



**THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**  
 PENTECOST XXII  
 NOVEMBER 1 2015

**T**HIS is the great FAMILY FEAST of the Mystical Body of Christ in its final triumph. The unnumbered and nameless multitude of saints, “our of every nation and tribe, and people and tongues,” are our brothers and sisters in Christ at home with our Redeemer, Brother and King. Their sainthood is the fulfillment of living the eight Beatitudes. They are the great Christian Heroes. “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, what things God has prepared for those who love Him” (I Cor. 2:9)

PRELUDE *Offertoire sur les grands jeu (Mass of the Convents)* F. Couperin  
 ASPERGES ME (*Missal pg. 4*) [*a weekly reminder of our Baptism*] plainsong  
*(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)*  
 INTROIT (**KNEEL**) *Guadeamus omnes* Ps. 32:1  
 KYRIE (**KNEEL, pg. 12**) *Missa Marialis* plainsong  
 GLORIA (**STAND, pg. 12**) plainsong  
 COLLECTS (**STAND**)  
**THE EPISTLE (SIT)** Apoc. 7:2-12  
*One of the joys of heaven is the community we shall share with our brothers and sisters.  
 Here on earth we are external to one another, only then shall we achieve a union of love. In  
 heaven we shall share perfectly and come to know the riches of living together before God.*  
 GRADUAL Ps. 33:10, 11  
 ALLELUIA Matt. 11:28  
**THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)** Matt. 5:1-13  
*This is the wisdom of God put into words we can understand. Expressed in creation, in  
 Christ's life, in the Church, God's wisdom strikes us here with particular force. We cannot  
 be wiser than to follow its directions.*  
 SERMON (**SIT**) Msgr. John Mangels  
 NICENE CREED (**STAND, pg. 15**) plainsong  
 OFFERTORY VERSE (**STAND**) Wisdom 3:1-2, 3  
 HYMN *Sine Nomine* Hymn No. 126 (i)  
 SURSUM CORDA (*pg. 22*) & PREFACE OF ALL SAINTS (**STAND**)  
 SANCTUS (**KNEEL pg. 33**) plainsong  
 THE CANON OF THE MASS (**KNEEL**) Missal pg. 35  
 THE LORD'S PRAYER (**STAND**) Missal pg. 44

AGNUS DEI (**KNEEL pg. 46**)  
 PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION  
 COMMUNION VERSE

plainsong  
 Missal pg. 50a  
 Matt. 5:8-10

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.”

MOTET *Panis Angelicus* Claudio Cassciolini  
 POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (**STAND**)  
 DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (**KNEEL**)  
 LAST GOSPEL (**STAND**)  
 HYMN *Moultrie* Matt. 22:15-21  
 POSTLUDE *Alla Marcia* Hymnal No. 125  
 John Ireland



## 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: Kim Peoria, Charlie Hester, Charles Rubey, Victoria & John Lopp, Megan Hines, the special intentions of Alexandra Eddy, Margaret Lyman, Don Clair, Lily Calderon, 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 in memory of my mother, Ruth Irene Jostmeyer, who passed away on November 4, 1983. A gift from Patty Rendoff.

**Think About it:** Let us then honor the Saints and invoke their help so they might strengthen us in our prayer. **St. Raphael of Lesbos** (+1463)

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

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

- **ALL SOULS DAY**, the “Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed” will be observed tomorrow, **Monday, Nov. 2** with Requiem High 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. **TODAY is the last opportunity to get your names into us for inclusion in the All Souls Memorial which is tomorrow.**
- **ANNUAL MEETING: NEXT SUNDAY: November 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 18<sup>st</sup> 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.

**The Church Fathers Speak:** I prefer a man who sins and repents to one who does not sin and does not repent. The first has good thoughts, for he admits that he is sinful. But the second has false, soul-destroying thoughts, for he imagines himself to be righteous. **St. Poeman the Great** (+450)

**FALL FOOD DRIVE:** It is the tradition in Antiochian Parishes to collect non-perishable food items during the Fall as part of the Food for hungry People drive. Many thanks to you who contribute regularly to this. We are in need of CEREAL. Many families come in looking for food for their children. This would help.

