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Passion Sunday

APRIL 17, 2016

JESUS, eternal God, became mortal man in order to mediate our redemption, to form a new people that would be His Mystical Self, and to bring all men into an eternal union with Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. There can be no living of Christ without living the price of mediation for souls. That price may vary from mere fidelity in the performance of monotonous duty to bearing with loneliness and misunderstanding, or even to suffering violence and death. Sin continues, and therefore suffering for sin must continue. Since Christians share in Christ’s High Priesthood through the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation, His passion becomes their passion, for an “eternal inheritance”.

PRELUDE	<i>O Sacred Head Surrounded</i>	J. Brahms
ASPERGES ME	<i>(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)</i>	plainsong
	OMIT: “Glory be to the Father...”	
	<i>(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)</i>	
INTROIT (KNEEL)	<i>Judica me</i>	Ps. 42:1-2, 3
KYRIE (KNEEL)	<i>Missa Penitentialis</i>	Gregorian plainchant
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		Heb. 9:11-15
	<i>The sacrifices of the Old Law served a temporary purpose of effecting a limited, external, legal cleansing. Their entire efficacy came from the infinitely perfect and all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ’s own life, a sacrifice voluntarily made.</i>	
GRADUAL (SIT)		Ps. 142: 9, 10; 17:48-49
TRACT (SIT)		Ps. 128:1-4
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		John 8:46-59
	<i>Leaving to His Father the punishment of unbelief and insult, Jesus asserts His innocence and His eternal existence. To Abraham was promised a Saviour. To those who believe and obey Christ, heaven is assured.</i>	
SERMON (SIT)		Dom Theodore Phillips

NICENE CREED (STAND)		plainsong
OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)		Ps. 118:17, 107
HYMN (STAND)	<i>Herzliebster Jesu</i>	Hymnal No. 71 (1)
SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE OF THE HOLY CROSS (STAND)		
SANCTUS (KNEEL)		plainsong
THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)		
THE LORD’S PRAYER (STAND)		
AGNUS DEI (KNEEL)		plainsong
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION		
MOTET	<i>Hoc corpus</i>	Gregorian chant
COMMUNION VERSE		I Cor. 11:24, 25

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 & BLESSING (KNEEL)		
LAST GOSPEL (STAND)		John 1:1-14
HYMN	<i>Caswall</i>	Hymnal No. 335
POSTLUDE	<i>O Traurigkeit (“O Deepest Woe”)</i>	arr. Wilbur Held



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our visitors this morning. There are Service books in the pews for your use. While Holy Communion may **be received only 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: Traudel Schroad Gunter, Sarah Jerome, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Amy Renee Belo, Larry Belo Jr., Max Atencio, Georgia Irene Nowlin, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, Paulene Dole, Phyllis Shavlik, Giselle Kheirkhahi, Cece Scott, Charles Raines, Victoria Lopp, Megan Hines, the special intentions of Alexandra Eddy, Margaret Lyman, Lily Calderon, the Setah family in Syria, Abraham Martinez, Neville Gaggiani, Phyllis Roberts, Bob Hester, Sue Stanko, Robert Phillips, the suffering Christians in Syria and the Middle East, Maria Palucha, Margie Palucha, Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo, Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Corinne Fierkens, Kh. Angela Keiser, Nate Redman, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS In thankfulness to God for the loving parishioners of St. Augustine. A gift from Patty Rendoff.

ORTHODOX EASTER AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monsignor Mangels has announced the Liturgical Music Program for Easter Sunday, May 1. THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS, soloists and orchestra will present one of the greatest liturgical masterpieces of the Western Liturgical Music treasury—Ludwig van Beethoven's magnificent MASS IN C, op. 86. (It has not been presented at St. Augustine's since 1986 when our choir was the choral ensemble for the Breckenridge Music Festival.) We will have an augmented choir and orchestra. Also to be heard are von Eybler's evocative Easter Offertory *Terra Tremuit*; Mozart's tender and sublime *Ave verum corpus* and at the end the powerful *Hallelujah!* from "Christ on the Mount of Olives" also by Beethoven. The flyers, with more information are ready and available for distribution. Use this **valuable missionary outreach tool** as a way to invite and introduce people to St. Augustine's!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SUPPORT THE EASTER ORCHESTRA?

