



Fr Herman (Podmoshensky) has reposed in the Lord

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Memory eternal Fr Herman, may God rest your soul in peace amongst His saints! Thank you for everything you have done for us the sinners.

Matthew 7:16-18:

*"You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. **A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit**".*

These are the words of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let them who have ears hear!

We certainly don't expect the "canonical" World Orthodoxy to ever say anything good about Fr Herman, but the above article has already shown us Fr Herman's fruits:

*"He was defrocked by ROCOR for his disobedience in 1988. **Fr. Herman's missionary work continued, in fact bringing many people into the Orthodox faith.***



*Having met Eugene Rose—the future Fr. Seraphim—in San Francisco, the two began publishing an English language periodical called *The Orthodox Word*, and opened a small Orthodox bookstore near the Holy Virgin Cathedral in that city. Living under the guidance of St. John (Maximovitch) of Shanghai and San Francisco, they resolved after his repose to settle in the wilderness and live the monastic life. After searching for a suitable place, they decided to purchase a parcel of land in northern California, Shasta County. Eventually they would be tonsured monks and ordained priests of ROCOR. Fr. Seraphim reposed in 1982, and Fr. Herman took a turn for the worse not long afterward, leading the monastery brotherhood away from its canonical bishop and finally stepping down from the abbacy in 2000. The St. Herman of Alaska Monastery now continues its monastic life under the jurisdiction of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The brotherhood currently numbers about twelve. A women’s monastic skete not far from the monastery was also largely his creation, as were two more communities on Spruce Island in Alaska, one for men and the other for women. All three of these communities are now also in the Serbian Orthodox Church. Besides founding the St. Herman of Alaska Monastery and starting *The Orthodox Word*, which is still published by the monastery, Fr. Herman renewed the pre-revolutionary Russian language journal entitled *Russky Palomnik*, or “Russian Pilgrim”. The journal’s launch coincided with the perestroika era in Russia, and it was sent to that country of its origin where Orthodox literature had become scarce, enjoying there immense popularity. Possessing extensive archives of émigré literature and manuscripts, Fr. Herman continued compiling issues of the *Russky Palomnik* to his final days. The St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood has also published a substantial number of books using material collected by Fr. Herman, notably a series on the Optina Elders.”*