



## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

**T**HE Gospel's Judgment Day scene, depicting to us the gathered hosts of every race and people since the dawn of creation, urges us to begin this year of worship with a sober accounting of how we have lived the Christian Faith and what we have done to share it with others. We are one year farther away from our baptism and one year closer to judgment. Perhaps more than we know, the "night is far advanced." So we look to the end of all our years, the end that explains the beginning.

The Final Judgment will reveal Christ's complete victory. We enter a new cycle of life's warfare and ask for help to face ourselves. What are we doing to purify ourselves from past neglect of grace and to better ourselves for a full use of this year of grace? We want to "walk becomingly as in the day," knowing that "redemption is at hand."

PRELUDE	<i>Saviour of the Nations come</i>	D. Buxtehude
BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		
ASPERGES ME	<i>(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)</i>	plainsong
	<i>(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)</i>	
INTROIT (KNEEL)	<i>Ad te levavi</i>	Ps. 24:1-3; 4
KYRIE (KNEEL)	<i>Missa Marialis</i>	plainsong
COLLECTS (STAND)		
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		Romans 13:11-14
	<i>Christ began the new day of salvation for all mankind. All are meant to seek Him as the light of their life.</i>	
GRADUAL		Ps. 24:3-4
ALLELUIA		Ps. 84:8
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		Luke 21:25-33
	<i>Jesus prophesied in one breath both the end of the world (vs. 25-28) and the destruction of Jerusalem (vs. 29-33). Both devastations, He said, will be preceded by certain signs. Judgment Day will come just as surely as the destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of the Romans.</i>	
SERMON (SIT)		Dom Theodore
NICENE CREED (SIT)		plainsong

OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)

HYMN (SIT)

Stuttgart

Ps. 24:1-3

Hymnal No. 1

SECRET COLLECTS

SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF ADVENT (STAND)

SANCTUS (KNEEL)

THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)

AGNUS DEI (KNEEL)

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

COMMUNION VERSE

plainsong

Missal pg. 35

plainsong

plainsong

Missal pg. 50a

Ps. 84:13

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."

MOTET

*Veni, Redemptor Gentium*

St. Ambrose/M. Praetorius

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (STAND)

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (KNEEL)

LAST GOSPEL (STAND)

HYMN

Merton

John 1:1-14

Hymnal No. 9

POSTLUDE

*Come, O long-expected Jesus*

R. Haan



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**W**ELCOME to all our guests and 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: Anya Whittier, Gabriel Haymen, Adel Mikhail, Tammy Hurtado, Margaret Dudley, Clair Emmons, Patrice Prothro, John Kuzma, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroad Gunter, Sarah Jerome, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, Phyllis Shavlik, Cece Scott, Charles Raines, Megan Hines, Margaret Lyman, Lily Calderon, Neville Gaggianni, Phyllis Roberts, 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, Kh. Angela Keiser, Nate Redman, 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 Debbie Braun (birthday – December 1). A gift from Patty Rendoff.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

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

- **NOVEMBER** is the month of All Souls. Your departed ones—whose names you gave us for All Souls Day—will be remembered at the Masses and Offices and their names will remain on the Altar throughout the entire month of November. Come and pray for them with us!
- **ADVENT** begins TODAY. Remember, we practice the ascetic fast and abstinence of anticipation of the Birth of the Lord on all Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Advent and Christmas Eve. **FASTING** is the taking of one whole meal per day and two smaller meals not equaling a full meal and **ABSTINENCE** is refraining from flesh meat and sauces, soups, gravies, etc. made from meat. If you need to follow a different regime for medical or other reasons, please receive the blessing of your Pastor before embarking on such a thing.
- **ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, December 4.**
- **DECORATING OF THE CHURCH:** Sunday, December 18 after Coffee Hour. *Many hands make light work!*
- **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:** Saturday, December 24, Vigil Mass at 8:00am. The choir and orchestra will present the pre-Mass music and the Mass at Midnight.\* Low Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00am.

