

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

October 4 - 11

Mon. Oct. 5 – 9:30am: “Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children” followed by Knitting Group from 10:00am-Noon

Tue. Oct. 6 – 7:00pm: Paraklesis

Sat. Oct 10 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Oct 11 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. Oct 11 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy (Acolyte Team 2)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

5:30-6:00pm: Dinner - \$3/person or \$12/family

6:00-7:30pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-9)

6:00-7:30pm: Youth Group (ages 10-19)

6:00-7:00pm: Adult Education

7:00-7:30pm: Daily Vespers

## 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.
- ❖ **PFD TITHES** – When you tithe on your PFD, please mark “PFD” on the memo of the check. We will use this money for special church beautification projects. From today’s epistle: *“Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*
- ❖ **TEENS** will leave for the Food Bank of Wasilla at 5:30pm on Tuesday night. Please be at the church by 5:15 for dinner so we can make a timely departure.
- ❖ **PRE-TEENS** will meet Tuesday night with Fr. Matthew at the church from 6:00-7:30.
- ❖ **SPECIAL OLYMPICS CAMP COLLECTION – October 18**  
On Sunday October 18 we will take a collection at the end of Liturgy to support the Special Olympics Camp at the Antiochian Village. If you are unable to make it to church on October 18 but want to make a donation, then please write a check to “St. Herman Church” and mark “Special Olympics” in the memo.

# SAINT HERMAN

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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*Eighteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

*October 4, 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 the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

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

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)**

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

## SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Second Sunday of Luke; Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens; Hieromartyr Peter of Capitolia in Syria; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters of Syria; Guriors, first archbishop of Kazan and Barsanouphios, bishop of Tver; and Martyrs Stephen (Stiljanovich) and Elizabeth of Serbia

## A GOOD WORD

### *VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL*

- ❖ "If you are an ardent reader, seek not brilliant and erudite texts; otherwise the demon of haughtiness will strike your heart. But like a wise bee that gathers honey from flowers, through your reading obtain also healing for your soul."—St. Ephraim the Syrian
- ❖ "Just as one cannot buy education or artistic skill for any price without working at it, so one cannot attain the habit of exercising the virtues without zeal and diligence." – St. Ephraim the Syrian
- ❖ "Just as your head takes priority over all other members of your body, and . . . knowing that you cannot live in this life without your head, so may you give priority over all things to faith in the Holy Trinity Which is One in essence, for without this faith no one can live the true life." – St. Ephraim the Syrian
- ❖ "With all your heart hope on the Lord, and you will easily evade the wiles of the wicked one, for the Lord does not forsake those who work for Him." – St. Ephraim the Syrian
- ❖ "Just as a candle is lighted from another candle, so also a good work is born from a good work." -- St. Nicholai of Zica
- ❖ "The saints endured sufferings in order to testify to the Holy Orthodox faith. Christ Himself did not avoid suffering, but 'endured the cross, despising the shame.'" -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "The icons of the holy men and women reestablish and recover souls that are weighed down by affliction and anguish. The saints are like a cloud protecting those who are burned by the hot rays of earthly afflictions." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "The more we serve others with no agenda, the more we sanctify ourselves." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "The more we love people, the more our differences disappear." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH