

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

*October 23 – October 30*

Mon. Oct. 24 – 9:30am: “Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children”, followed by knitting/coffee group from 10am-Noon.

Tues. Oct. 25 – 7:00pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. Oct. 29 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Oct. 29 – 9:00am: Orthros

Sun. Oct. 29 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy

## 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.
- ❖ **PFD TITHES** – When you tithe on your PFD, please mark “PFD” on the memo so that the funds can go toward our Capital Funds Campaign.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT PARISH MEETING – Friday November 4 at St. Herman Fellowship Hall from 7:00-9:00pm.** Architect John Della Monica will be presenting two master plan options for our new temple and fellowship hall. Coffee and snacks will be provided. *Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.* This is your opportunity to interact with the architect, ask questions, raise objections and get information about the plans.
- ❖ **Teen SOYO Special Olympics Collection** – we collected \$260.02 last week for the Special Olympics camp hosted in Pennsylvania by the North American Council Teen SOYO. Thank you all for your generous donations.

## ST. HERMAN'S FAMILY NIGHT – TUESDAY OCT. 25

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 – *Evangelion* Video 5 part 1

7:00-7:30pm: Daily Vespers

# SAINT HERMAN

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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*Apostle James the  
“Brother of God”*

*October 23, 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. James)

*His voice has gone out into all the earth.*

*The heavens declare the glory of God.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)**

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)**

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave.

## THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

## A GOOD WORD

### *VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL*

- ❖ "We must never fail to preach the Gospel, and to live it in every moment of our lives. What good is the Gospel if it cannot be with us in all that we do?" -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "As more and more people come to us in search of God, we who have accepted the Orthodox Faith must also accept the responsibility to care for those who come to us. We must prepare the hearts and minds of our catechumens and our children, so that the fullness of the Faith may enter into them and perfect them." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Fear is the fruit of atheism, and so the fearful man or woman has rejected God. We must examine ourselves, find these fears, and ask God to enter into us ever more fully, that our fears will subside." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "Both honor and dishonor, both life and death – all are the same to him who seeks the Heavenly Kingdom." -- Ss. Sergius and Bacchus

## SAINTS AND FEASTS OF THE DAY

The Holy Apostle James the "Brother of God"; Ignatius, patriarch of Constantinople; James of Borovichi, wonderworker of Novgorod