

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

August 9 – 16

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

Wed. Aug 12 – 6:30pm: Paraklesis

Fri. Aug 14 – 6:30pm: Vespertal Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Sat. August 15 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. August 16 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. August 16 – 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.
- ❖ **DORMITION LITURGY** will be Friday Aug. 14 at 6:30pm. The Dormition Fast will end 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.
- ❖ **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! 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. Registration forms are available in the narthex.

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*Translation of the
Relics of St. Herman
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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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

(For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost & Tenth Sunday of Matthew;
After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ; Apostle Matthias;
Translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska,
wonderworker of America

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "Give your children a solid spiritual foundation, and they will be content with whatever they have. Deprive them of a life in Christ, and they will be miserable even in the midst of great wealth." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "The best things, the things we treasure most, come through difficulties. If we ignore the difficulties, we are neglecting the true joys." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Eyes turned to heaven will see all things fulfilled. If we carry out the Great Commandment to bring the Good News to the ears of God's people, our churches will be filled and our wallets will have no lack. The details will take care of themselves." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "A Christian has an obligation to serve his creator not only with the soul but also with the body. This refutes the false position of certain Christians, who live physically as pagans, while praising themselves that they believe in God and love God with their souls." -- St. Nicholai of Zica
- ❖ "Without fear, a great love of God imperceptibly crosses over into pride; and, without love, a great fear of God leads to despair." -- St. Nicholai of Zica
- ❖ "Our stay on earth is not for sojourning, but for a personal choice for good or for evil, for truth or for falsehood." -- St. Nicholai of Zica
- ❖ "If a man has a full intention to please God, then God teaches him His will either through thoughts, through some other person, or through Holy Scripture." -- St. Peter of Damascus
- ❖ "Have love; for what salt is to food, love is to every virtue." -- St. Euthymius the Great

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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