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St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church has had a very busy year in spite of the ups and downs with the covid pandemic.

In January and February all of our parishioners, well aware of the suffering in our communities, embarked on a concerted effort to increase our Annual Food Drive, with funds and hundreds of pounds of food items to help alleviate the situation within our region.

We also collected and solicited funds and donations to help the many Afghan refugees following the withdrawal of our military forces from Afghanistan. The parishioners were very generous and caring in this endeavor.

After a hiatus from our grounds maintenance, many parishioners embarked on a beautification of our church property, trimming, painting, planting and rearranging our many gardens which surround the Church edifice.

Additionally, work continued in the interior of the Church, especially with the building of the new solea and the recarpeting of the Altar, solea and center aisle. Plans are also being made to build new cabinets for ecclesiastical items and new kiots for our many antique and priceless icons.

Father Joseph Toroney recently donated six handmade kiots for this purpose. Father Mitred Archpriest George Drozdowski recently donated and sewed a complete new set of Altar and Church furnishing cloths for the Feast of Pascha and Christmas.

The Sunday School continues in these trying times with the teachers and parents helping to continue the children's pursuit of our Faith with various projects throughout the year.



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The Church choir under the direction of Reader Alex Hubiak continues to sing the responses to the services and hold weekly rehearsals in order to learn new pieces.

The young adults have worked closely with the older parishioners assuming many new responsibilities, thereby allowing for a continuation of most, if not all, the aspects of parish life. Thank God for our young adults!

We have had several chrismations, baptisms and weddings even in these trying times and have all worked together to welcome several new converts to our faith and new parishioners who have come from near and far. Presently, we have two new Catechumens who have started to attend over the last month.

We are working on establishing a new parish library with Mark Rogers and newly chrismated Nicholas Sheriden assembling and categorizing all the many books our Pastor Father John and others have donated.

Also, many of our parishioners have aided Father John in revamping and remodeling the St. Tikhon's Museum and Repository, a project which took Father and company four months to accomplish.

Lastly, we have been blessed with renewed vigor with our services, throughout the year, especially during Great Lent and on the many holy days of our Church.

We especially invite all members of our diocesan families to visit our Church to venerate the hundreds of Holy Relics and precious ecclesiastical items housed within our walls from many of the Saints of the American Church and those from throughout the world.

In conclusion we as a parish family offer our sincere thanks to His Eminence Archbishop Mark for His continuing love and pastoral leadership in our many endeavors.

Glory to God for All Things!
Father John Perich