



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2015

GOD'S way to heaven's peace is as clear and impelling as the life and teaching of Christ. His way is a sharply outlined path—a path trod by His saints up the hill of history; and His way is marked out also in our ordinary streets and in our homes. God's grace suffices for the willing.

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| PRELUDE | "Priere du Matin" | Joseph Jongen |
| ASPERGES ME | (a weekly reminder of our Baptism) | plainsong |
| INTROIT (KNEEL) | Dicit Dominus | Jer. 29:11,12,14; Ps. 84:2 |
| | (We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar) | |
| KYRIE (KNEEL) | Missa Marialis | plainsong |
| GLORIA (STAND) | | plainsong |
| COLLECTS (STAND) | | |
| THE EPISTLE (SIT) | | Philipp. 3:17-21; 4:1-3 |
| | <i>The saints are the great Christian heroes, and the solidly good persons are everywhere. "The times are never so bad but that a good man can live in them" (Thomas Moore). God rewards the faithful souls with eternal happiness.</i> | |
| GRADUAL | | Ps.43:8-9 |
| ALLELUIA | | Ps. 129:1-2 |
| THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND) | | Matt. 9:18-26 |
| | <i>The faith of Jairus brought the miraculous touch of Jesus upon his dead daughter. The faith of the woman brought her cure. No trouble is greater than God's power to end it.</i> | |
| SERMON (SIT) | | Monsignor John Mangels |
| NICENE CREED (STAND) | | plainsong |
| OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND) | | Ps. 129:1-2 |
| HYMN | St. Catherine | Hymnal No. 464 |
| "PRAY BRETHERN" | | Missal pg. 21 |
| SECRET COLLECTS | | |
| SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE OF THE HOLY TRINITY (STAND) | | Missal pg. 22-23 |
| SANCTUS (KNEEL) | | plainsong |
| THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL) | | Missal pg. 35 |
| THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND) | | Missal pg. 44 |
| AGNUS DEI (KNEEL) | | plainsong |

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

MOTET

"Sacris solemniis"

COMMUNION VERSE

Missal pg. 55a

Chant/Jean Langlais

Mark 11:24

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

Christ is my life

John 1:1-14

Hymnal No. 592

POSTLUDE

"Rigadoon"

G. F. Handel



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. 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.

ANNUAL MEETING

This morning, following the Mass, our ANNUAL MEETING will take place in the Parish Hall. This represents the yearly "business meeting" of the Parish. Will will examine the reports of the various parts of the Parish, review the financial report of the past year and pass a budget for 2016. We will also replace one member of the Parish Council whose term has come to an end. All members of the parish are asked to stay for the Meeting and participate in its work. Our normal Coffee Hours will resume next Sunday.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS burn this week to God's honour and glory and for the health and welfare of Elizabeth Flory's 13th birthday. A gift from the parish family.

Think about it: In order to teach others, always regard yourself insufficiently intelligent. *St. Isaac of Syria*

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

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

- **ADVENT—the beginning of the Western Church's New Year** begins this year on Sunday, November 29.
- **DECORATING OF THE CHURCH:** Sunday, Dec. 20 after Coffee Hour
- **Christmas Schedule:** Thursday, Dec. 24 at 11:30pm; the choir and orchestra will present the pre-Mass music and the Mass at midnight. Low Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00am.

The Church Fathers Speak: Christians must arm themselves against the immorality of this world. Armor is not made in a day or two, but is carefully and laboriously forged by a lengthy process. What are all our virtues worth if we succumb at the first temptation. *St. Nikolai Velimerovich (+1956)*

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)*

Patristic Wisdom: Whatever we do or say without prayer always ends up either sinful or harmful, and convicts us in some mysterious way. *St. Mark the Ascetic (5th cent.)*

THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Throughout the month of November, we will remember at every Mass celebrated at St. Augustine's all of those departed relatives and friends you gave us for remembrance on All Souls Day. Thank you for participating in this annual commemoration. May their memory be eternal!

Think about it: Worry is for those who do not have faith. *Mother Gavriella of Greece (+1992)*

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: Believe that dishonor and censure from others are medicines that remedy your pride. Pray for those who censure you as genuine doctors of your soul. Be assured that he who hates dishonor also hates humility, and he who avoids those who distress him, shuns meekness. *St. Dorotheos of Gaza (+565)*



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

The Month of All Souls

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| Monday, November 9 | Dedication of the Basilica of St. Saviour | |
| Tuesday, Nov. 10 | <i>St. Tryphon, Respicius & Nympha, Mm</i> | |
| Wednesday, Nov. 11 | St. Martin of Tours, BC | Mass 7:00pm |
| Thursday, Nov. 12 | <i>St. Martin I, BM</i> | |
| Friday, Nov. 13 | <i>St. Britus of Tours, BC</i> | |
| | abstinence | |
| Saturday, Nov. 14 | <i>St. Gregory Palamas, BC</i> | Mass 10:00am |
| Sunday, Nov. 15 | Pentecost XXIV | High Mass 10:00am |

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