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27th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2)

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday: 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday: Commemoration of St. Herman of Alaska

Confession: After Saturday Service or before Sunday Liturgy

Pastoral Counseling: By appointment

For all pastoral needs and services, please call (402) 327-1850

Please first follow the **Sunday Troparion and Kontakion** (according to the Tone of the week as noted above) from your pew book. Then the saint of the day:

Troparion — Tone 4

Today, the bonds of barrenness are broken, / God has heard Joachim and Anna.
/ He has clearly promised them that beyond hope, they would bear a divine
child, / by whom the un-circumscribable One was born as a mortal man, / who
commanded the angel to cry to her: / "Hail, O full of grace, / the Lord is with
you!"

Kontakion — Tone 4

Today, the world keeps a festival / at St. Anna's conceiving, wrought by God; /
for she bore her who inexpressibly conceived the *Word of God*.

Word Of The Week

Every church uses specific terms that are unique to its tradition. Each week, we have picked a word or two that you may have already heard, but never knew what it means exactly. We hope you will enjoy this section of our Bulletin.

Chrism. (Gr. **Myron**). Sanctified oil composed of several ingredients and fragrances, used in the sacrament of *Chrismation* (after Baptism). The Holy Chrism in the Orthodox Church is exclusively prepared by the bishop(s) and consecrated in a special ceremony. Holy Thursday is customarily the day of its consecration.

St. Herman of Alaska

Our venerable father Herman of Alaska (1756 - 12/13/1837) was an 18th century missionary to Alaska. In 1970, he became the first American saint to be recognized by the Orthodox Church. His Feastday is on December 13.

St. Herman of Alaska was a Russian Orthodox monk from Valaam Monastery in Russia who traveled with eight other monks in 1793 to bring the Gospel to the natives in the Aleutian Islands. As part of the Russian colonization of the Americas, Russians had been exploring and trading there since the 1740s. Thus, St. Herman marks the first arrival of Orthodox Christian missionaries in North America. He built a school for the Aleutians and often defended them from the injustices and exploitation of the Russian traders. He was known to them as "Apa", which means "Grandfather". He lived most of his life as the sole resident of *Spruce Island*, a tiny wooded island near Kodiak Island.

St. Herman Orthodox Theological Seminary (Kodiak, Alaska) is named in his honor. A portion of his relics are enshrined at the St. Ignatius Chapel at the Antiochian Village (near Kansas City), where he is regarded as one of their patron saints.