We are very fortunate to have a fine group of professional orchestral players who accompany our magnificent AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS on the great feasts of the Church Year. Our orchestral musicians are funded by private contribution and not from Church Funds. If you would like to be a part of this endeavor, please let us know. The sponsorship for one musician is \$250.00. Any contribution helps! Please earmark your check "Easter Orchestra".

EASTER FLYERS

You will notice that we have flyers available advertising the Mass on Easter Day. We hope that you will **take extras and distribute them** to your friends and relatives and display them in prominent places. This is a simple and unobtrusive way to "get the word out"!

Patristic Wisdom: We must not approach Christ out of fear of how we will die and of what will become of us. Rather, we must open our hearts to Him, like pulling open the curtains and letting the sun shine in. In this way Christ will come to us, that we might truly love Him. This is the best way. *St. Elder Porphyrios (+1991)*

ANNUAL EASTER DINNER

It has been a long-standing tradition here at St. Augustine's to follow the High Mass of Easter Day with a glorious BREAK-FAST for our parishioners and friends. We have a **SIGN-UP SHEET in the Parish Hall** so that we are covered for this festive celebration. (We **need main dishes** as well as side dishes). If you are unable to bring something, perhaps you could talk to Anne Emmons about making a financial contribution towards one of the main dishes. Thanks in advance for your help and remember we need **CLEAN-UP help** after the meal. Let's not leave it to just one or two! Please check with Regina Widhalm about cleaning.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers: The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the sign of the cross. *St. Anthony Great (+356)*

ALL PARISH CLEANING DAY—Holy Saturday morning

DON'T FORGET! On Holy Saturday (April 30) we have an **all-parish cleaning and decoration** time from 9am-noon! We need EVERYBODY! Last year things went very well and quickly with everyone here to help prepare the Church for Easter.

WISDOM OF THE CHURCH: "The cure and deification of man is achieved, on the one hand, by the sacramental life, and on the other hand, by the ascetic life which we live in the Church. We cannot understand the sacraments without asceticism in Christ, and we cannot live a real ascetic life without the sacraments of the Church." *Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos*

EASTER CONFESSIONS

Unfortunately, Confession is often the most neglected sacrament of our church. As all the sacraments, it has been given to us to aid us toward Salvation. As we prepare to celebrate the Pascha Event (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day) we should take time to prepare ourselves spiritually for participation in these events of Salvation that Christ did for each one of us—individually. Take some time, go through the Self-examination in the St. Ambrose Prayer Book and make a good Confession. Come early! No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday. Come after any weekday service or call and make an appointment with Fr. John.

THE VIA MATRIS: OUR LADY'S WAY OF SORROWS

Every year, on the **Friday before Palm Sunday**, we celebrate a special feast in honour of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is a special Mass commemorating these events in the Mother of God's life as well as the special devotion, the *Via Materis*—the Way of the Mother of Sorrows. **This coming Friday**, we will share in the Sorrows of Mary with both Mass at 10:00am and the *Via Materis* at 7pm.

PALM SUNDAY PATRIARCHAL COLLECTION

Every year on Palm Sunday, an offering is received from all of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian parishes around the world to help support the work of our beloved Father in Christ, Patriarch John X. Particularly in these times of so much turmoil and darkness in the Middle East the help we provide for the Patriarch and his blessed work is most needed. We will receive a second offering throughout the month of May for this particular cause.

THE VEILING OF THE SACRED IMAGES

A very old custom of the Orthodox Western Rite has it that, during Passiontide (the last two weeks of Lent), the Crucifix and other holy images in the Church are covered with violet veils. This liturgical veiling is a dramatic representation of the action of Our Lord Jesus Christ in today's Gospel: *They took up stones to cast at Him; but Jesus hid himself and went out of the Temple* (John 8:59).

