

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

June 28 – July 5

Wed. July 1 – 6:30pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. July 4 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. July 5 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. July 5 – 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.
- ❖ **COFFEE HOUR REMINDER** – *Everyone* is asked to bring food to share each week. Our coffee hour teams are assigned to set up and clean up.
- ❖ **July 20-24** – Fr. Matthew will be in Boston at the Archdiocese Convention.
- ❖ **ST. JOHN TEEN CAMP —AUGUST 13-16, 2015**
Saint John Teen Camp is a great way for our teens to integrate their faith into their lives and deepen their connections to our Church! This year Archdiocese Youth Director Fr. Joseph Purpura will teach Christian Ed, along with our local clergy. Teens will be invited to participate in numerous liturgical services through singing and reading the epistles and psalms. Once again camp will be at North Star Bible Camp in Willow, with many fun games & activities! Please calendar this important event for your teen. Any questions, contact the camp director Dn. Kevin Dougherty at (907)694-5084 or doughertykb@yahoo.com. Registration forms are available in the narthex.

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*Holy Apostles
Peter & Paul*

June 28, 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 sound hath gone forth into all the earth.
The heavens show forth the glory of God.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:21-12:9)

Brethren, whatever any one dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (16:13-19)

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His Disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.”

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Transfer of the Commemoration of
the Holy, Glorious Apostles Peter and Paul

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ “If you want to overcome the spirit of slander, blame not the person who falls but the prompting demon. No one wants to sin against God, even though all of us sin without being compelled to it.” -- St. John Climacus
- ❖ “Do not allow human respect to get in your way when you hear someone slandering his neighbor. Instead, say to him, ‘Brother, stop it! I do worse things every day, so how can I criticize him?’ You accomplish two things when you say this. You heal yourself and you heal your neighbor with the one bandage.” -- St. John Climacus
- ❖ “Blessed is the man who practices wisdom and discourses with insight. Whoever ponders the ways of wisdom in his heart will also reflect on her secrets. Pursue wisdom like a tracker and lie in wait on her paths. He who looks intently through her windows will also listen at her doors. He who lodges near her house will also fasten his tent peg to her walls.” Wisdom of Sirach 14:20-24

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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