

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

January 18 – January 24

Mon. Jan. 18 – 9:30am: “Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children” followed by Knitting Group from 10:00am-Noon

Tue. Jan. 19 – 7:00pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. Jan. 23 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Jan. 24 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. Jan. 24 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy (Acolyte Team 1)

Confessions are heard following Vespers and by appointment

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016

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

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.
- ❖ **FAMILY PROMISE MATSU**, one of the few homeless shelters in the Valley, will give a presentation next week during coffee hour about their organization.
- ❖ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** Sunday January 24 after coffee hour.
- ❖ **ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY MEETING – SUNDAY JANUARY 31** during coffee hour. We will elect parish council members and update you on all important events in our parish.
- ❖ **VACATION** – Fr. Matthew will be out of town from Feb. 8-20. A priest from St. John Cathedral will fill in on Sunday Feb. 14.
- ❖ **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR FOOD DRIVE.** We collected 256 pounds of food and filled up the barrel 2.5 times during our food drive. May God bless those who donated.
- ❖ **2015 TAX RECEIPTS** are in your mail folder in the narthex.
- ❖ **ANNUAL WOMEN'S TEA** will be Saturday February 13 from 2-4PM in the Parish Hall. See insert for more information.

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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Diocese of Los Angeles and the West

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*Our Venerable and
God-bearing Father
Anthony the Great*

January 17, 2016

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 St. Anthony the Great)

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Why do we do home blessings? Our homes are the site of much of our spiritual struggle and labor, so we need them properly prepared for our spiritual lives. A home blessing also functions as a sort of "spiritual house cleaning" that renews our homes and washes away the accumulated spiritual dirt. Why do we do them this time of year? We bless holy water at Theophany (Jan. 6), the feast of Christ's baptism, and then take it to all our homes for the blessing.

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great;
12th Sunday of Luke; New-martyr George of Ioannina;
Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "The goal of human freedom is not in freedom itself, nor is it in man, but in God. By giving man freedom, God has yielded to man a piece of His divine authority, but with the intention that man himself would voluntarily bring it as a sacrifice to God, a most perfect offering." -- St. Theophan the Recluse
- ❖ It is not one's own efforts which lead to the goal, because without grace, efforts produce little. Nor does grace without effort bring what is sought, because grace acts in us and for us through our efforts." -- St. Theophan the Recluse
- ❖ "Prayer is the test of everything. If prayer is right, everything is right." -- St. Theophan the Recluse
- ❖ "To stand guard over the heart, to stand with the mind in the heart, to descend from the head into the heart - all these are one and the same thing. The core of the work lies in the concentration of attention and the standing before the invisible Lord, not in the head but within the chest, close to the heart and in the heart. When the divine warmth comes, all this will be clear." -- St. Theophan the Recluse
- ❖ "Christians are good not merely out of obedience to law or harmony with nature, or in order to gain immortal bliss for the soul. Rather, they are righteous in anticipation of the age to come, the eschaton, the age of the fullness of creation in the incarnate Son of God." -- Orthodox Study Bible notes on Epistle for Theophany, Titus 2:11-14
- ❖ "No one will ever find true happiness and perfect prosperity without God or outside God." -- Bishop INNOCENT, Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurilian and Aleutian Islands
- ❖ "All the stars in the heavens could be more easily counted than all the miracles worked on earth by prayer." -- St. Nicholai of Zica
- ❖ "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." --Matthew 3:2



Tom and JoAnn Webster

*Invite you to share in
the celebration of their*

60th Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday February 14, 2016

From 3 to 5 pm

At St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Social Hall

18936 Monastery Drive, Eagle River

Please respond by February 8 to:

Melinda Kendall - 696-7066

No gifts, please



Dear friends & family,

December 2015

It is awesome that Amber's surgery is scheduled for January 12, 2016 in Texas. We didn't quite make it to \$35,000, but an anonymous person has blessed us & made it possible to have the surgery.

We have been so blessed by your contributions and by you reaching out to let us know your thoughts & prayers are with us. You have given us strength and hope when ours was waning.

Thank you very much; this wouldn't be able to happen without you.

After the surgery Amber will have to be very careful for 3 months while the prosthetic disc settles & adheres to the vertebrae. If you know Amber you know that to keep her down & not moving is near impossible, even when she is in pain. After this surgery she will need to be extra diligent for 3 months, so she needs projects to keep her busy. She has been working on some knitting, crocheting and cross-stitch. She also enjoys reading, and making jewelry. If you would like to help or know someone who would like to, the Wells Fargo account is still open for donations; Amber could also use knit, crochet, cross-stitch, jewelry/beading projects or books. Get wells cards are welcome as well as prayers and calls.

Thank you for all of your help. You don't know how much you have done; we truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will be using our Facebook page to keep you up to date on our progress.

Josh & Amber & Talini

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The Women of St. Herman Church

invite you to our

2016 Annual Women's Tea

When: February 13th
2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.



Where: At the St. Herman's Parish Hall
6988 N. En Dove Road, Wasilla, AK 99654

Cost: Every family attending is asked to bring a sweet and a savory dish of finger foods to share.

This year we are looking to have 5 table hostesses who are available to set up for the tea Friday night, hostess a table during the tea, and clean up afterward.

If you are interested in signing up to attend, in being a hostess, or have any questions, please contact:

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