



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ST. AUGUSTINE  
AUGUST 30, 2015

**G**OD promised and gave to His people the country of Palestine. That land stood for all the blessings that God promises and gives to those who sincerely believe in Christ

The obvious endurance and influence of Christ's Church is proof that God is keeping His promise. Every good Christian, every saint and martyr, every doctrine and directive, every least Christian kindness, and above all, every Mass, in which Christ is mystically seals God's promise with His Blood—all these are the work of God keeping His promises. Daily thanks are due to Him.

- PRELUDE  
ENTRANCE OF THE CELEBRANT (**STAND**)  
PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (**KNEEL, making the responses.**) Missal pg. 8  
INTROIT (**KNEEL**) *Respice, Domine* Ps. 73:20, 19, 23, 1  
KYRIE (**KNEEL**) Missal pg. 12  
GLORIA (**STAND**) Missal pg. 12  
COLLECTS (**STAND**)  
THE EPISTLE (**SIT**) Gal. 3:16-22  
*The Covenant given through Moses as a mediator was a bilateral, temporary agreement, conditioned upon Hebrew fidelity. The promise to Abraham—of a homestead, of numerous descendants, and a Saviour—was gratuitous, unilateral, unconditional, and permanent. Christ did come.*  
GRADUAL Ps. 73: 20, 19, 22  
ALLELUIA Ps. 89:1  
THE HOLY GOSPEL (**STAND**) Luke 17:11-19  
*The cure of the ten lepers was a free gift from Christ; and it was a deep hurt to His heart that only one leper showed gratitude. Everyone, endlessly blessed by God each day, should daily thank God, both by private prayer and through the Mass.*  
SERMON (**SIT**) Monsignor John Mangels  
NICENE CREED (**STAND**) Missal pg. 15

- OFFERTORY VERSE Ps. 30:15-16  
It is proper to sit while the offering is made standing at the **SURSUM CORDA.**)  
“PRAY BRETHREN” Missal pg. 21  
SECRET COLLECTS  
SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF THE TRINITY (**STAND** pg. 23)  
SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (**KNEEL** pg.33)  
THE CANON OF THE MASS (**KNEEL**) Missal pg.35  
THE LORD’S PRAYER (**STAND**) Missal pg. 44  
AGNUS DEI (**KNEEL**) Missal pg. 46  
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION Missal pg. 50a  
COMMUNION VERSE Wisdom 16:20

Following the reception of Holy Communion, it is proper to return to your pew, kneel, and make your **Thanksgiving after Communion**, (*Missal pg. 51 or St. Ambrose Prayer Book pg. 177*) If you have not received Holy Communion, you should make a **“Spiritual Communion”** (*St. Ambrose Prayer Book, pg. 187*). This is far more spiritually beneficial and preferable to “people-watching.”

- POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (**Stand**)  
DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (**KNEEL**)  
LAST GOSPEL (**STAND**) John 1:1-14  
PRAYERS AFTER LOW MASS (**KNEEL**)  
POSTLUDE



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**W**ELCOME to all our guests and visitors this morning. There are Service Books in the pews for your use. While Holy Communion may **only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to come forward at Communion for a blessing and the *pain benit*—blessed bread. Please fill out one of the “visitor cards” found in the pew racks and take a moment to sign our guest book in the Narthex! Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall (*downstairs*).

Orthodox Christians **must be prepared** for Holy Communion through Sacramental Confession, fasting, prayer, and being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (*frequency established by his Pastor*), have abstained from food and drink from Midnight and have attended Mass regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Communion.

### THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: Megan Hines, the special intentions of Alexandra Eddy, Jakob and Xenia, Kh. Suzanne Bundy, Laura Bundy, Joe Valdez, Margaret Lyman, Don Clair, Lily Calderon, the unborn baby of Brittany & Michael, Brian Knop, the Satah family in Syria, Charles Moffett, Abraham Martinez, Babs Shanzmeier, Neville Gaggiani, Phyllis Roberts, Bob Hester, Ray Rendoff, Jacob Kakish, Mary Ann Kristoff, Sue Stanko, Robert Phillips, the suffering Christians in Syria and the Middle East, Randy Ortega, Maria Palucha, Margie Palucha, Patty Ann Zubricky, Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo, Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Corinne Fierkens, Kh. Angela Keiser, Nate Redman, Patty Rendoff, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS burn this week to God's honour and glory and for Mary Beth Flory on her birthday (Sept. 2). A gift from Patty Rendoff.