#### “REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD’S DAY”

This COMMANDMENT OF GOD directs Orthodox Christians to honor Sundays and Feast Days (Matt. 22:21) by attending the Liturgy, with prayer and the performance of good deeds (Gen.2:3; Deut.5:12-14; Matt 12:12) and the avoidance of servile work (Ex. 31:15). The New Testament Church substituted the first day of the week—Sunday, for the seventh—Saturday [Sabbath]; they made it the commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ instead of the Creation of the world. We find the first day of the week called **The Lord’s Day** by St. John (Apoc. 1:10).

Everytime I miss Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day just because it is not convenient, or because there is something I would rather do, or because I am just not up to going to the trouble, I place myself in a very serious spiritual condition. It is not that God is some old “tough guy” ready to send me to hell as a punishment for missing Mass on a Sunday. Rather, the act of *choosing* to stay away from God’s table, of *choosing* to absent myself from the gathering of God’s people, is an act of *choosing* not to enter the company and communion of God and God’s people.

To miss the Liturgy unnecessarily on Sunday has always been held to be a serious sin. Thus there are only three real excuses for missing Mass: 1) sickness or infirmity; 2) unavailability of the Mass and 3) conflict with a notable work of charity.

Jesus said “Do this in remembrance of me...” this command of Our Lord can only be fulfilled by attending the Liturgy. While one should pray always and everywhere, “*without ceasing*”, this commandment of Christ is not honored by “praying at home” or “praying on a mountain top.” It is honored only when God’s people are gathered together in God’s House—the Church with an apostolically appointed priest to offer the Holy Liturgy. This is just the way God set it up!

**Think about this:** The Mass causes the historically past events of Christ’s life to emerge here and now in their eternal reality. Here there is no subjective recollection, but the re-emerging of Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection into our contemporaneous situation. The Lord opens the bridge between the eternal and the temporal; that which was past is resummoned for active operation here and now.

**Wisdom from the Church Fathers:** If someone neglects the little things, the danger is that he will start neglecting greater things, holier things. And then, without realizing it, rationalizing it all to himself, “This is nothing, it doesn’t matter.” Thus, he can end up totally neglecting the

things of God and become irreverent, arrogant and atheistic. **Elder St. Paisios the Athonite** (+1994)

**THANKS TO ALL** to all who were here last Sunday for the Feast of Christ the King. Father Theodore was so grateful to see all of you as he exercised his Liturgical office as a Deacon for the first time. It was a glorious celebration of this great Feast!

**Think about it:** The essence of sanctity is the external love of mankind as sons of God, because of the interior love of the Father—it does not take much time to make us saints—it takes only much love. *Fulton J. Sheen*

#### THE LITURGY: “DORWAY TO THE SACRED” *continued...*

The English language has the poignant idiom “seeing through something,” meaning, exposing its emptiness or uncovering its imposture. If we can “see through” the liturgy, if it does not interpose signs and symbols like the stained glass window or the grand doorway, we cease to see it; we take it for granted, and soon enough, *we* are the ones who take center stage, just like the golden calf. In the ensuing vacuum, we need to invent something creative to occupy ourselves and our audience, or we need to play heavily on the emotions, since we are not wrapped up in the fullness and thickness of traditional theocentric liturgy. As surely as night follows day, this filling in the gaps or filling up of dead space fails to entertain the people, and they go away, sometimes forever. Such is the tragic result of failing to respect the grandeur, strangeness, and singularity of the liturgy and attempting to shift it into more familiar categories that are, nevertheless, foreign to it.

**Wisdom from the Church Fathers:** If you want to cure your soul you need four things: 1) Forgive your enemies, 2) Confess completely, 3) Blame yourself, 4) Resolve to sin no more. If we wish to be saved, we must always blame ourselves and not attribute our wrong acts to others. And God, Who is most compassionate, will forgive us. **St. Cosmas of Aitolia** (+1779)



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### THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE’S

#### **The Month of All Souls**

Monday, November 2	<b>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</b>	Mass 7:00pm
Tuesday, Nov. 3	<i>St. Winifred, V&amp;M</i>	
Wednesday, Nov. 4	<i>Ss Vitalis &amp; Agricola, Mm</i>	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, Nov. 5	St. Elizabeth, Mother of John Baptist	
Friday, Nov. 6	within the Octave of All Saints	
	<i>abstinence</i>	
Saturday, Nov. 7	St. Willibrord, B & C	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, Nov. 8	Pentecost XXIII	High Mass 10:00am

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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