



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 JANUARY 24, 2016

JESUS reached out His miraculous hand in charity to an outcast leper and to a pagan foreigner. These two strangers were attracted to Christ and disposed to believe in Him because of the outstanding miracles He worked. But it was necessary for them to believe definitely, before Jesus would do what they asked.

The compassionate love of Christ teaches us to look to the needs of people, without judging their consciences. Sometimes their distress will be all the greater in proportion to the injury they may have done us. And no one is more destitute than the one who has lost his self-respect and is reduced to begging. Our kindness to those in difficulty will be a sign, a reason for men to believe that the compassion of Jesus is still at work.

- PRELUDE
 ASPERGES ME (a weekly reminder of our Baptism) plainsong
(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar)
 INTROIT (KNEEL) Adorate Deum Ps. 96:7-8; 1
 KYRIE (KNEEL) Missa Marialis plainsong
 GLORIA (STAND) [Missal pg. 12] plainsong
 COLLECTS (STAND)
 THE EPISTLE (SIT) Rom. 12:16-21
If an enemy persuades you to return evil for evil, he has made you an evildoer; you are overcome by evil. Leave judgment and punishment to God. Keep charity triumphant.
 GRADUAL (SIT) Ps. 101-16-17
 ALLELUIA (SIT) Ps. 96:1
 THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND) Matthew 8:1-13
Jesus came to save all men of every condition and race. The charity of Christians to the least of men will help awaken their faith on an ever-present Redeemer.
 SERMON (SIT) Monsignor John A. Mangels
 NICENE CREED (STAND) [Missal pg. 15] plainsong
 OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND) Ps. 117:16, 17
 HYMN Slane Hymanl No. 363
 "PRAY BRETHERN" Missal pg. 21

- SECRET COLLECTS
 SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF THE TRINITY (STAND, pg.23)
 SANCTUS (KNEEL) [Missal pg. 33]
 THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)
 THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)
 AGNUS DEI (KNEEL) [Missal pg. 46]
 PRE-COMMUNION PRAYER
 COMMUNION VERSE

- plainsong
 Missal pg.35
 Missal pg. 44
 plainsong
 Missal pg. 50a
 Luke 4:22

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 St. Cecilia
 POSTLUDE

John 1:1-14
 Hymnal No. 544



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: Giselle Kheirkhahi, Cece Scott, Nils, John, 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, 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 in honour of Beth Swanson's Birthday. A gift from Patty Rendoff.

PICK UP YOUR CALENDARS 2016 in the Bookstore! The calendar gives all the Fasts & Feasts so that you can prepare and be aware!

REST ETERNAL: We offer our condolences and sympathy to Neville Gaggiani on the death of his brother in law, George Mauro. We as your prayers for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his wife, Neville's sister, Donna Mauro.

PLEASE USE YOUR KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN

One of the GREAT FINANCIAL BENEFITS to our parish is the King Soopers Gift Card program that was initiated by Debbie Braun a few years ago. It is a way were you can shop—like you always do, pay nothing more and have **5%** if your bill come back to St. Augustine's! It is a **wonderful way to increase our revenue without costing you ANYTHING!** If your card has not been used for 90 day, please get another one from Debbie and begin using it again!! \$25.00 gets you a card and you are free to spend all of that money any way you like at any King Soopers store. When it's gone, fill it up again with however much you like and get to spending and helping out beloved Parish!

EPIPHANY WATER

The Holy Water blessed for the Epiphany **is available in the Holy Water receptacle in the Narthex of the Church.** Please feel free to take some home with you. According to Orthodox doctrine, holy water has the power to sanctify and heal. Have each family member drink a small amount of the holy water from Epiphany. Keep the unused holy water in your home prayer corner for future use: times of adversity, before starting a new venture or trip, to give thanks, or when someone is ill. You may drink it or anoint yourself when you feel spiritually afflicted. To rid the house of evil spirits, it should be sprinkled in the four corners of each room. We have Holy Water Bottles available in the Book Store.

