

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

*April 5 – April 12*

Sun. Apr. 5 – 6:30pm: Bridegroom Matins  
Mon. Apr. 6 – 8:00am: Presanctified Liturgy  
Mon. Apr. 6 – 6:30pm: Bridegroom Matins  
Tue. Apr. 7 – 8:00am: Presanctified Liturgy  
Tue. Apr. 7 – 6:30pm: Bridegroom Matins  
Wed. Apr. 8 – 8:00am: Presanctified Liturgy  
Wed. Apr. 8 – 6:30pm: Holy Unction  
Thur. Apr. 9 – 8:00am: Vespertal Liturgy for the Mystical Supper  
Thur. Apr. 9 – 6:30pm: Matins with the 12 Passion Gospels  
Fri. Apr. 10 – 9:00am: Royal Hours  
Fri. Apr. 10 – 3:00pm: Great Vespers with the Unnailing  
Fri. Apr. 10 – 6:30pm: Matins with the Lamentations  
Sat. Apr. 11 – 9:00am: Vespertal Liturgy  
Sat. Apr. 11 – 11:00pm: Rush Procession, Paschal Matins & Liturgy  
Sun. Apr. 12 – 3:00pm: Agape Vespers followed by Feast  
\*\*\**Confessions will be heard following Bridegroom Matins, and the Passion Gospels on Holy Thursday, 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.
- ❖ **PASCHA BASKETS** will be blessed following the Pascha liturgy.
- ❖ **THE ALL-NIGHT VIGIL** will follow the Lamentations service on Holy Friday and will be supervised by Dn. John Phelps. This is open to Pre-Teens and Teens ages 10 and up. It will go until midnight. If a child needs a ride home, Dn. John will be available to take them home.
- ❖ **THE PASCHA FEAST WILL BE AT 4:00PM on 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ❖ **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS ON BREAK UNTIL THE FALL.**

# SAINT HERMAN

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*PALM  
SUNDAY*

*April 5, 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

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" (Cont. →)

## THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

## SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

The Entrance of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*On break for the summer.*

## A GOOD WORD

*VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL*

- ❖ "Today hath the grace of the Holy Spirit brought us together; and we all lift Thy Cross as we say: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." – Palm Sunday Doxasticon
- ❖ "In the liturgical texts of Holy Week it is repeated many times that Christ's Passion is voluntary. 'As the Lord went to His voluntary passion...' Just as the incarnation of the Word of God took place by the will of the Son, and with the good will of the Father and the cooperation, the synergy of the Holy Spirit, the same is true of Christ's Passion as well. Nothing happened to Christ by compulsion or as a servant, but everything was free." Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos, *The Feasts of the Lord*, p. 206
- ❖ "The first Adam failed to conquer the devil and died. Now the new Adam, Christ, conquers the devil and death, which was the consequence of sin. So if man wishes and unites with Christ, he can conquer the devil and death. The devil with his cunning cannot conquer the mature man in Christ, as he succeeded then with the inexperienced Adam. The man who lives in the Church and is united with Christ is more mature and perfect." Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos, *The Feasts of the Lord*, p. 206