

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 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 SATURDAY AUGUST 30** by Fr. Thomas Frizelle following Great Vespers.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDARS** are available in the narthex and online at 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.**
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 20 - PARISH WORKDAY.** More details to follow.

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11TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 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

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Martyr Eutyches, disciple of John the Theologian;
New Hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, equal-to-the-Apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania; recovery of the relics of Dionysios, bishop of Zakynthos and of Peter, metropolitan of Moscow

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

August 24 - 31

Wed. 6:30pm: Daily Vespers

Thur. 6:30pm: Great Vespers for Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Fri. 7:30am: Divine Liturgy for Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Sat. 6:30pm: Great Vespers with Followed by Confession

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

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "Our stay on earth is not for sojourning, but for a personal choice for good or for evil, for truth or for falsehood." -- St. Nicholai of Zica
- ❖ "A preacher doesn't need to have all the knowledge of this world, but to be faithful and honest in what he is saying. The most eloquent homily we can give to the faithful is this: 'Ladies and gentlemen, I love you and I pray for you.'" -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "When the Spirit of God descends upon a man and overshadows him with the fullness of His outpouring, then his soul overflows with a joy not to be described, for the Holy Spirit turns to joy whatever He touches." -- St. Seraphim of Sarov
- ❖ "Richness comes from God, not from our money. Every beauty comes from God, not from any human aspect." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "We must strengthen ourselves by truly realizing that the God of the Universe is the God who dwells within us. When we begin to enter into our interior universe, we will find how close we are to our healing. God has given us all things; we need only remove from our inner selves what is not of God." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "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
- ❖ "Keep from prying into other people's affairs, for such prying gives occasion for slander, judgment, and other grievous sins. Why do you need to be concerned about others? Know and examine your own self." -- St. Tikhon of Zadonsk