**Patristic Wisdom:** While fasting, let us purify our hearts, sanctify our souls and trample down all vices. *St. Theodore the Studite* (+826)

### ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

The Parish Council has set **next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** as the day for the **ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR PARISH**. It is important for all of our people to attend the meeting and to participate in the deliberations. The year will be reviewed in light of the various Departments of the Parish and the Yearly Financial Report will be examined and the Budget for 2017 presented. We want to thank all of our Council Members for their service and remind you that we will be electing one member to fill a vacancy on the Council. Any New Business must be submitted to Alexandra Eddy, Parish Council Chair, one week before the Meeting in order to be considered.

**YOUTH CHURCH SCHOOL** We are very grateful to Mark Flory for offering to meet with our young people **every Sunday morning at 9:00 am**. At their first meeting, the young people put together a list of questions which were phenomenal! They constitute a Catechism of the Church and will be a guide for the curriculum this year. Welcome to all of our youth! Classes will resume next Sunday.

#### FALL FOOD DRIVE

It is the custom in our Archdiocese to have a canned (non-perishables) food drive 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!

**Think About It:** He or she who gives to no one is truly poor. *St. Clement of Rome* (+99AD)

#### KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS

We **reached our goal** this month!! Please continue to use and re-load your cards. If you have not used a card for 90 days, please get a new one from Debbie Braun or Mary Beth Flory so that purchases will accrue towards St. Augustine's Account. Many thanks!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** It has been the long-standing tradition in this Parish to have an Offering for Flowers and Decorations for the Church during the Twelve Days of Christmas. We are very grateful to Anne VanVors for her work in procuring the trees and greens and arranging for the poinsettias. She also made the lovely Advent Wreath. We are also grateful to all of you for your kind donations. The flower offering envelopes are in the Narthex. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

#### \*MSGR. MANGELS HAS ANNOUNCED THE CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

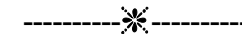
THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS & ORCHESTRA will present FESTAL MUSIC FOR THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30pm. The Pre-Midnight Mass music will

consist of Mozart's magnificent motet *Exsultate Jubilate*, featuring Stephanie Anne Ball, coloratura soprano and orchestra, and Vincent Novello's arrangement of the traditional carol *Adeste Fideles* in the style of Mozart. At Mass, the "*Credo-Mass*"—a joyous, festal and sparkling setting of the Liturgy by Mozart will be heard with Pergolesi's *Glory to God in the Highest* at the Offertory and Mauro-Cattone's touching Christmas Lullaby *Ninna Nanna* (Sleep, O Child Divine) at Communion. The Mass will conclude with Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* from *The Messiah*. The traditional carols of Christmas will be sung by the congregation and choir and the *Gregorian Chant Propers of the Mass* will be sung by the *schola cantorum*.

#### WHY THE MASS AT MIDNIGHT??

The Mass of Midnight, with its peculiar timing, carries with it something of the "nightliness" of the feast—where a star appears and a new babe, the Saviour, is born—and is something we should all experience. The so-called "Christmas family Mass" that is often celebrated on Christmas-Eve (in fact, it is the vigil Mass for Christmas, watching and waiting for Christmas to come) has somewhat eclipsed this in a type of accommodation to what is thought easiest for families with younger children. But every Mass is a celebration of the family of the Church, in which children take their part, and no more so than at Christmas: we do a disservice to children and young people by infantilizing the liturgy. What could be more powerful, even something of a treat for children, for a family to take its place amid the parish family in the church at midnight on this day each year, to "taste" the silence of this night and glimpse for themselves the first light shed by the star over Bethlehem? It is a sacrifice to stay up late, but so was the Incarnation itself!

**The Church Fathers Speak:** When the devil finds someone preoccupied needlessly with earthly desires, he first deprives him of the hard-won fruits of spiritual knowledge, and then cuts off his hope in God. *St. Cosmas of Aetolia* (+1779)



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### *THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S*

#### *November is the Month of All Souls*

Monday, November 28	Advent Feria <i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>	
Tuesday, November 29	<i>St. Saturnunus, B.M. &amp; Vigil of St. Andrew, Ap</i>	
Wednesday, November 30	Saint Andrew the First-Called, Ap <i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, December 1	Advent Feria	
Friday, December 2	St. Peter Chrysologus, BCD <i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>	
Saturday, December 3	Advent Feria	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, December 4	THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	High Mass 10:00am

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