

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

April 12 – April 19

Sun. Apr. 12 – 3:00pm: Agape Vespers followed by Pascha feast and Easter Egg Hunt (ages 3-10)

Wed. Apr. 15 – 6:30pm: Bright Week Vespers

Sat. Apr. 18 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Apr. 19 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. Apr. 19 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy

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.
- ❖ **THE PASCHA FEAST WILL BE AT 4:00PM today April 12.** Cost is \$10/adult and \$5/child. Meat & drinks will be provided for adults, and a full meal including ice cream will be provided for children. Please bring a side dish and a dessert to share. Payments can be made to Josh Meals or Donna Young from now until Pascha (Make checks payable to St. Herman Church and put "Pascha" in memo). Contact Josh Meals for more info.
- ❖ **THE EASTER EGG HUNT** will be *after* Agape Vespers *at the church*. It will be for kids up through 5th grade.
- ❖ **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS ON BREAK UNTIL THE FALL.**
- ❖ **TEEN SOYO WILL MEET TUESDAY APRIL 14** at 6:00pm at Dn. John and Anna Phelps' house for a BBQ. The Teen SOYO will meet each Tuesday through Memorial Day. For more information, contact Dn. John.
- ❖ **FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE BOXES** should be returned to the narthex by next Sunday.
- ❖ **CHRISTIAN ED WILL HOST A RUMMAGE SALE APRIL 24-25.** Please bring your donations and leave them in the downstairs of the parish hall. Brigitte Dahl is looking for volunteers to help organize and work the Rummage Sale. All proceeds go toward buying materials for Atrium.

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PASCHA

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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

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein! O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

The Resurrection of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On break for the summer.

A GOOD WORD

KATAVASIAS FROM THE PASCHAL CANON

- ❖ **Ode 1.** Today is the Day of Resurrection! O nations, let us shine forth; for the Pascha is the Pascha of the Lord, in that Christ did make us pass from death to life, and from earth to heaven, who now sing the song of victory and triumph.
- ❖ **Ode 3.** Come, let us drink a new drink, not wondrously produced from a barren rock, but from the fount of incorruption, that hath come to us with the overflowing of Christ from the tomb, in Whom we are strengthened.
- ❖ **Ode 4.** Upon the divine watchtower let the God-spoken Habakkuk stand and show us the angel attired in light, saying openly: Today is salvation to the world; for Christ is risen, Almighty as He is.
- ❖ **Ode 5.** Let us rise early at morn, at the break of dawn, and let us instead of fragrant ointment bring pure praise to the Master. Let us behold Christ Who is the Son of righteousness bringing life unto all.
- ❖ **Ode 6.** O Christ, into the deepest abyss of earth Thou didst descend, and didst break the unyielding everlasting bars which held men prisoner; and on the third day Thou didst rise from the tomb as Jonah from the whale.
- ❖ **Ode 7.** He Who did save the children from the furnace, when He became Man, suffered like unto a mortal, and with His sufferings invested the mortal with the beauty of incorruption, Who is the God of our Fathers. To Him alone be blessing and glory.
- ❖ **Ode 8.** Verily, this day, which is called holy, is the first day among sabbaths, their King and Lord. It is the feast of feasts, the season of seasons, in which we bless Christ for evermore.
- ❖ **Ode 9.** Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.