

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

*September 6 – 13*

Mon. Sept 7 – 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children followed by Knitting Group from 10:00am-12:00pm  
Tue. Sept 8 – 7:00pm: Daily Vespers  
Sat. Sept 12 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers with Litia  
Sun. Sept 13 – 9:00am: Matins  
Sun. Sept 13 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy with services for the Cross

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

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 – *The Feasts of the Lord* Chapter 2  
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.
- ❖ **THE KNITTING GROUP RESUMES MEETING TOMORROW.** At 9:30am they will say the Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children. Then from 10am-Noon the knitting group will meet for coffee and fellowship. All are invited. If you have any questions, contact Gloria Dittbrender.
- ❖ **LITURGY FOR NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS** – Please note that we will serve a Vespertal Liturgy on *Monday September 7 for the Nativity of the Theotokos at 5:00pm.*
- ❖ **THE BOOKSTORE HAS NEW ITEMS** including St. Herman icons and St. Raphael of Brooklyn icons. The bookstore will be open during coffee hour on Sundays.
- ❖ **THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** will be celebrated next weekend. We will have Great Vespers with Litia on Saturday, and will do the special procession of the cross before the start of liturgy on Sunday. Don't be late or you'll miss it!

# SAINT HERMAN

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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

*September 6, 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)**

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (22:2-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. (Cont. →)

## THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

## SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew  
Commemoration of Archangel Michael’s miracle in Colossae  
Archippos of Hierapolis; Martyrs Eudoxios, Zeno, Romulus and Makarios at Melitene in Armenia

## A GOOD WORD

### *VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL*

- ❖ “This man called many [to the banquet] and few came: because sometimes those who are His subjects by faith, turn their backs upon that heavenly banquet by the wickedness of their lives.” – St. Gregory the Great (the Dialogist), Pope of Rome
- ❖ “You see how He invites through Himself, through His angels, through the patriarchs, the prophets, the apostles, and the pastors of the Church, and He invites also through us. He invites sometimes through miracles, again through punishment, sometimes through worldly prosperity and again through adversities. If anyone despises this summons, if anyone excuses himself when he is invited, he may not be allowed to enter when he knocks.” – St. Gregory the Great
- ❖ “Since God’s eternal banquet is our consummation, it is rightly compared to that final meal. Furthermore, we must see that the servant sent with invitations by the master of the household represents the preachers of the church...When I exhort you to despise this world, I come to invite you to God’s feast...Let no one despise me, then, for my personal defects: for although I am unworthy, the joys I promise are immense...if perhaps you consider us preachers unworthy, nevertheless venerate God who calls you through us.” – St. Gregory the Great