

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

February 29 – March 6

Mon. Feb. 29 – 9:30am: “Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children” followed by Knitting Group from 10:00am-Noon

Tue. Mar. 1 – 7:00pm: Daily Vespers

Fri. Mar. 4 – 6:30pm: Daily Vespers for Saturday of Souls

Sat. Mar. 5 – 9:00am: Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls

Sat. Mar. 5 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers

Sun. Mar. 6 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. Mar. 6 – 10:00am: Divine Liturgy

Confessions are heard following Vespers and by appointment

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2016

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

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.
- ❖ **FORGIVENESS VESPERS** – Sunday March 13 at Noon.
- ❖ **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS** – March 13 at St. John Cathedral in Eagle River. Time to be announced later.
- ❖ **CGS DURING LENT WILL MEET WEDNESDAYS at 5:30pm.** The preteen, teen, and adult classes will not meet during Lent.
- ❖ **OCF LECTURE – Thurs. March 3 – 8:00-9:30pm** The Orthodox Christian Fellowship will host a lecture by His Grace Bishop DAVID : "East Meets West: A Discussion on the Recent Meeting of Patriarch Kirill and Pope Francis" on UAA's campus in RH 211. All are invited to attend. Contact Lajarle Scott at lajarle@gmail.com with any questions.

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*Sunday of the
Prodigal Son*

February 28, 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 Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

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.
(6:12-20)**

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,

THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Venerable Basil the Confessor, companion of Prokopios of Decapolis; Hieromartyr Proterios, archbishop of Alexandria; Righteous Kyra and Marana of Beroea in Syria; Apostles Nymphas and Euvoulos; New-martyr Kyranna of Thessalonica

A GOOD WORD

VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL

- ❖ "Like the Prodigal Son I have sinned against Thee, O Savior. Receive me as I repent, O Father, and have mercy on me O God."
-- Prayer of a priest before the Great Entrance during Liturgy.



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FEBRUARY 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 31 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	1 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship 6:30pm: Vesperal Liturgy	2 MEETING OF THE LORD <i>Family Night</i> 5:30-6:00pm Dinner 6:00-7:30pm Christian Education for all Ages 7:00pm Daily Vespers	3 Fast	4	5 Fast	6 6:30pm Great Vespers
7 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	8 Fr. Matthew out of town Feb. 8-19 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship	9 <i>Family Night - No classes tonight</i> 7:00pm: Reader Vespers	10 Fast	11	12 Fast	13 6:30pm Great Vespers <i>No confessions following Vespers</i>
14 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	15 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship	16 <i>Family Night</i> 5:30-6:00pm Dinner 6:00-7:30pm Christian Education for all Ages 7:00pm Reader Vespers	17 Fast	18	19 Fast	20 6:30pm Great Vespers
21 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	22 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship Fast free	23 <i>Family Night</i> 5:30-6:00pm Dinner 6:00-7:30pm Christian Education for all Ages 7:00pm Daily Vespers Fast free	24 Fast free	25 Fast free	26 Fast free	27 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast free
28 Sunday of the Prodigal Son 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	29 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship	Mar 1 <i>Family Night</i> 5:30-6:00pm Dinner 6:00-7:30pm Christian Education for all Ages 7:00pm Daily Vespers	Mar 2 Fast	Mar 3	Mar 4 Fast	Mar 5 6:30pm Great Vespers

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MARCH 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 28 Sunday of the Prodigal Son 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	Feb 29 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship	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 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast	5 Saturday of Souls 9:00am Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Great Vespers
6 Sunday of the Last Judgment "Meatfare Sunday" 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	7 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship Fast: dairy, fish, wine, & oil allowed	8 <i>Family Night</i> 5:30-6:00pm Dinner 6:00-7:30pm Christian Education for all Ages 7:00pm Daily Vespers Fast: dairy, fish, wine, & oil allowed	9 Fast: dairy, fish, wine, & oil allowed	10 Fast: dairy, fish, wine, & oil allowed	11 Fast: dairy, fish, wine, & oil allowed	12 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast: dairy, fish, wine, & oil allowed
13 Sunday of Forgiveness "Cheesefare Sunday" 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Forgiveness Vespers Fast: dairy, fish, wine, & oil allowed	14 CLEAN MONDAY 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship 6:30pm Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew Fast	15 CLEAN TUESDAY 6:30pm Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew Fast	16 CLEAN WEDNESDAY 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Soup Supper Fast	17 CLEAN THURSDAY 6:30pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew Fast	18 CLEAN FRIDAY 6:30pm Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos Fast	19 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast: wine & oil allowed
20 Sunday of Orthodoxy 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Fast: wine & oil allowed	21 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship 6:30pm Great Compline Fast	22 Fast	23 5:30pm - CGS Levels 1 & 2 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Soup Supper Fast	24 6:30pm Great Vespers with Litia Fast	25 ANNUNCIATION 6:30pm Vesperal Liturgy Fast: fish, wine, & oil allowed	26 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast: wine & oil allowed
27 St. Gregory Palamas 9:00am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Fast: wine & oil allowed	28 9:30am: Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 10:00am-12:00pm: Knitting Group and Coffee Fellowship 6:30pm Great Compline Fast	29 Fast	30 5:30pm - CGS Levels 1 & 2 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Soup Supper Fast	31 Fast	Apr 1 St. Mary of Egypt 6:30pm Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos Fast	Apr 2 6:30pm Great Vespers Fast: wine & oil allowed



St. John's School
3rd Annual
Wines From Around the
World

March 6th @ Jitters

**Tickets are available for advance
purchase at Picture This**

Silent Auction
Live Auction
Wine Wall
Keys to the Cellar
Brews for You
Appetizers
Live Music

Tickets:

**\$75 Per Ticket For a Private VIP Wine
Tasting with Ryan from Wine Styles**
(6:15pm) seating is limited

\$40 Per Person General Admission
(7:15pm)

For more information about this event
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