

## 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.
- ❖ **THE PARAKLESIS SERVICE** to the Theotokos will be served at 6:30pm Wednesday August 20.
- ❖ **THE BAPTISM OF MATHIAS PHELPS** will be Saturday August 23 at 4:30pm. All are invited.
- ❖ **THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** will be celebrated with Great Vespers at 6:30pm on August 28, and Divine Liturgy at 7:30am on Friday August 29.
- ❖ **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD AUGUST 30** after Great Vespers by Fr. Thomas Frizelle.
- ❖ **AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDARS** are available in the narthex and online at [www.sainthermanwasilla.org](http://www.sainthermanwasilla.org).
- ❖ **REGISTER TODAY FOR CHRISTIAN ED!** Christian education will be held Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:30pm starting September 9. In order to prepare enough supplies, please register your child for a class. Atrium Levels 1-2 require a \$50 registration fee. If this fee causes a hardship for your family, please speak with Fr. Matthew or Kai West. Registration forms and payments can be given to Rebekah Johnson or Kai West, and are due by September 1.
- ❖ **A RECEPTION TO WELCOME THE NUNS OF ST. JOHN'S MONASTERY** will be held Saturday September 6 after Great Vespers in our church hall.
- ❖ **TASTE AND SEE – A FUNDRAISER FOR THE MONASTERY OF ST. JOHN** will be Sunday September 7 at 5:00pm at Evangelo's Restaurant. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$560 for a table of 8. Contact Donna Young for tickets.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 8 - LITURGY FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS AT 8AM.**

# SAINT HERMAN

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America  
Diocese of Los Angeles and the West*

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10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST &  
AFTERFEAST OF THE  
DORMITION OF THE  
THEOTOKOS  
*August 17, 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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.  
(4:9-16)**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
(17:14-23)**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

## SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos; Hieromartyr Myron of Kyzikos; the righteous siblings Eutychios, Eutychian, and Kassiane of Crete; Venerable Alypios the iconographer of the Kiev Caves; Martyrs Paul and Juliana of Ptolemais in Palestine; Theodore of Solovky, enlightener of the Lapps

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

*August 17 - 24*

Wed. 6:30pm: Paraklesis

Sat. 4:30pm: Baptism of Mathias Phelps

Sat. 6:30pm: Great Vespers

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

## A GOOD WORD

*VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL*

- ❖ "We are not called to be ritual; we are called to be holy. We are not called to be religious; we are called to be prayerful. This is what we are called to be – a holy nation, a royal priesthood." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Malice will never drive out malice. But, if someone does an evil act to you, you should do good to him, so that by your good work you may destroy his malice." -- A Desert Father
- ❖ "The Love of God will reign within us if we allow ourselves to be guided by God, and we are transformed. The Scriptures liken this transfiguration to light. Are we not called by our Lord the 'light of the world?'" -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "By bringing the Light of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the suffering people of this land, we transfigure the entire world. We bring God's grace and healing to the suffering by the preaching of the Gospel not only with words, but rather with Christian virtues and actions." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "If you desire to grow in your relationship with God, fall on your knees in repentance, then stand up and get to work. We have much to do." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "We have not been called to share the gossip. Rather, we have been called to share the Gospel." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "The Apostolic Faith must be passed down from father to son; and from mother to daughter. Even those who are not our children according to the flesh can become our spiritual children when we decide to behave towards them like responsible parents. This is truly what it means to share the Gospel." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Beloved Christians, you and your children shall appear at that Judgment of Christ, and you shall give account for them to the just Judge. He will not ask you whether you have taught you children the arts or whether you have taught them to speak French, or German, or Italian, but whether you have taught them to live as Christians." -- St. Tikhon of Zadonsk