From henceforth, Our Lord's glory, hidden under the veil of his Flesh, will be even more and more hidden from us. During Holy Week, Christ our God will appear to us as a man of sorrows, having no form, no beauty or comeliness, from whom we hide our faces in shame (Isaiah 53:2-3).

Veiling or covering is also a sign of our mourning for our sins and their terrible consequences. The Prophet Isaiah depicts the sins of the world as *the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations*. This terrible veil of our spiritual blindness will be destroyed at Pascha, when the Risen Jesus *will swallow up death in victory, and wipe away tears from off all faces* (Isaiah 25:7-8).

Think about it: Neurosis is the common disease of every man who has no hope except in himself. Being "fed up" with life, he becomes cynical, self-centered, asserts himself in loud, boorish, boasting tones to atone for his own inner hunger, nakedness and ignorance. *Fulton J. Sheen*

PASCHAL FLOWER FUND

The offering envelopes for our Paschal Flower Fund are on the table in the Narthex. Please help us festively decorate our Church for Holy Thursday and Pascha.

SIGN UP FOR THE HOLY THURSDAY "WATCH"

The **sign-up sheet** for the **Holy Thursday Watch** at the Altar of Repose is on the **bulletin board in the Parish Hall**. It is traditional to spend time keeping vigil with Our Lord, praying and

contemplating the great work of Salvation wrought these three days. On Holy Thursday evening after the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, the Church keeps vigil before the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of Repose. In every country, if you visit a Church, you find the faithful there, keeping Our Blessed Lord company during the hours of his scourging and defilement. Be sure you sign up! "Could you not wait one hour with Me?"

HOLY WEEK AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

A great deal of work, time, effort and preparation goes into the Holy Week Services by the Priest, the Servers, the Choir and others who help with the setting up and removing of all the elements necessary. These Services are done but once a year and it is important that the People of God attend and acquire the Spiritual benefits and graces from participating in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. Please come and participate and support your brothers and sisters in the Faith who are on this SPIRITUAL JOURNEY with you.

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK: What is more precious than anything in the world? Time! What do we waste uselessly? Time! When we waste time we lose ourselves. The Lord will call us to account for having stolen time for our own whims and for not using it for God and our souls. *St. Sebastian of Optina (+1966)*

Orthodox Holy Week 2016

April 24-May 1

Palm Sunday: April 24
BLESSING AND PROCESSION OF THE PALMS AND HIGH MASS: 10:00am

Monday, Tuesday: April 25, 26
Low Mass: 7:00pm

Wednesday: April 27
Low Mass: 10:00am

Holy Thursday: April 28
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND PROCESSION: 7:00pm
Vigil at the Garden of Repose, from after Mass until Midnight

Good Friday: April 29
Stations of the Cross: 12:00noon
SOLEMN AFTERNOON LITURGICAL SERVICE of the Passion & Death of Our Lord: 7:00pm

Holy Saturday: April 30
Cleaning and preparation of the Church for Easter: 9:00am-12:noon
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER: **7:00pm**

EASTER DAY [Holy Pascha]: May 1
PASCHAL SOLEMN HIGH MASS: 10:00am
Annual Easter Dinner following Mass



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

The First Week in Passiontide

Monday, April 18	Monday in Passion Week	
	<i>fast</i>	
Tuesday, April 19	Tuesday in Passion Week	
	<i>fast</i>	
Wednesday, April 20	Wednesday in Passion Week	Mass 7:00pm
	<i>fast & abstinence</i>	
Thursday, April 21	Thursday in Passion Week	
	<i>fast</i>	
Friday, April 22	The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady	Mass 10:00am
	<i>fast & abstinence</i>	Via Matris 7:00pm
Saturday, April 23	Saturday in Passion Week, <i>St. George, M</i>	Mass 10:00am
	<i>fast</i>	
Sunday, April 24	PALM SUNDAY	High Mass 10:00am
	The beginning of the Great and Holy Week	

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