**Think About it:** Devote yourself ceaselessly to the words of God. Reading and doing them destroys the passions! *St. Thalassios the Libyan* (7<sup>th</sup> century)

### A GLORIOUS PICNIC!

Last Sunday, we were treated to a great time in the mountains at the Jerome's beautiful home. We are so grateful to Erick, Joy and Serena for being such gracious hosts and sharing their homw with us. We also want to thank all of our parishioners who participated and brought food and beverages for the event. A great time of fun and fellowship was had by all!

### MANY THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS!

For the past two years, Linda Ogle has done an outstanding job as a parish council member as as the Treasurer of our Parish! It has, however become burdensome as she is living in two places! She asked that we find someone to fill out her term. The Parish Council, following the procedures set out in our Constitution elected Matt Polzkill to fill our Linda's term and to act as Parish Tresurer. We are not grateful to Matt for his service. Linda will, of course, help in the transition and training. The *ad hoc* Finance Committee will also aid in making the transition. Our profounds thanks to Linda and congratulations and prayers to and for Matt!

### UPCOMING DATES and EVENTS

Here are some important upcoming things at St. Augustine's Parish. Please mark your calendars.

- **Annual Novena** in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows: Monday, September 7-15.

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS-“Softener of Hearts”

In the Western Rite of the Orthodox Church, there are two Feast Days dedicated to the mystery of Our Lady's Sorrows. The First is on the Friday before Palm Sunday and the second comes on the day after the Triumph of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14). Both Feast Days commemorate the role of our Blessed Lady in the Life of Her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ and ass all feasts of the Mother of God, point towards Him.

On February 2, the same day as the Great Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, Orthodox Christians commemorate a wonder-working icon of the Theotokos (Mother of God) known as "the Softening of Evil Hearts" or "Simeon's Prophecy."

It depicts the Virgin Mary at the moment that Simeon the Righteous says, "*Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also....*" (Luke 2:35) She stands with her hands upraised in prayer, and seven swords pierce her heart, indicative of the seven sorrows. This is one of the few Orthodox icons of the Theotokos which do not depict the infant Jesus. The refrain "*Rejoice, much-sorrowing Mother of God, turn our sorrows into joy and soften the hearts of evil men!*" is also used.

In this Parish, for some time we have celebrated both of these Feasts with the *Via Matris*, the Way of the Sorrowful Mother of God and meditate upon her seven Sorrows. In the Fall, a Novena (a period of nine days of prayer) is held in which we offer our petitions to the Virgin Mother of God. It is hoped that all of our people will participate in this powerful prayer.

**Wisdom from the Church Fathers:** This is our festival, that we celebrate God coming to mankind that mankind might go back to God our Father. Off with the old human nature, on with the new! Once dead in Adam, now alive in Christ! Born with Christ, crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, risen with Christ! *St. Gregory the Theologian* (+390AD)

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Thanks to all of our Coffee Hour hosts. It is just wonderful that we have so many participating in this ministry of hospitality to our brothers and sisters and guests. Please sign up for the September Sundays!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Christian Education will begin again at St. Augustine's in the second week of September. The children's education program needs teachers. Please let Mark Flory know if you would like to take on that blessed responsibility. We have materials for you to use, but we need your time and talent.

The adult education program will now be THE ST. AUGUSTINE ACADEMY. This change signifies a change in the way that Christian education will be done. Instead of regular Sunday classes after brunch, we will focus on special, themed classes; mini-retreats, like the one Fr. Bundy did for us a few months ago; and evening classes during the week. If you have ideas for classes or mini-retreats, please let us know - we are still in the process of scheduling these.

**Patristic Wisdom:** When you look at the candles and lamps burning in church, rise in thought from the material fire to the immaterial fire of the Holy Spirit, 'for our God is a consuming fire'. When you see and smell the fragrant incense, rise in thought to the spiritual fragrance of the Holy Spirit, 'for we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ.' *St. John of Kronstadt* (+1908)



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### THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, August 31	<i>St. Aiden of Lindisfarne, BC</i>	
Tuesday, September 1	<i>St. Giles, Ab/ Twelve Holy Martyrs</i>	
Wednesday, Sept. 2	<i>St. Stephen of Hungary, KC</i>	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, Sept. 3	<i>feria</i>	
Friday, Sept. 4	Octave of St. Augustitne/St. Gorazde of Prague, BM	<b>Mass 6:00pm</b>
	<i>abstinence</i>	
Saturday, Sept. 5	Saturday of our Lady	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, Sept. 6	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Mass 10:00am
	Wedding of John Fiscus & Colleen Danaher	3:00pm
	<i>Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral Alameda and Dahlia</i>	

**CONFESSIONS:** *The Sacrament of Confession is available after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.*

