which cause us to fall; renew our child-like faith in our Heavenly Father; replace our trust in God, and in Him alone; satisfy our thirst for the true knowledge of God; teach us to serve God faithfully; transfigure our life that it may truly reflect the image and likeness of God.

O Holy Father and Patron of the Church in America: Be a physician to the weak in faith; be a support to the fallen; be a defender to the defenseless; be a bulwark of strength to the weary in spirit; be a guide to the travelers by sea, by land and by air; be our heavenly intercessor.

O Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, together with all the Saints and the Heavenly Hosts, pray to God that on each of us He will bestow wisdom for our mind, strength for our will, light for our spirit, enabling us to attain to the true peace of life which is from God alone. We praise with joyous and grateful hearts, the Life-Creating Trinity: Father Almighty, Only-Begotten Son,

**Prayer to our holy and God-bearing Father Herman of Alaska,
Wonderworker of All America**

O most wondrous, favorite of God, our venerable Father Herman, as a good laborer thou didst thy great spiritual work in a harsh climate in this land. In thy service to God, thou wast faithful in the little things. And, as the Lord said: "Thou hast been faithful over a little, I will set thee over much."¹ Now, when this word has been fulfilled in thee, the Lord has set thee over our whole Church, as her heavenly protector. We call to thee in fervent prayer: Entreat the Lord to keep our Holy Church steadfast in Orthodoxy and to reveal her to be an adornment of our land. May He protect her from all the dark powers of the enemy and drive out all adversaries. May He grant us purity of faith and beauty of soul. Pray He will grant us all the spirit of peace and love, the spirit of humility and meekness and drive out the sin of pride. Save us from self praise. Be our guard against false teachings. Give healing to the sick; to the sorrowful be a comfort. To those who hunger for spiritual truth, give the heavenly food; that we may attain our true desire, and receive the reward of faithful servants at the final Judgment. With all the saints we will praise with song: the Life creating Trinity, the Ineffable Father, the True and Only-Begotten Son, and the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, unto ages of ages. Amen.



1 Matt 25: 24