

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

November 1 - 8

Mon. Nov. 2 – 9:30am: “Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children” followed by Knitting Group from 10:00am-Noon

Tue. Nov. 3 – 7:00pm: Paraklesis

Fri. Nov. 6 – 6:30pm: Akathist to St. Raphael of Brooklyn

Sat. Nov. 7 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Nov. 8 – 9:00am: Matins

10:00am: Divine Liturgy (Acolyte Team 2)

Confessions are heard following Vespers and by appointment

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3

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: Paraklesis

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.
- ❖ **Unique Mission Outreaches to Albania and Mexico in 2016**
Join an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team to Mexico or Albania in March 2016. Be a visible expression of solidarity with the faithful in these unique ministries. The dates to Albania are March 19 - 27, 2016. The dates to Mexico are March 26 – April 2, 2016. Mission Teams serve our Holy Orthodox Church's unending mission effort to make disciples by sharing in a journey of Faith. If you are interested in serving in His vineyard, visit www.ocmc.org.
- ❖ **THE BOOKSTORE NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS.**
The bookstore is kept in Fr. Matthew's office and is open after Vespers and Liturgy.

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*Holy Unmercenary
Healers Cosmas and
Damian of Asia*

November 1, 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 Ss. Cosmas and Damian of Asia)

*In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous.
I beheld the Lord ever before me.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (12:27-13:8)

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your

THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Holy Unmercenary Healers Cosmas and Damian of Asia; Theodota, the Unmercenary's mother; Venerable-martyr James and his disciples James the deacon and Dionysios of Prodomou Skete on Athos; Venerable David of Evia in Greece

A GOOD WORD

- ❖ "He who holds possessions as the gifts of God, and knows that what he possesses is for the sake of others, is blessed by God and poor in spirit." – St. Clement of Alexandria
- ❖ "If you pray without giving alms, your prayer is dead. Your hand should always be open. Give alms to orphans and widows. Alms and prayer go together." – St. George Karslides the Righteous
- ❖ "He who loves God will certainly love his neighbor as well. Such a person cannot hoard money, but distributes it in a way befitting God, being generous to everyone in need." – St. Maximos the Confessor
- ❖ "Riches ought to be used in a reasonable way, and it is necessary to overcome avarice and share them generously with others."
-- St. Clement of Alexandria
- ❖ "People give all sorts of reasons to excuse their lack of charity, their hardheartedness! Some say, 'hard times.' But if the times are hard for those who have a sufficiency, how much harder are they for the poor? This pretext alone should lead one to give all the more generously." – St. Theophan the Recluse