TO OUR VISITORS Thank you for joining with us in prayer and fellowship. The worship of the Orthodox Church is deeply rooted in and very similar to that of the early Christian Church. Unique sensory stimuli and mystery are elements that go back even to the liturgy of the Jewish temple. Everything in an Orthodox Christian church communicates the majestic presence of God the Holy Trinity with His Saints. It is literally heaven on earth. It is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Visitors are invited to receive the blessed bread at the conclusion of the liturgy. We pray and work for the reconciliation and unity of all Christians. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy, please contact Fr. John.

Think about it: Correct faith does not benefit in anything when life is corrupted. *St. John Chrysostom* (+407)

OCLIFE MOVEMENT

WHILE ALL ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS are, by definition, pro-life, the members of Orthodox Christians for Life endeavor to raise awareness of the abortion industry and related affronts to the sanctity of human life.

The scourge of abortion is the greatest genocide to have darkened the history of man. OCLife hopes to educate Orthodox Christians about the many good efforts of the Pro-Life Movement, encouraging greater involvement and zeal in them. This is one facet of how the Church can more affectively serve as leaven within society, thus cultivating the healing, love, chastity, and family stability that can help men and women grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ Jesus.

Friday, January 22, 2016 marked the 43rd Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States, on which Orthodox Christians from across the country gathered in the US Capital for the annual March for Life or participate in similar regional gatherings.

Orthodox Christian hierarchs, students from Orthodox seminaries, and clergy and faithful from around the country in the annual March, which concluded with prayers on the steps of the US Supreme Court building for the victims of abortion.

If the Church Fathers saw abortion in any way as a "choice," they saw it as the culmination of a series of bad choices. St. John Chrysostom, for one, places abortion at the pinnacle of "choices" that begin with self-indulgence ("drunkenness"), promiscuity, adultery, and finally the abortion of an unwanted child.

The Church Fathers Speak: But men are not always willing to let marriage serve its purpose. For marriage is the desire for the procreation of children, and not disorderly sexual conduct, which is as much outside the laws as it is foreign to reason. Universal life would proceed according to nature if we would practice continence from the beginning instead of destroying, through immoral and pernicious acts, human beings who are given birth by Divine Providence. Those who use abortifacient medicines to hide their fornication are causing the outright destruction, together with the fetus, of the whole human race. (The Tutor, 2:10.) *St. Clement of Alexandria* (+216)

SOME UP-COMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

- **The Presentation of Our Lord and the Purification of His Mother, February 2** We will have Mass and the blessings of Candles on "Candlemas Day, Tuesday, Fr. 2 at 7pm.
- **Annual Saint Blaise Day BLESSING OF THROATS** on Wednesday, February 3
- **Ash Wednesday** Orthodox Christians of the Western Rite begin the Great Lent on Wednesday, **March 16** with Mass and distribution of ashes at 7:00pm.

From the Holy Fathers: Passions are brought either by images or by sensations devoid of images and by memory, which at first is unaccompanied by passionate movements or thoughts, but which later produces excitation." One way to deal with these passions, continued St. Isaac: "... their thought must become attached to nothing except their own soul." *St. Isaac the Syrian* (+700)

Wisdom from the Church Fathers: Maladies in our eyes only appear painful, unpleasant and terrible. It is seldom that any one of us during the time of sickness represents to himself the profit which his illness brings to his soul; but in God's all wise and most merciful Providence, not a single malady remains without some profit to our soul. Sicknesses in the hands of Providence are the same as bitter medicines for our soul, curing its passions, its bad habits and inclinations. Not a single malady went to us shall return void. Therefore, we must keep in view the utility of sicknesses, in order that we may bear them more easily and more calmly. *St. John of Kronstadt* (+1908)

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, January 25	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	
Tuesday, Jan. 26	<i>St. Polycarp of Smyrna, B. M.</i>	
Wednesday, Jan. 27	St. John Chrysostom, BCD	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, Jan. 28	Second Feast of St. Agnes of Rome, Virgin & Martyr	
Friday, Jan. 29	feria <i>abstinence</i>	
Saturday, Jan. 30	<i>St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr</i>	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, Jan. 31	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	High Mass 10:00am

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