SUNDAY SERVICES
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Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

August 3, 2014

8th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

WELCOME GUESTS!
GREET THE RISEN LORD....

At our Morning Prayer service at 8:30am and the Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. The community of All Holy Spirit welcomes you. Please stay for the coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy.

Today is the first day of the week, an opportunity to offer the first fruits of your weekly labors to the Lord. A tray will be passed at the end of Divine Liturgy.

Holy communion is offered, in the Orthodox Church, to those baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox Christian Faith. To receive Holy Communion, an Orthodox Christian must be properly prepared:

Examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion and proper fasting.

Synaxis
August 1-15

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Practice will be announced
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SUNDAY BULLETIN
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THIS WEEK...

Last week to read your books for the All Holy Spirit Summer Reading Challenge
2 groups: ...ages 5–7 and ...ages 8–13

The Church will gift the 1st book to each child.
Contact Natasha for questions: ahsoffice@allholyspirit.com or 402-709-2722

2 winners will be announced Sunday, August 10th

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Dalmatus &
Faustus

Salome the Myrrhbearer
Theoctistus the Wonderworker

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**ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA**

The first "American" saint, was the first to bring Orthodoxy to this continent. He came to America as a young monk in 1794 as part of the original Russian Orthodox mission to Alaska. He lived there until his repose, and for more than four decades taught the natives by word and example. With his own severe asceticism a secret, he ministered to both physical and spiritual needs of the people. And his memory is preserved, fresh and personal, among their descendants to this day. Ironically, however, he is unknown to so many other Americans. By his prayers may we, also, truly receive the Gospel he brought and follow the way that he taught.

**FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION**

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.

**Great Vespers**

Tuesday, August 5 – 7:00 pm

Bring gifts from your -garden, fruits and vegetables, as a gift to God to be blessed in the Church. If you do not have a garden you may purchase fruits to be blessed. Short lecture to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Divine Liturgy**

Wednesday, August 6 - 9:30 am

Join us for services, the icon of the Holy Transfiguration will be decorated with flowers and brought out for a procession and Father will bless fruits and vegetables.

**WATCH FOR THIS PAMPHLET NOW IN THE PEWS**

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**HELP WANTED!!**

Are you looking to enrich your Orthodox faith and at the same time find a perfect part time job? If so call Joan Rakes at All Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox Church. The church is currently looking to fill a part time administrative assistant position. Must have the following: basic computer skills, social network savvy, basic writing skills and some knowledge working with contact database. The position will be 20 hours a week. Primarily we want coverage on Tuesday/Thursday and the remainder of the hours can be adjusted to fit the schedule of the employee. Send resume to jradesl1@cox.net or contact Joan Rakes at 402-934-3688.

**THANK YOU!**

God has given each of us all we have; life, love, talents, intellect, abilities, freedom and all the wonderful things we enjoy in our lives. Life is marvelous and we are truly blessed. How much more blessed we are when some of us take the time to give back to God through the Church and find in their hearts the great grace of generosity. We thank Gust Rakes for all the beautiful work he has done for our church. We also thank Joe Carter for the table and framework on the Resurrection icon behind the altar.