

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

November 20 – 27

Mon. Nov. 21 – 9:30am: “Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children”, followed by knitting/coffee group from 10am-Noon.

Tues. Nov. 22 – 6:30pm: Akathist of Thanksgiving

Thur. Nov. 24 – 9:00am: Divine Liturgy

Sat. Nov. 26 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Nov. 27 – 9:00am: Orthros

Sun. Nov. 27 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy

SAINTS AND FEASTS OF THE DAY

Transfer of the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple

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.
- ❖ **NEW CATECHISM CLASS on Saturdays during Advent** – Fr. Matthew will be teaching a new catechism class using the book *Come, Let Us Worship*, which is available in the bookstore for \$14. The subject matter will be focused on the divine liturgy. Classes will meet on Saturdays during advent from 5:00-6:00pm. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*
- ❖ **THANKSGIVING LITURGY** –Liturgy will be at 9:00am on Thursday morning.

ST. HERMAN'S FAMILY NIGHT

On break until January 10, 2017.

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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

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "We are not made for ourselves alone, we are made for the good of all our fellow creatures." -- St. Gregory the Theologian
- ❖ "What He was, He laid aside; what He was not, He assumed. He takes upon Himself the poverty of my flesh so that I may receive the riches of His divinity." -- St. Gregory the Theologian
- ❖ "Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." -- St. Gregory the Theologian
- ❖ "Remember God more often than you breathe." -- St. Gregory the Theologian
- ❖ "To harbor no envy, no anger, no resentment against an offender is still not to have charity for him. It is possible, without any charity, to avoid rendering evil for evil. But to render, spontaneously, good for evil - such belongs to a perfect spiritual love." -- St. Maximos the Confessor
- ❖ "But I say to you, the Lord says, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you. Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one who loves all equally in imitation of God." -- St. Maximos the Confessor
- ❖ "Food is not evil, but gluttony is. Childbearing is not evil, but fornication is. Money is not evil, but avarice is. Glory is not evil, but vainglory is. Indeed, there is no evil in existing things, but only in their misuse." -- St. Maximos the Confessor
- ❖ "Do not say that faith in Christ alone can save you, for this is not possible if you do not attain love for Him, which is demonstrated by deeds. As for mere faith: "The demons also believe and tremble" (James, 2:19). The action of love consists in heartfelt good deeds toward one's neighbor, magnanimity, patience, and sober use of things." -- St. Maximos the Confessor
- ❖ A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, "You are mad; you are not like us." -- St. Antony the Great



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NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 30 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	Oct 31	1 <i>Family Night</i> 5:30-6:00pm: Dinner 6:00-7:30pm: Christian Education for all Ages 7:00pm: Daily Vespers	2 Fast	3	4 7:00pm - Parish meeting with Architect Fast	5 St. Raphael of Brooklyn 9:00am: Divine Liturgy 6:30pm: Great Vespers
6 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	7	8 Synaxis of the Bodiless Powers <i>Family Night</i> 5:30-6:00pm: Dinner 6:00-7:30pm: Christian Education for all Ages 7:00pm: Daily Vespers	9 Fast	10	11 Fast	12 6:30pm Great Vespers
13 St. John Chrysostom 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	14 St. Philip the Apostle	15 <i>Family Night</i> 5:30-6:00pm: Dinner 6:00-7:30pm: Christian Education for all Ages 7:00pm: Daily Vespers Fast	16 St. Matthew the Evangelist Fast: wine & oil allowed	17 Fast	18 Fast	19 6:30pm Great Vespers with Litia Fast: wine & oil allowed
20 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy for the transfer of the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos Fast: fish, wine & oil allowed	21 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS Fast: fish wine & oil allowed	22 6:30pm: Akathist of Thanksgiving Fast	23 Fast	24 American Thanksgiving 9:00am: Divine Liturgy Fast	25 St. Catherine the Great Fast	26 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast: wine & oil allowed
27 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Fast: wine & oil allowed	28 Fast	29 6:30pm: Great Vespers Fast	30 St. Andrew the First- Called Disciple Fast	Dec 1 Fast	Dec 2 Fast	Dec 3 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast: wine & oil allowed



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DECEMBER 2016

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Nov 27 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Fast: wine & oil allowed	Nov 28 Fast	Nov 29 6:30pm: Great Vespers Fast	Nov 30 St. Andrew the First-Called Disciple Fast	1 Fast	2 Fast	3 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast: wine & oil allowed
4 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Fast: wine & oil allowed	5 6:30pm: Great Vespers with Litia for St. Nicholas Fast	6 St. Nicholas Fast: fish, wine, & oil allowed	7 Fast	8 Fast	9 Fast	10 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast: wine & oil allowed
11 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Fast: wine & oil allowed	12 6:30pm: Great Vespers with Litia for St. Herman, followed by bonfire Fast	13 St. Herman of Alaska 9:00am: Divine Liturgy Fast: fish, wine, & oil allowed	14 Fast	15 Fast	16 Fast	17 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast: wine & oil allowed
18 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Fast: wine & oil allowed	19 Fast	20 St. Ignatius of Antioch 6:30pm: Daily Vespers Fast	21 Fast	22 Fast	23 10:00am: Royal Hours for the Nativity of Christ (1st, 3rd, 6th, 9th) Fast	24 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy for Christmas Eve (Paramon) 6:30pm Great Vespers with Litia Fast: wine & oil allowed
25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	26 Fast free	27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr Fast free	28 Fast free	29 St. Anysia of Thessalonika Fast free	30 Fast free	31 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast free

Please consult the Sunday bulletin for changes to the monthly calendar.
 Confessions heard after Vespers and by appointment.

Mark your calendars!

December 3, 2016

Church Family Meeting

7:15-8:30pm after Vespers

Topics will be:

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