

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

May 31 – June 7

Sun. May 31 – 12:00pm: Kneeling Vespers

Wed. June 3 – 6:30pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. June 6 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. June 7 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. June 7 – 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.
- ❖ **DIPNETS** will be blessed next Sunday June 7 after Liturgy.
- ❖ **OPEN HOUSE for the PHELPS today from 3-7pm.** Peter & Rebekah Johnson will host an open house for the Phelps Sunday May 31 from 3-7pm at the Johnsons' house: 8725 N. Wasilla Fishhook Road. Light refreshments and drinks will be offered. If you would like to bring a dish to share, please contact Rebekah at (907)575-5932.

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Pentecost

May 31, 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

*Their voice has gone out into all the earth.
The heavens declare the glory of God.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?"

THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

The Great Feast of Pentecost

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "When the deacon is led to kneel at the altar for the first time, he first kisses the four corners in three consecutive processions around the holy Table. The same hymns sung at the marriage ceremony are sung again at this holy moment. This is our wedding to Christ and just as the bride greets her bridegroom with a kiss, so we greet the Lord and express our love for Him and for His kingdom when we enter the Holy Altar and bow and kiss the Holy Table with joy." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "We ask for 'the Grace Divine...' at the ordination of all holy orders. It is the same grace that is received in degrees according to each office. So the call to holiness is the same for the deacon, the priest and the bishop, even the laity, since the Grace Divine falls also upon them in their Baptism and Chrismation." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Those who speak about spiritual topics without tasting or experiencing are like a man who, walking in the desert, has an overwhelming, raging thirst; so to satisfy his thirst he draws for himself a picture of a fountain flowing with water, while all the while his lips and tongue burn with thirst." --St. Macarius the Great

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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