

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

January 27 - Tuesday Night Family Night

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

6:00-7:30pm – Classes, including adults

7:00-7:30pm – Daily Vespers

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

January 25 – February 1

Tues. Jan. 27 – 7:00pm Daily Vespers

Sat. Jan. 31 - 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Feb. 1 - 9:00am: Matins

Sun. Feb. 1 - 10:00am: Divine Liturgy (Acolyte Team 1)

Confessions are heard following Vespers and by appointment

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.
 - ❖ **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** are offered on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm during our Family Night. Peter Kamilos is teaching using two books: *The Feasts of the Lord* and *Entering the Orthodox Church* by Hierotheos Vlachos. These classes are geared towards catechumens but *all adults are invited to attend*.
 - ❖ **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** are now being accepted. We will elect one new member for the parish council at our annual church family meeting on *February 23*. 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 pastor
- If you are interested in serving on the parish council or would like to nominate someone to serve, please speak with Fr. Matthew or one of the parish council members. Current parish council members include Kai West, Janice Vance, Peter Kamilos, and Rebekah Johnson. Outgoing members whose terms are up are Josh Meals and Peter Johnson.
- ❖ **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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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 Gregory the Theologian)

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. Hear this, all ye people.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—"Zacchaeus Sunday")

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople;
Venerable Demetrios the sacristan;
New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become gods because of Him, since He for us became man. He took upon Himself a low degree that He might give us a higher one. He became poor, that in His poverty we might become rich." --St. Gregory the Theologian (of Nazianzus)
- ❖ "God always was and always is, and always will be; or rather, God always Is. For Was and Will Be are fragments of our time, and of changeable nature. But He is Eternal Being; and this is the Name He gives Himself when giving the Oracles to Moses in the Mount. For in Himself He sums up and contains all Being, having neither beginning in the past nor end in the future...like some great Sea of Being, limitless and unbounded, transcending all conception of time and nature." – St. Gregory the Theologian
- ❖ "If ever there was a time when the Father was not, then there was a time when the Son was not. If ever there was a time when the Son was not, then there was a time when the Spirit was not. If the One was from the beginning, then the Three were so too. If you throw down the One, I am bold to assert that you do not set up the other Two. For what profit is there in an imperfect Godhead? Or rather, what Godhead can there be if It is not perfect? And how can that be perfect which lacks something of perfection?" – St. Gregory the Theologian, *5th Oration* (On the Holy Spirit)
- ❖ "It is difficult to conceive God but to define Him in words is an impossibility...But in my opinion it is impossible to express Him, and yet more impossible to conceive Him." – St. Gregory the Theologian, *Second Theological Oration*
- ❖ "He is called Son because He is identical with the Father in Essence; and not only for this reason, but also because He is Of Him. And He is called Only-Begotten, not because He is the only Son and of the Father alone, and only a Son; but also because the manner of His Sonship is peculiar to Himself and not shared by bodies. And He is called the Word, because He is related to the Father as Word to Mind; not only on account of His passionless Generation, but also because of the Union, and of His declaratory function." – St. Gregory the Theologian