

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

January 13 - Tuesday Night Family Night

5:30-6:00pm – Dinner - \$3/person or \$15/family

6:00-7:30pm – Classes for Ages 3-19 & catechumens

7:00-7:30pm – Daily Vespers

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

January 11 - 18

Tues. Jan. 13 – 7:00pm Daily Vespers

Sat. Jan. 17 - 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Jan 18 - 9:00am: Matins;

10:00am: Divine Liturgy (Acolyte Team 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.
- ❖ **CONFESSIONS** will be heard every week following Vespers services, and by appointment with Fr. Matthew.
- ❖ **THE PARISH HALL** will be rented to an outside group Jan. 15-17. Please do not use the hall during these days.
- ❖ **CHRISTIAN ED** will resume Tuesday January 13. There is no cost for the spring semester of CGS Levels 1 or 2 *if you paid for your child(ren) in the Fall semester*. If your child(ren) did not attend CGS in the fall but would like to attend in the spring, then the cost is \$50 per child. If you need to register your child, please speak with Rebekah Johnson.
- ❖ **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** are now being accepted. We will elect one new member for the parish council at our annual church family meeting in February. To be eligible, a person must meet the following requirements:
 - 25 years of age
 - Contributed financially to the parish for at least 6 of the last 12 months
 - Be a member of the parish for at least one year, and be in good standing with the pastorIf you are interested in serving on the parish council or would like to nominate someone to serve, please speak with Fr. Matthew or Kai West (the current parish council president).
- ❖ **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY LITURGICAL CALENDARS** are available in the narthex and online at www.sainthermanwasilla.org.

SAINT HERMAN

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

PRIMATE and DIOCESAN HIERARCH

His Eminence, the Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH

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SUNDAY AFTER
THE THEOPHANY
OF CHRIST

January 11, 2015

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 from a non-Orthodox church or otherwise are 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 St. Theodosios the Cenobiarch)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint. What shall we render to the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday after Theophany)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Sunday after the Theophany of Christ;

Theodosios the Great, head of monasteries (Cenobiarch);
Venerable Theodosios of Philotheou monastery on Athos; Venerable Agapios of Apamea in Syria; Venerable Michael of Klops, fool-for-Christ

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee." – Apolytikion of Theophany
- ❖ "Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light." – Kontakion for Theophany
- ❖ "O Christ Savior, by Thine appearance in the Jordan, and by Thy baptism of the Forerunner, it was testified of Thee that Thou art a beloved Son. Wherefore, Thou didst appear co-eternal with the Father, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Thee, by Whom being lighted we cry, saying, Glory to God in three Persons." – 1st Kathisma verse from Matins for Theophany
- ❖ "Verily, the Savior, Who is Grace and Truth, hath appeared in the courses of the Jordan, and lighted those who lie in darkness and the shadow of death; for He hath come, and the unapproachable Light hath appeared." – Exaposteilarion
- ❖ "Christ our God, Who is Light of Light, God manifest, hath shone forth to the world. Let us, O nations, worship Him." – Verse 1 of the Praises from Matins for Theophany
- ❖ "The true Light hath appeared, granting illumination to all. And Christ transcending all purity is baptized with us, charging the water with sanctity for the purification of souls. Wherefore, the thing apparent is earthly, but its significance transcendeth the heavens; for by washing salvation is attained, by water the Spirit, and by immersion ascent to God. Wherefore, great are Thy works, O Lord, glory to Thee." – Theophany Praises Verse 5