



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2015

FORGIVENESS is every man's need. For everyone is born to sin. God may speak like thunder in the human heart, and then the man of good will has no peace until he kneels and confesses, and receives His pardon. God's voice may be ignored or laughed at by others. But His right to obedience and worship cannot be mocked. Through Christ our Mediator, God has amply provided for man's reconciliation with Himself. The confessional is always at hand, and the priest is God's minister of sacramental grace in confession. By His death? Christ won every grace needed for our present peace and future happiness.

PRELUDE	<i>Andante</i>	A. Clausmann
ASPERGES ME (<i>Missal pg. 4</i>) [<i>a weekly reminder of our Baptism</i>]		plainsong
(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)		
INTROIT (KNEEL)	<i>Da pacem, Domine</i>	Wisdom 36:18; Ps. 121:1
KYRIE (KNEEL)	<i>Missa Marialis</i>	plainsong
GLORIA (STAND, pg. 12)		plainsong
COLLECTS (STAND)		
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		I Cor. 1:4-8
<i>All the natural riches of the universe do not equal the grace of God in a single soul. Gratitude for such a treasure should be paid in "daily installments." Death in the state of grace assures eternal joy.</i>		
GRADUAL		Ps. 121:1,7
ALLELUIA		Ps. 101:16
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		Matt. 9:1-8
<i>Challenged for claiming the power to forgive sins, Jesus proved His divine power both by revealing unspoken thoughts and by curing the paralytic. Christ still forgives sins in every confessional by conferring that same authority on the apostles and their successors in the priesthood.</i>		
SERMON (SIT)		Msgr. John Mangels
NICENE CREED (STAND, pg. 15)		plainsong
OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)		Ex. 24:4, 5

ANTHEM (SIT)	<i>Perfice gressus meos</i>	Don Lorenzo Perosi
Perfect Thou my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps be not moved: incline Thine ear, and hear my works: show forth Thy wonderful mercies, Thou who savest them that trust in Thee, O Lord.		
<i>Psalm 16: 5-7</i>		
(It is proper to sit while the offering is made and the Anthem sung. Stand as you are censed and then sit again until the SURSUM CORDA begins.)		
SURSUM CORDA (<i>pg. 22</i>) & PREFACE OF THE TRINITY (<i>pg. 23</i>) (STAND)		
SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (KNEEL pg. 33)		
THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)		
THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)		
AGNUS DEI (KNEEL pg.46)		
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION		
COMMUNION MOTET	<i>Panis Angelicus</i>	Claudio Casciolini
The angel's bread becomes the bread of men; The heavenly bread ends all symbols; Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, and humble servant		
COMMUNION VERSE		Ps. 95:8-9

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)		
HYMN	<i>King's Weston</i>	John 1:1-14
POSTLUDE	<i>Poco Allegro</i>	Hymnal No. 356 (1)
		Edward Elgar



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME 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: Charles Rubey, Victoria & John Lopp, Megan Hines, the special intentions of Alexandra Eddy, Margaret Lyman, Don Clair, Lily Calderon, the baby of Brittany & Michael, the Setah family in Syria, Charles Moffett, Abraham Martinez, Lisa and Chris, 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 the health and welfare of Patty Clair (10-05); Joy Jerome (10-6) and Anne VanVors (10-07).

THE LONG AWAITED PARISH DIRECTORY is ready to go to press! It will be a part of a larger booklet—*The Parish Handbook*—which strives to acquaint our parishioners with the parochial policies of the Antiochian Archdiocese as well as the long-standing customs and practices of this Parish. We are giving a final look at the entries to the Directory. The Directory is for *the private and exclusive use of Parishioners of St. Augustine's Parish only* and is not be lent out to anyone, sold, or distributed outside of the Parish. Would you please look at **your entry** and make sure that it is complete and correct. Please mark any changes on the sheet—CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY and then check (✓) your entry so that we know it has been checked and corrected by you.

