

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

November 25 – No Classes this Week. Next class will be Dec 2.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **WELCOME** to all who are visiting with us today! We hope you will feel at home here and, if you do not already have a church home, will consider becoming a part of the Saint Herman Church community.
- ❖ **DECEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDARS** are available in the narthex and online at www.sainthermanwasilla.org.
- ❖ ****THERE WILL BE NO TUESDAY FAMILY NIGHT NOV. 25 OR DEC. 16*****
- ❖ **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD NOVEMBER 29** after Great Vespers by Fr. Stephen Howell.
- ❖ **THE ENTHRONEMENT OF METROPOLITAN JOSEPH** will be Dec. 6 at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York. Patriarch JOHN of Antioch will preside over the service. Rumor has it that the enthronement will be streamed live over the internet. Check www.antiochian.org/enthronement for more details as the event draws near. For those who cannot make it to the enthronement in New York, there will be an Enthronement Gala in Los Angeles on Saturday January 31. If you want more information about this event, please speak with Fr. Matthew.
- ❖ **METROPOLITAN JOSEPH will visit our parish December 27-28.** Please mark your calendar for this weekend and plan on attending Vespers and Liturgy with His Eminence.
- ❖ **THE BOOKSTORE IS TAKING ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS.** If you want to buy a book, cross, or icon for a loved one, please speak with Fr. Matthew or Pres. Anastasia today so they can order it in time for Christmas delivery.

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24TH SUNDAY

AFTER

PENTECOST

November 23, 2014

A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome! In the Orthodox Church, reception of the Holy Eucharist is reserved for baptized, chrismated Orthodox Christians who have *prepared by prayer, fasting and a recent confession*. If you are visiting or otherwise not prepared to commune today, you are welcome to receive some of the unconsecrated, blessed bread which the acolytes are holding. We pray for all to be united in the Body and Blood of Christ! If you would like to learn how you can enter into communion with the Orthodox Church, please speak with our clergy.

THE EPISTLE

For the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Ninth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

After-feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos;
Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium; Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum;
Ischyriion, bishop in Egypt and hermit of Sketis;
Venerable Sisinius the Confessor of Kyzikos

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

November 23 – November 30

****No Tuesday Night Family Night This Week****

Sat. 6:30pm: Great Vespers followed by confessions heard

Sun. 9:00am: Matins followed at 10:00am by the Divine Liturgy

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "Life without Christ is not life but death, whereas death for the sake of Christ is not death but life." -- St. Zenobius
- ❖ "He who does not know the truth cannot truly have faith; for by nature knowledge precedes faith. What is said in Scripture is said not solely for us to understand, but also for us to act upon."
-- St. Hesychios the Priest
- ❖ The Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria (385-412 A.D.) once visited the monks in the Nitrian Desert (Wadi El Natroun). The monks begged Abba Pambo, saying: "Give the patriarch an edifying word, which would be of benefit to him." The quiet Pambo replied: "If he does not benefit by my silence, he will not benefit by my word."
- ❖ "As the poor should give thanks to God and love the rich who do them good, even more should the rich give thanks to God and love the poor; for they are saved by the providence of God ... because of their alms."
-- St. Peter Damascene
- ❖ "Guard your mind from evil thoughts concerning your neighbors, knowing that the demons put them there, aiming to blind you to your own sins and prevent you from directing yourself toward God."
-- St. Elias the Egyptian
- ❖ "Although I was born into an Orthodox Christian family in Syria, I am a convert, too; I have to convert to Jesus Christ every day. We are all converts." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "The more sin continues, the more our life is in a mess. Sin produces fear, but where there is no sin, there is no fear."
-- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Let our enemy too understand that we have taken much pains, in order to do what is well-pleasing unto God." -- St. John Chrysostom