

CROSSROADS

Sunday's Scriptures:

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-23

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On the Feast of St. Herman: *At Least From This Day*



[The Reliquary of St. Herman,
Holy Resurrection Church, Kodiak]

Simeon Yanovsky, the former administrator of the Alaskan colony, wrote:

This is the way in which the Elder was gifted with spiritual wisdom: Once he was invited to dine, aboard the frigate which had arrived from St. Petersburg, with Captain G., who had been sent, on Imperial instructions, to inspect all the colonies. Captain G. was a very intelligent and educated man. At his table there were some 25 officers, chosen from the best in the fleet, all well educated and learned. And in such a company of educated men, together at table with them, sat a simple monk, a small man, wearing threadbare clothes, ill-educated. And he put to them questions which stumped them all, which they could not answer. Captain G. told me this himself: "We had no answers, we were like fools in front of him!" He put to them the question, "What do you love most and dearest of all?"

What would make you happy?"

Many wishes were expressed in answer to this: one wanted riches, another fame, another a beautiful wife, another a splendid ship to sail on, and many other things.

Father Herman said: "Is it not true that of all your answers and desires one thing may be concluded: each of you gentlemen requires that which he thinks best and loves most?"

They all answered that that was so. Then he said to them, "What could be better, higher, more worthy of love and more splendid than Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, who created the firmament, and adorned everything, gave life to everything, who keeps everything, feeds everything and loves everything—who is himself love, more splendid than all men! Should you not love God above all things, wish for Him and seek Him?"

They all answered: "Of course we love God: how can one not love God!"

At this he sighed, let fall a tear, and said: "I, poor sinner, have been trying to learn how to love God for more than forty years, and I cannot say even now that I love him properly." And he showed them how one should love God:

"If we love someone, then we think of him always. We try to please him day and night, our heart and mind are full of the object of our love. So then, gentlemen, do you love God? Do you turn to Him often? Do you remember Him always, always pray and perform His will, his Holy Scriptures?"

They had to admit that they did not.

"For our good, for our happiness," he said, "let us make a vow: at least that from this day, this hour, this very minute, we should try to love God above all else and carry out His teachings."

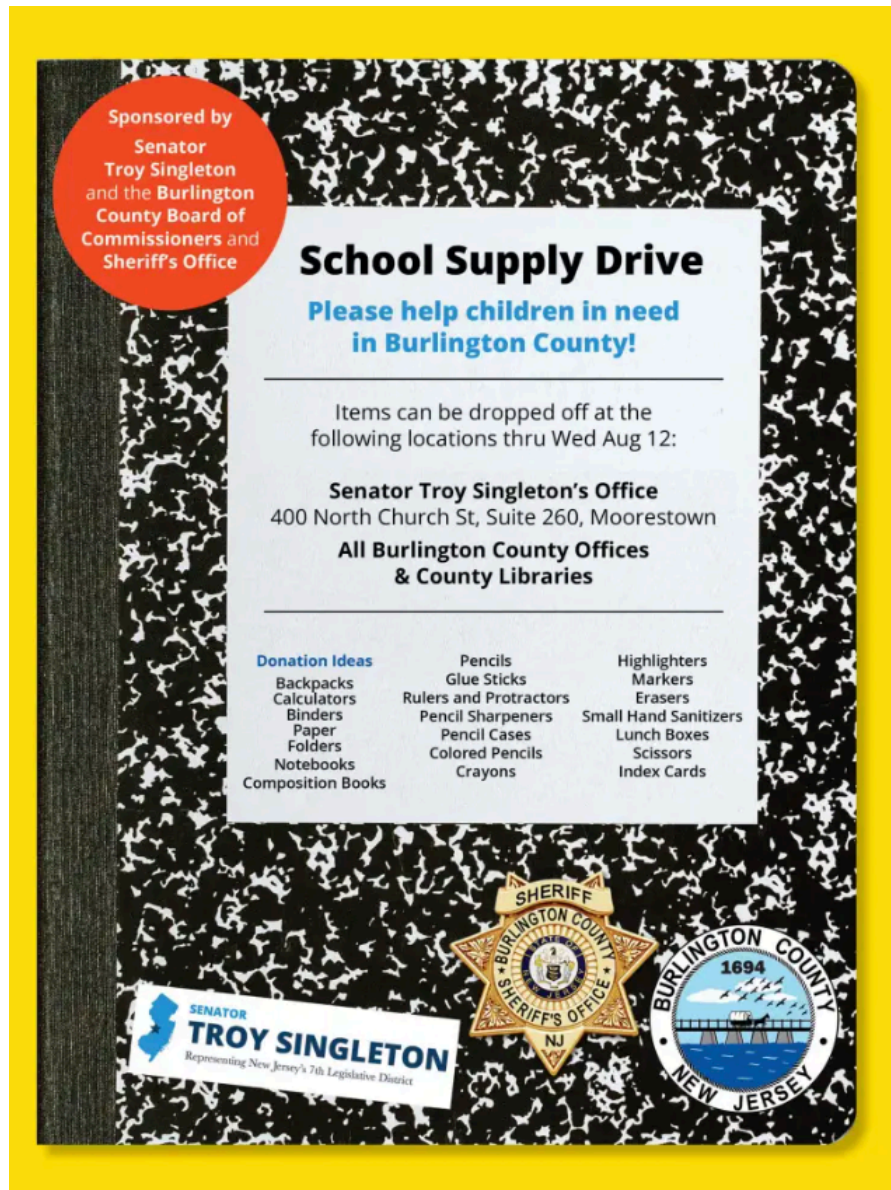


Once I asked him: "Father Herman, how can you live on this island, alone in the forest? Do you not get lonely?"

He replied, "No, I am not alone, God is there, just as He is everywhere, and the Holy Angels are there also.

How can I be lonely? With whom is it better and more pleasant to speak—people or angels? Angels, of course!"

PROJECT: BACKPACK – NOW THRU AUGUST 9



Would you like to help K-12 kids get ready for school? Our Inreach/Outreach group is going to partner with Senator Troy Singleton's Office, the Burlington County Library, and the Burlington County Sheriff's Department to make certain that needy children from the County have new school supplies for the 2026-27 school year. Check out the poster in the vestibule to see what is needed. What ever you can donate will be much appreciated! Items will be organized into groups and students will have the opportunity to select what they will need.

All donations must be in by August 9 so we can deliver them on August 10.

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September 25th - 27th, 2026

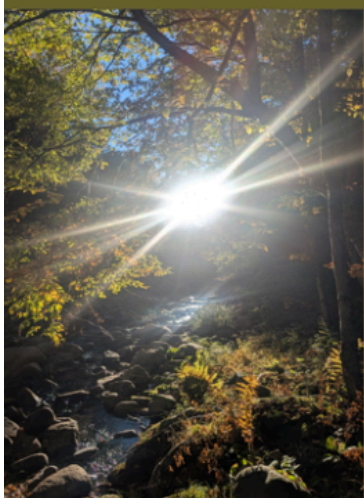
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- 2) **Monthly Envelopes** can be sent to your home (see Fr. John if you would like to donate this way).
- 3) **A Check** can be made out to the church and given in the donation basket or left in the church office.
- 4) **Having a check sent directly from your bank account to the church** (in the same way that bills can be paid on your computer through your bank).

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- 5) **Using our online app, tithe.ly** – Please note that there is a 3% processing fee - this can be added to the donation or it will be subtracted from the donation):
 - 1) You can use the **QR Code** at our website: <https://holycrossmedford.org/>



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- 3) TEXT the word, **“Give” to: 1-833-854-9049**

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