Think about it: The forgiveness of God is one thing, but the proof that we want that forgiveness is the energy we expend to make amends for the wrong. *Fulton J. Sheen*

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

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

- OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. Every Saturday, the Rosary will be said following the 10:00am Mass.
- **THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING** will be celebrated with splendor on **Sunday, October 25.**
- **ALL SOULS DAY**, the "Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed" will be observed on **Monday, Nov. 2** with Mass at 7:00pm. The OFFERING ENVELOPES for your departed friends and relatives are on the table in the Narthex. Please put THE FIRST NAME ONLY, printed legibly; enclose your offering and put it in the collection. Your departed ones will be remembered at the Mass on All Souls Day and throughout the entire month of November.
- **ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, November 8** has been set by the Parish Council as the date for our Annual Meeting. Any new business items must be submitted to the Council by October 18th for consideration. No new business will be entertained from the floor without having been submitted to the Council in advance. We will be electing one new Council Member at the Meeting. A Nominating Committee has been established.

ANNUAL SEMINARY DRIVE: During October we will receive a second offering for the support of our Seminaries and Theological institutions. Thank you for your generosity.

MUSICAL PROGRAM FOR CHRIST THE KING—OCTOBER 26

THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS will be presenting liturgical music suitable for the great FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING on Sunday, October 26. For the setting of the Mass, the choir will sing Romualdo Sapio's *Mass in Honour of St. Augustine*; at the Offertory, Charles Wood's *O Thou, the Central Orb* and at Communion, Bruno Klein's *Jesu, dulcis memoria*. While the liturgical music here at St. Augustine's is offered for the honour and glory of God we are also cognizant of the importance of maintaining the great treasure of liturgical music of the Western Church and encouraging its use in the Services of the Church. In addition, it is an excellent opportunity for EVANGELISM. Someone MIGHT come into a Church to "hear great music"—that is the "hook" but it is an opportunity also for the Holy Spirit to touch them!

TRANSPARENCY AND OPACITY in authentic Liturgy

Traditional liturgies, Eastern and Western, have a certain inherent density of content and meaning that demands a response from us, yet our response is never fully adequate, satisfactory,

or exhaustive: we can always have prayed better, we are always being outstripped by the reality. We never get to the bottom of it, shrug our shoulders, and say: "Well, that was nice, what's next?" In contrast, a liturgy that attempts to be totally "intelligible," in the sense of having no opacity, impenetrability, or beyondness, is ill-suited and off-putting to man as an intellectual being. It gives him nothing to sink his teeth into; it leaves his highest faculties in the lurch; it gives precious little exercise even to his lower faculties.

The truth of the matter is quite different from what modern liturgical reformers thought. To them, the liturgy had to be transparent so that we could see through it. But total transparency equals total invisibility. A window that is perfectly clean and clear is one that birds kill themselves flying into, because it has ceased to appear as a window, as a paradoxical barrier that lets the light through. In this life, we do not have full possession of the divine light, but this purifying, illuminating, and unifying light flows to us through the liturgy's prayers, ceremonies, and symbols. If we wish to compare the liturgy to a window, it would be a *stained glass* window, where the colors and shapes of the glass, the stories it tells or the mysteries it evokes, are both what is seen and that through which the light is seen.

Christ appears in our midst through the liturgy, and it is vitally important that we *come up against* the liturgy to experience, in a palpable way, His physicality, His resistance to our pressure, His otherness, precisely as the condition of our union with Him. You cannot marry an idea or a concept, you can only marry a person of flesh and blood who is different from you: the precondition for oneness is otherness. This is why it is extremely dangerous for human beings to think of themselves as the creators or modifiers of the liturgy and to act accordingly—whether before or after the coming of Christ.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers: The aim of all Christians is to please our Lord Jesus Christ and become reconciled with God the Father through receiving the Holy Spirit, thus securing their salvation. If this aim and activity is lacking, all other labor is useless. Every path of life that does not lead to this is without profit. **St. Symeon the New Theologian** (+1022)



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Monday, October 5	St. Placidus & Comp, Mm	
Tuesday, Oct. 6	feria	
Wednesday, Oct. 7	St Mark, BC; Ss Sergius, Bacchus, Marcellus & Apuleius, Mm	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, Oct. 8	feria	
Friday, Oct. 9	Ss Denys, Rusticus & Eleutherius, Mm <i>abstinence</i>	
Saturday, Oct. 10	Saturday of Our Lady Recitation of the Holy Rosary following Mass	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, Oct. 11	Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary	High Mass 10:00am

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