

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

August 30 – September 6

Mon. Aug. 31 – 10am: Akathist to Theotokos, Nurturer of Children

Tue. Sept 1 – 7:00pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. Sept 5 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. 6 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. Sept 6 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy

\*\*\*Confessions are heard following Vespers and by appointment\*\*\*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1

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.
- ❖ **LITURGY FOR NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS** – Please note that we will serve a Vespers Liturgy on Monday September 7 for the Nativity of the Theotokos at 5:00pm.
- ❖ **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** The Church New Year starts September 1. For those who want to read the Bible in one year, pick up a booklet called “The St. Andrew Bible Reading Challenge” in the narthex today. Readings take about 15-20 minutes per day.

# SAINT HERMAN

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America  
Diocese of Los Angeles and the West*

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

*August 30, 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

(For the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)**

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (21:33-42)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the

## THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

## SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew; Leave-taking of the commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist; Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Venerable Phantinos of Calabria; repose of Venerable Alexander of Svir; translation of the relics of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod; Cyril and Makarios, patriarchs of Serbia

## A GOOD WORD

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

- ❖ "No one who professes faith sins, nor after obtaining love does he hate. The tree is manifest from its fruits. So those who profess to belong to Christ will be recognized by what they do. For a deed is not a matter of professing now but of continuing to the end by the power of faith." – *Ephesians* 14:2
- ❖ "And you must pray unceasingly for the others—for in them is hope for repentance—that they may attain to God. Therefore let them be instructed by you, at least by your deeds. With their wrath you be mild, with their boastful speech you be humble-minded, with their abuse you offer prayers, with their deceit you be firm in faith, with their cruelty you be gentle, not eager to imitate them." – *Ephesians* 10:1-2
- ❖ "Let us be found their brothers in our forbearance; let us be eager to be imitators of the Lord, to see who can be the most wronged, defrauded, rejected—so that no plan of the devil may be found among you but that in complete purity and self-control you may remain in Jesus Christ, in flesh and spirit." – *Ephesians* 10:3
- ❖ "Pay attention to the bishop so that God will pay attention to you." – *To Polycarp*, 6:1.
- ❖ "Office must puff no one up, for faith and love are everything and nothing is preferable to them." – *Smyrnaeans* 6:1b