

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

February 10 - 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

February 8 – February 15

Tues. Feb. 10 – 7:00pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. Feb. 14 - 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Feb. 15 - 9:00am: Matins

Sun. Feb. 15 - 10:00am: Divine Liturgy (Acolyte Team 3)

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 Sundays Feb. 8 & 15 after coffee hour for about 30 minutes. Lenten music will be the main focus.
 - ❖ **ANNUAL WOMEN'S TEA** will be Saturday February 14 from 2-4pm in the parish hall. For details or to sign up, talk to Jessica Darling Morphis at (907)230-8655 or jdarling@butterflyhugs.com
 - ❖ **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.
- ❖ **FR. MATTHEW** and Dn. John will be at the annual diocesan clergy seminar Feb. 9-12 in Los Angeles. Fr. Matthew will still be available via phone and email during the seminar.

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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*Sunday of the Prodigal
Son & After-feast of the
Meeting of the Lord in
the Temple*

February 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 Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

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

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.
(6:12-20)**

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

After-feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple;
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "Obedience is the burial of the will and the resurrection of humility. Obedience is to give up one's own judgment but to do it with wise consultation. It is very costly, beginning to die to the will and the senses. To continue dying is hard but not indefinitely so. In the end all aversion stops and absolute peace takes command." – St. John Climacus