



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2015

JUST as the tiny infant in Mary's arms grew into the physical maturity of Calvary's victim, so His Mystical Body started with Mary and the Apostles, has spread over the earth, and will continue to grow until the maturity of Judgment Day. In the lives of the martyrs and the saints, in the solid virtue of every genuine Christian, and in every noble word and deed, the irresistible power of Christ shined victoriously. Quietly as leaven spreads by cell dividing from cell, Jesus becomes known to men through those who bear his name, live His life, speak His truth—and share all that with others.

PRELUDE
ASPERGES ME (*Missal pg. 4*) [*a weekly reminder of our Baptism*] plainsong
INTROIT (**KNEEL**) *Dicit Dominus* Jer. 29:11-14; Ps. 84:2
(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)
KYRIE (**KNEEL**) *Missa Marialis* plainsong
GLORIA (**STAND, pg. 12**) plainsong
COLLECTS (**STAND**) plainsong
THE EPISTLE (SIT) I Cor. 1:4-8
The faith of the Thessalonians helped the church's growth throughout Greece and beyond. And every genuine Christian recognizes the fact that a normal activity of his life is to help the growth of the true Faith among all.
GRADUAL Ps. 43: 8-9
ALLELUIA Ps. 129:1-2
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND) Matthew 13:31-35
The tiny mustard seed grew into a sheltering tree and a source of food. Christ's Mystical Body grows, draws men of every race into brotherhood, and feeds them with truth, love, and sacramental life.
SERMON (**SIT**) Msgr. John Mangels
NICENE CREED (**STAND, pg. 15**) plainsong
OFFERTORY VERSE (**STAND**) Ps. 129:1-2
OFFERTORY VOLLUNTARY (**SIT**)
"PRAY BRETHERN" Missal pg. 21

SURSUM CORDA (**pg. 22**) & PREFACE OF THE TRINITY (**pg. 23**) (**STAND**) plainsong
SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (**KNEEL pg. 33**) Missal pg. 35
THE CANON OF THE MASS (**KNEEL**) Missal pg. 44
THE LORD'S PRAYER (**STAND**) plainsong
AGNUS DEI (**KNEEL pg. 46**) Missal pg. 50a
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION Mark 11:24
COMMUNION VERSE

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
HYMN *Christ is my life* Hymnal No. 592 (1)
POSTLUDE



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: The victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris and the defeat of militant Islam, 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 for the health and welfare of Patty Rendoff on her birthday (November 17) and Mark Flory's birthday (November 21). A gift from the parish family.

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 11:30 pm; the choir and orchestra will present the pre-Mass music and the Mass at midnight. Low Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00am.

Think About It: Confession without contrition of heart confirms the lack of deep feeling of guilt for the transgression of the Divine Law. **St. Nectarios of Pentapolis** (+1920)

MANY THANKS to all who attended and participated in our Annual Meeting. If you were unable to attend, please see Alexandra Eddy for a copy of the Meeting Packet and a copy of the new Parish Handbook and Directory. The electors of the Parish present chose Patty Rendoff to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. The new Council will take office on January 1st.

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!

FALL FOOD DRIVE

It is the custom in our Archdiocese to have a canned (non-perishables) food drives in the Fall of the year. It runs from October – December. Please bring your canned goods and non-perishables and place them on the food shelf in the main stairwell to the Parish Hall (right outside the men's room). You know, we have needy in our own parish too so please be generous!

Wisdom from the Church Fathers: Better a stupid and unlettered brother who, working for good things he knows, merits life in Heaven than one who thought being distinguished for his learning in the Scriptures, or even holding the place of doctor, lacks the bread of love. **St. Bede the Venerable** (+735)

ACCESSIBILITY AND ELUSIVENESS (Liturgy, continued)

Next, let us consider the phenomenon of boredom. It is not difficult to see that total accessibility equals boredom. One of the reasons modern Western man is so unhappy is that he has too much of everything too easily available to him. We are awash in food and drink, laden with clothes, living in comfort; sexual titillation is suffocatingly omnipresent; we can get where we are going quickly and easily, but we don't really know where we are going or why we should go there. What do we have to strive for, to hope for, to suffer for, to *sacrifice* ourselves for? The value of our goals decreases in proportion to their triviality and ease of acquisition. Does modern man have a transcendent Other to whom he can surrender himself, an elusive quarry that fascinates him, beckons him onwards, and is always just around the corner but never in his grasp? No, modern man is trapped in immanence, the quotidian, the pedestrian (or should we say, the automotive), the predictable, the endless bestirring and satisfaction of finite needs. It all gets rather wearisome. No wonder chronic boredom has become a psychological epidemic. We are seeing what happens when a creature, created from an eternal idea and destined for eternity, created by the Infinite for the infinite, has bound itself by chains to the finite and the temporary.

What are the liturgical implications of this point? Quite simply that a liturgy, to be true to God and true to man made in God's image, cannot be totally "accessible"—and the attempt to make it so will only result in its degradation. To make the liturgy obvious, easy, simple, is to make it cease to be the liturgy. If it becomes proportionate to man in his temporality and finitude, it becomes, to that same extent, disproportionate to God and to man's immortal intellectual soul, created in God's image. This principle affects *every* aspect of liturgy.

Patristic Wisdom: Exercise patience out of love for your fellow man. Exercise patience in order to benefit your soul. For if you do not take your soul into consideration, you lose your patience. **St. Raphael of Lesbos** (+1463)

Note to Orthodox about Holy Communion: Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is one of the most Holy experiences for a Christian in order to be granted the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. We are never worthy to partake of Divine Nature. Yet, it is essential that we prepare ourselves for this sacred Communion by constant prayer, reading the Scriptures, regular fasting and periodic Confession. At a minimum, we should fast from midnight (from the end of the noon meal for an evening Mass) before Communion, come to Liturgy every Lord's Day, arrive at the beginning of Mass, and come for Confession at least four times a year. In addition, we should not have separated ourselves from the Church through serious sin. Otherwise, please refrain from Communion to avoid "*judgment...not discerning the Lord's body*" (1Cor. 11:29). Contact Fr. John for pastoral guidance.

The Church Father Speak: Wherever you place a person afflicted with an internal disease or oppressed with cruel sorrow, he will suffer, even in the most magnificent palace. That is because his disease and sorrow are always and everywhere with him and in him. It is the same in the case of a sinner who is impenitent and not cleansed of his sins. Wherever you put him, he will suffer, even in Paradise itself. To a sinner everywhere if hell. **St. Innocent of Alaska** (+1879)



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

The Month of All Souls

Monday, November 16	feria	
Tuesday, Nov. 17	St. Gregory, Wonderworker; St. Gregory of Tours, BB, CC	
Wednesday, Nov. 18	Dedication of Ss Peter & Paul	
Thursday, Nov. 19	feria	Mass 7:00pm
Friday, Nov. 20	St. Edmund, KM	
	abstinence	
Saturday, Nov. 21	Presentation B.V.M.	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, Nov. 22	The Twenty-Fifth and Last Sunday after Pentecost	High Mass 10:00am
	St. Cecilia, VM	

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

