

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

April 19 – April 26

Wed. Apr. 22 – 6:30pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. Apr. 25 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Apr. 26 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. Apr. 26 – 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.
- ❖ **TEEN SOYO WILL MEET TUESDAY APRIL 21** at 6:00pm at the parish hall. The Teen SOYO will meet each Tuesday through Memorial Day. For more information, contact Dn. John Phelps.
- ❖ **FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE BOXES** should be returned to the narthex today if possible. If you have not returned your box then please tell Janice Vance when you will return it.
- ❖ **CHRISTIAN ED WILL HOST A RUMMAGE SALE NEXT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY APRIL 24-25.** Please bring your donations this week 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.
- ❖ **THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET SAT. MAY 2 at 5:00pm.**

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*“New Sunday”
Sunday of the
Apostle Thomas*

April 19, 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

*Great is the Lord, and great is His power.
Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." *(continued next page →)*

THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

New Sunday or Anti-Pascha; Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, Called "The Twin"; Hieromartyr Paphnoutios of Jerusalem; Tryphon, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Martyr Agathangelos of Esphigmenou monastery on Athos; Venerable Simeon of Philotheou monastery on Athos; Venerable John of Old Lavra in Palestine

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "The joy of Pascha comes to us through the reality of the Cross. The bliss of salvation comes through our death at Baptism." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "We are all surrounded by corruption in the Church, in our neighborhoods, our families, and in society. How do we defeat corruption all around us? - By perfecting ourselves. Christ was surrounded by the ultimate corruption of Hell when He descended into the depths. But His perfection destroyed sin, death, and the Devil. He released those held by corruption and 'led captivity captive.'" -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Divine symbols are perfected [in baptism]: burial and death, resurrection and life and all these happen at the same time. As we submerge our heads in the water as in a tomb, the old man is buried, and as he goes down he is once and for all and entirely hidden; then, as we lift up our heads, the new man comes forth." -- St. John Chrysostom

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On break for the summer. Classes will resume August 25.