

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

February 17 - Tuesday Night Family Night

5:30-6:00pm – potluck – free, but please bring a dish to share

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

7:00-7:30pm – Daily Vespers

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

February 15 – February 22

Tues. Feb. 17 – 7:00pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. Feb. 21 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers followed by Confessions heard

Sun. Feb. 22 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. Feb. 22 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy (Acolyte Team 1)

Sun. Feb. 22 – 12:30pm: Forgiveness Vespers

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.
- ❖ **CHOIR PRACTICE** will be held today Feb. 15 after coffee hour for about 30 minutes. Lenten music will be the main focus.
- ❖ **FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPERS WILL BE NEXT WEEK AT 12:30PM.**
- ❖ **NO CHRISTIAN ED during the first week of Lent, Feb. 23-27.**
- ❖ **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 22**. 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.

SAINT HERMAN

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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*Sunday of the
Last Judgment*

February 15, 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 Sunday of the Last Judgment)

The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? (Continued next page)

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare);
Apostle Onesimos of the Seventy; Venerable Eusebios of Syria;
Martyr Major of Gaza; Venerable Dalmatos of Siberia

THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee? And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?’ Then He will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ “At the time of judgment, those who have lived rightly will be rewarded with eternal blessings, not on the basis of human opinion, but in accordance with the true nature of their life. May all of us attain these blessings through the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.” – St. Neilos the Ascetic
- ❖ “A holy soul cares for his neighbor, either close at hand or far away. He cares where the homeless will spend the night, how the hungry will be fed, with what the naked will be clothed. He cares and he prays for the salvation of his neighbors: that their minds may be directed towards God, that the wicked may turn from the paths of wickedness, that the hesitant may be confirmed in the Faith, that the firm may persevere, that the departed may behold the Face of God, that the living may be written in the Book of Life in the Kingdom of Light.” – St. Nikolai Velimirovich of Zhicha