

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

August 23 – 30

Mon. Aug. 24 – 10am: Akathist to Theotokos, Nurturer of Children

Tue. Aug 25 – 7:00pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. August 29 – 9:00am: Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Sat. August 29 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. August 30 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. August 30 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy

Confessions are heard following Vespers and by appointment

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TUESDAY AUGUST 25

5:30-6:00pm: Dinner - \$3/person or \$12/family

6:00-7:30pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-9)

6:00-7:30pm: Youth Group (ages 10-19)

6:00-7:00pm: Adult Education

7:00-7:30pm: Daily Vespers

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.
- ❖ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – **Today after coffee hour**
- ❖ **LITURGY FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** – Please note that we will serve Divine Liturgy at 9:00am on Saturday August 29 for the beheading of the Forerunner. This is a change from the monthly calendar due to a scheduling conflict that recently arose. There will be no Vespers on August 28.
- ❖ **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REMINDER:** If you have not paid for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Levels 1 and 2, then please pay Rebekah Johnson right away. Payments were due August 2. Your child will not be allowed in the Atrium for classes unless the registration fee is paid in full. *If money is an issue, please speak only to Father Matthew to request a waiver.*

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*12th Sunday after
Pentecost*

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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

(For the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” (continued next page →)

THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Matthew;
Leave-taking of the Dormition of the Theotokos; Martyr Lupus,
servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios; Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop
of Lyons; Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus

A GOOD WORD

All quotes taken from the letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch

- ❖ “The prophets we also love because they made a proclamation related to the gospel and set their hope on him and were waiting for him; by believing in him they were saved, being united with Jesus Christ. Worthy of love and admiration, they are saints, attested by Jesus Christ and numbered together with us in the gospel of the common hope.”—*Philadelphians 5:2*
- ❖ “Let no one deceive himself: unless a man is within the sanctuary, he lacks the bread of God. If the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more does that of the bishop and the whole church?” – *Ephesians 5:2*
- ❖ “Therefore be eager to meet more frequently for thanksgiving [*eucharistian*] and glory to God. For when you frequently come together, the powers of Satan are destroyed and his destructive force is annihilated by the concord of your faith.” – *Ephesians 13:1*
- ❖ “The Lord received anointment on his head for this reason—that he might breathe imperishability upon the Church. Do not be anointed with the evil odor of the prince of this age, lest he take you captive from the life set before you.” – *Ephesians 17:1*