



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2016

JESUS proved Himself to be the promised Saviour by His miracles of mercy and His preaching to the poor. In keeping with such a ministry to the least of humanity, John the Baptist, the immediate messenger of Jesus lived a life of simplicity and penance.

Jesus came to teach and sanctify all, of every class and nation. We are all His. There are no frontiers to charity. Our hearts must embrace the world.

PRELUDE	<i>Saviour of the Nations, Come</i>	J. S. Bach
ASPERGES ME	<i>(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)</i>	plainsong
(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)		
INTROIT (KNEEL)	<i>Populus Sion</i>	Isa. 30:30; Ps. 79:2
KYRIE (KNEEL)	<i>Missa Marialis</i>	Gregorian plainsong
COLLECTS (STAND)		
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		Romans 15:4-13
	<i>Living our brotherhood in Christ without reservations or discrimination, all for the glory of the Father, is the great hope for peace among all and for joy in our Faith.</i>	
GRADUAL		Ps. 49:2-3, 5
ALLELUIA		Ps. 121:1
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		Matt. 11:2-10
	<i>Jesus healed many bodies. But He came primarily to heal by sharing His divine life. We prepare for His healing by prayer and penance and charity.</i>	
SERMON (SIT)		Msgr. John Mangels
NICENE CREED (STAND)		plainsong
OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)		Ps. 84:7-8
HYMN	<i>St. Stephen</i>	Hymnal No. 11
SECRET COLLECTS		
SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF ADVENT (STAND)		
SANCTUS (KNEEL)		plainsong
THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)		Missal pg. 35
THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)		plainsong
AGNUS DEI (KNEEL)		plainsong
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION		Missal pg. 50a

COMMUNION VERSE

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."

COMMUNION ANTHEM	<i>Conditor alme siderum</i>	chant
COMMUNION VERSE		Bar. 5:5; 4:36
POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (STAND)		
DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (KNEEL)		
LAST GOSPEL (STAND)		John 1:1-14
HYMN	<i>Winchester New</i>	Hymnal No. 10
POSTLUDE	<i>Saviour of the Nations, Come</i>	Charles Callahan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME 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, Adel Mikhail, Tammy Hurtado, Margaret Dudley, Claire 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 Gaggiani, 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 Peter Ainsworth (1st birthday). 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.

- **ADVENT** 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.
- **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.
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017** HIGH MASS AT 10:00am
- **THE EPIPHANY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017 RUSH HOUR CONCERT** * at 5:30pm. High Mass at 7:00pm

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

The Parish Council has set **TODAY** 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 have been submitted to Alexandra Eddy, Parish Council Chair, one week before the Meeting in order to be considered.

CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Throughout the Antiochian Archdiocese, today is set aside as "Choir Appreciation Sunday". We thank our dedicated Chanters, Trish and Neville Gaggiani our organist, Frank Slechta and our choristers for their service to the Church. Not only do we need the priest, for each and every service that is celebrated in the Church, but we also need a group of people, our dedicated chanters and choir members, to chant and sing the responses and special hymns, motets, anthems and Mass settings. They are a **vital part** of every service that is prayed. As Metropolitan Antony (Bashir), of thrice-blessed memory, once said, "A church without a choir is like a body without a soul." **THANK YOU!**

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: It is good to be generous to all, especially those who cannot repay you. **Great Ascetic. Theodore of Edessa** (9th cent.)

KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS

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! P.S. A K. S. Gift Card might make a nice "stocking stuffer" or gift!

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 24th 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*.

Think About it: Civilization is not to be identified with commercial prestige but with moral worth; not with goods, but with goodness. +*Fulton J. Sheen*

CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRAL SPONSORSHIP

The funding of special music for the Great Feast Days (and many of the "extras" here at St. Augustine's) **does not come from** Parish funds. It is provided by **special offerings from the friends and benefactors of this parish**. Over the years, parishioners have asked if they could be of help in this endeavor and we have happily received their free will offerings. To be an orchestral sponsor, there are several categories: A **BENEFACTOR** would take care of the entire cost. **ARCHANGELS** contribute \$1,000.00-\$2,000; **SERAPHIM** contribute \$500.00-\$1,000.00; **ANGELS** sponsor one musician at \$250.00; **CHERUBIM** contribute \$100.00-200.00; and of course any **GIFT** is most gratefully appreciated! If you would like to contribute, please earmark your donation: Christmas Music. Thank you!

***EPIPHANY RUSH HOUR CONCERT** On Friday, January 6th at 5:30pm beat the rush hour traffic and come into the serene beauty of St. Augustine's. Alexandra Eddy, violin with Don Hilsberg, harp; David Short, cello; Richard Robertson, organ; and Mackenzie Talley, soprano will perform music of Buxtehude, Bach, and Telemann; a new carol by Alexandra Eddy; and some new arrangements of Epiphany/Christmas Carols. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the music program at St. Augustine's.

The Church Fathers Speak: Contemporary man has become too materialistic, a subject to the new tyrant: money. Everywhere we look, we hear that money is everything, the master of this world. He, who makes money his master, makes himself a servant of the devil. **Elder Justin Pavru of Romania** (+2013)



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, December 5	<i>St. Sabas the Sanctified, Ab fast & abstinence</i>	
Tuesday, December 6	Saint Nicholas of Myra, BC	
Wednesday, December 7	Saint Ambrose of Milan. BCD <i>fast & abstinence</i>	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, December 8	Conception of the Mother of God	Mass 7:00pm
Friday, December 9	Advent Feria <i>fast & abstinence</i>	
Saturday, December 10	<i>St. Melchisedech, BM</i>	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, December 11	Gaudete Sunday	Solemn High Mass 10:00am

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