

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

*August 2 – 9*

Mon. Aug. 3 – 10am: Akathist to Theotokos, Nurturer of Children

Wed. Aug 5 – 6:30pm: Vespers Liturgy for Transfiguration

Sat. August 8 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. August 9 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. August 9 – 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.
- ❖ **TRANSFIGURATION LITURGY** will be Wednesday Aug. 5 at 6:30pm. Please bring a basket with the “first fruits of your harvest” to be blessed after liturgy.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **THE DORMITION FAST** is August 1-15. Rules of fasting apply similar to Great Lent. This fast will end after the Vespers Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 14.
- ❖ **REGISTER FOR CHRISTIAN ED TODAY!** See the registration forms and schedules for more information. Registration forms are due today.
- ❖ **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. Teens will be invited to participate in numerous liturgical services through singing, reading the epistles and psalms. Once again camp will be at North Star Bible Camp in Willow, with many fun games & activities! Any questions, contact the camp director Dn. Kevin Dougherty at (907)694-5084 or [doughertykb@yahoo.com](mailto:doughertykb@yahoo.com). Registration forms are available in the narthex.

# SAINT HERMAN

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost*

*August 2, 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

*Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.  
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

### **Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (3:9-17)**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)**

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

## SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Matthew;  
Translation of the relics of Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon;  
Venerable Photeini the wonderworker of Carpasia in Cyprus;  
Blessed Basil the fool-for-Christ, wonderworker of Moscow

## A GOOD WORD

### *VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL*

- ❖ "Have love; for what salt is to food, love is to every virtue."  
-- St. Euthymius the Great
- ❖ "Tithing is not just for converts. It is not just for the rich. It is for all of us. It brings us peace, knowing that we have given to God what is rightfully His. It makes our parishes strong by providing the support it needs. It builds up our youth, who see our gratitude to God and are in turn grateful to their parents. Yes, if you really want your children to appreciate what you do for them, try being an example of gratitude." -- Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "The Kingdom of Heaven is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Acquire inward peace, and thousands around you will find their salvation." -- St. Seraphim of Sarov
- ❖ "How can we radiate the joy of salvation when we constantly worry needlessly? Obedience, chastity, poverty...where is the shame of these in the eyes of God? Yes, the world calls these shames, and tempts us with earthly pleasures. Yet, we know that even with financial security, fame and power, a man can be perfectly miserable. Happiness is found within us, when we genuinely trust in God's providence." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "We cannot call ourselves 'moral' or 'ethical' unless we remain focused on salvation. Our primary work is to make manifest the Kingdom of God in our families, in our parishes, and in all that we do. Through constant remembrance of God's love and care for us, even through difficult worldly circumstances, we can endure any kind of trial." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*On break for the summer. Classes will resume August 25.  
Registration forms and payments are due Aug. 2.*