



THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS
 DECEMBER 27, 2015

IN the group that Christ chose to be messengers of God's love for mankind, St. John is singled out by the Gospel description as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." The great token of that love, the Mother of God, was entrusted to St. John by Christ in His dying moments. The New Testament writings of St. John—the Fourth Gospel, the Apocalypse, and three epistles—put into words the divine secret of love which the disciple learned in his intimacy with God and the Theotokos. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God (*I John 4:17*)

Tradition has it that St. John, miraculously preserved from martyrdom spent a long life forming the infant Church in Asia Minor in the simple and fundamental teaching of Christ, "Little children, love one another."

PRELUDE	"Noel #10 in G"	L.-C. Daquin
ENTRANCE OF THE CELEBRANT (STAND)		
PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (KNEEL)		
INTROIT (KNEEL)	<i>In medio ecclesiae</i>	Eccli, 15:5; Ps. 91:2
KYRIE (KNEEL)		Missal pg.12
GLORIA (STAND)		Missal pg. 12
COLLECTS (STAND)		
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		Eccli. 15:1-6
	<i>True wisdom that leads to eternal salvation lies in a reverential feat of God. Those who love God also trust in His providence.</i>	
GRADUAL (SIT)		John 21:23, 19
ALLELUIA (SIT)		John 21:24
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		John 21:19-24
	<i>Peter's anxiety for John brings our Lord's teaching on God's providence, which disposes out lives.</i>	
SERMON (SIT)		Dom Theodore
NICENE CREED (STAND)		Missal pg. 15
OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)		Ps. 91:13
OFFERTORY (SIT)	<i>Away in a Manger"</i>	arr. J. Innes
THE SECRET COLLECTS		
SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY		Missal pg. 24

THE CANON OF THE MASS **(KNEEL)**
 THE LORD'S PRAYER **(STAND, pg.44)**
 AGNUS DEI **(KNEEL, pg. 46)**
 PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION
 COMMUNION VERSE

Missal pg. 35
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Missal pg. 50a
 John 21:23

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."

COMMUNION *"Still, Still, Still"* arr. D. Paxton
 POSTCOMMUNION COLLECTS **(STAND)**
 DISMISSAL AND BLESSING **(KNEEL)**
 LAST GOSPEL **(STAND, pg.54)** John 1:1-14
 PRAYERS AFTER LOW MASS **(KNEEL)**
 POSTLUDE *"A Virgin Pure"* N. Lebegue



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: Hal Ogle, Kim Peoria, Charlie Hester, Charles Rubey, Victoria & John Lopp, Megan Hines, Mark Ainsworth, the special intentions of Alexandra Eddy, Margaret Lyman, Don Clair, Lily Calderon, the Setah family in Syria, Abraham Martinez, 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 for the health and welfare of Hannah Laird (birthday – December 28) and for Nathan & Keela Ainsworth (anniversary – December 30). A gift from Patty Rendoff.

Think About It: How precious in the sight of God and of all people is a person who tries to live always from love. *St. Thalassios of Libya* (7th cent.)

A PERSONAL "THANK YOU"

Dear Parishioners and friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the kind gifts and cards at Christmas. I so appreciate your thoughtfulness and care. Sometimes the job of a priest can be a lonely one. It is the kindness of our parishioners and their prayers that spurs us on and encourages us in our service to the people of God.

I ask God to richly bless you and your families, not only at this holy Season, but throughout the coming New Year. Know that you remain in my prayers!

Sincerely in Christ,

Mgr. John A. Mangels

THANK YOU!

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parishioners who helped make the celebration of the Lord's Birth such a wonderful occasion for each of us and for our guests and visitors. Thanks to all who contributed to the Flower Offering, those who helped decorate the Church for the Great Feast, those who contributed to the Orchestral Fund and those who helped with cleaning and other preparations. Thanks to those who served at the Altar, those who acted as greeters and ushers, and those who sang. May you all be richly blessed for all that you have done and continue to do for our Parish and ultimately for the greater honour and glory of God!

Think About It: True generosity never looks to reciprocity; it gives neither because it expects a gift in return, nor because there is a duty or obligation; its essence is the "adorable extra." Its reward is in the joy of giving. *Fulton J. Sheen*

MANY THANKS to the Laird Family for the kind contribution to the Orchestral Fund.

Patristic Wisdom: He who has genuinely renounced worldly things and lovingly and sincerely serves his neighbor is soon set free from every passion and made a partaker of God's love and knowledge. **St. Maximos the Confessor** (+662)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

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

- **New Year's Day:** The Feast of the Circumcision—Mass at 10:00am
- **The Epiphany** Wednesday, January 6—Mass at 7:00pm
- **Taking Down of the Decorations** after Mass on Sunday, January 11

Wisdom from the Church Fathers: How will humanity escape from the birth that is subject to death, if it is not by means of a new birth, given in a wonderful and unexpected manner by God, that very regeneration that flows from the Virgin through faith? **St. Irenaeus of Lyons** (+202)

FALL FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Fall Food Drive. It runs through the end of the year

BOOKSTORE NEWS

The **2016 Liturgical Wall Calendar** is available as well as a selection of **Christmas & other cards by our own Anne Emmons and Fr. Theodore!** Other cards and gifts can also be ordered in time for Christmas giving. Check out YOUR Bookstore and help support the Parish.

The Church Father Speak: There has never been a woman as beautiful as the *Panagia* (The

Mother of God) was in soul and body. How she transformed people's souls with her grace! **El-der St. Paisios the Athonite** (+1994)

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

Mass 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 29

within the Octave of the Nativity

Wednesday, Dec. 30

within the Octave of the Nativity

Mass 7:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 31

St. Sylvester, PC

Friday, January 1

The Feast of the Circumcision

Mass 10:00am

Saturday, Jan. 2

Octave of St. Stephen

Mass 10:00am

Sunday, Jan 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Mass 10:00am

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

