

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.
- ❖ **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 10AM – 2PM.**

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PLACING OF THE SASH OF
THE THEOTOKOS IN
HALKOPRATEIA 12TH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
August 31, 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 Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos in Halkoprateia;
Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage; John, Metropolitan of Kiev; Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

August 31 – September 7

Wed. 6:30pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. 6:30pm: Great Vespers with Followed by Reception for Nuns

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

Sun. 12:00pm: Great Vespers for Nativity of the Theotokos

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

❖ *Concerning Condemnation of One's Neighbor*

"Condemnation of one's neighbor is the worst of all the passions; for not only does it render the one who condemns liable to the severest punishment, since he usurps God's prerogative as Judge and becomes, so to speak, a rival of God, but the condemner, by stripping himself of the protection and help of God on account of his condemnation, also opens himself up to falling into that very sin for which he condemns his neighbor. He who is condemned, if he is not resentful towards the one who has condemned him, mitigates the gravity of the sin which elicited his condemnation. But he who condemns takes upon himself the burden of the sin of the one whom he condemns, as the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee very clearly shows us." (From Antiochos [author of the *Pandects*], taken from *The Evergetinos: The Complete Text*, vol. 3 Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies, 2008, p. 12.)

- ❖ "If we are able to better understand the ancient holy teachings of the Church regarding moral behavior, we can apply them to new circumstances, and continue in our historic calling to be healed and to heal." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Complacency begins when we no longer see the gift of each new day, when we lose our gratitude for what we have been given. God gives us all things simply because He loves us, yet He lets us work for these things so we will appreciate them more." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Each parish is like a gateway to the Kingdom of Heaven. Do you desire an eternal life in Paradise? Then the road naturally leads to the Church." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH