

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

November 8 - 15

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

Tue. Nov. 10 – 7:00pm: Paraklesis

Sat. Nov. 14 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Nov. 15 – 9:00am: Matins

10:00am: Divine Liturgy (Acolyte Team 1)

Confessions are heard following Vespers and by appointment

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

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.
- ❖ **THE BOOKSTORE NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS.** The bookstore is kept in Fr. Matthew’s office and is open after Vespers and Liturgy.
- ❖ **THE NATIVITY FAST (AKA “ADVENT”)** begins Nov. 15. Please remember to bring fast-friendly food to coffee hour.

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*The Synaxis of the
Archangels Michael,
Gabriel, Raphael
and all the bodiless
powers of Heaven
November 8, 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 Archangels)

He makes His angels spirits, and His ministers flames of fire. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (2:2-10)

Brethren, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His own Will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the Son of man, that Thou carest for Him? Thou didst make Him for a little while lower than the angels; Thou hast crowned Him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under His feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. But we see Jesus, Who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee!

THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and all the bodiless powers of Heaven

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "He who truly wishes to believe in God must be lifted above himself, his mind, and even the whole world. For this reason, the value of faith is considered higher than the value of man. It is even higher than the value of the whole world. Therefore, the reward of faith should be higher than all of man's possessions along with the glories of this world. The reward of faith is God." – Matthew the Poor of Egypt (+2006)
- ❖ "It is foolish to think that wealth or abundance—or even moderate means—would be advantageous or possibly reassuring. The rich worry even more than the poor and the impoverished." – Saint Ambrose of Optina
- ❖ "Prize the virtues and do not be the slave of glory; for the former are immortal, while the latter soon fades." – St. Isidore of Pelusium