



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
 JANUARY 22, 2017

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.

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| PRELUDE   | <i>Andante</i>  | J.-G. Ropartz         |
| 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)</i> |   |                       |
| INTROIT (KNEEL)   | <i>Adorate Deum</i>   | Ps. 96:7-8; 1         |
| KYRIE (KNEEL)   | <i>Missa Marialis</i>   | plainsong             |
| GLORIA (STAND) [Missal pg. 12]  |   | plainsong             |
| COLLECTS (STAND)  |   |                       |
| THE EPISTLE (SIT)   |   | Rom. 12:16-21         |
|   | <i>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.</i> |                       |
| GRADUAL (SIT)   |   | Ps. 101:16-17         |
| ALLELUIA (SIT)  |   | Ps. 96:1              |
| THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)   |   | Matthew 8:1-13        |
|   | <i>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 in an ever-present Redeemer.</i>          |                       |
| SERMON (SIT)  |   | Dom Theodore Phillips |
| NICENE CREED (STAND) [Missal pg. 15]  |   | plainsong             |
| OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)   |   | Ps. 117:16, 17        |
| HYMN  | <i>Slane</i>  | Hymnal 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  
 MOTET *Adoro Te devote*  
 COMMUNION VERSE

plainsong  
 Missal pg.35  
 Missal pg. 44  
 plainsong  
 Missal pg. 50a  
 Chant / D. Wood  
 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  
 POSTLUDE

*St. Cecilia  
 March in D*

John 1:1-14  
 Hymnal No. 544  
 F. Peeters



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**W**ELCOME to all our guests and visitors. 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: Felix Martinez, Marian Davis, Anya Whittier, Adel Mikhail, Tammy Hurtado, Margaret Dudley, Claire Emmons, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroad Gunter, Sarah Jerome, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, 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 are for the health and welfare of Beth Swanson (birthday January 27). We also pray on this pro-life Sunday for our country and a profound respect for the life, the Gift of God in all of our people. For healing, love, chastity, and family stability that can help men and women grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ Jesus. A gift from Patty Rendoff.

PICK UP YOUR CALENDARS 2017 in the Bookstore! The calendar gives all the Fasts & Feasts so that you can prepare and be aware!

## PARISH COUNCIL 2017

We are happy to announce that the Officers of the Parish Council were elected last Sunday. Frank Slechta is chairman; Patty Rendoff, vice chair; Alexandra Eddy, treasurer; Mark Flory, secretary. Anne Emmons represents the Antiochian Women. We want to thank John Fiscus, who served as our treasurer filling out Linda Ogle's term and has finished his commitment.

## ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Anne Emmons will be giving a presentation on **Saturday, January 28 at 2:00pm**. The title: "**Beauty Will Save the World:**" the spiritual beauty of the Icon; reflections on the meaning of Dostoevsky's quote—an Orthodox theology of beauty in the sacred icons. Please let your friends and anyone who would be interested know!

## 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 blessing of Candles on "Candlemas Day", Tuesday, February 2 at 7pm.
- **Saint Blaise Day**, Friday, February 3 Mass and Blessing of Throats at 10:00am.
- **Ash Wednesday** Orthodox Christians of the Western Rite begin the Great Lent on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> with Mass and distribution of ashes at 7:00pm.

## PARISH HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all of our Coffee Hour Hosts! This ministry within our parish is so valued. If you have not taken an opportunity to provide refreshments to your brothers and sisters and our visitors, you can sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet by the door to the entrance of the Kitchen. You can always ask another family or person to "partner with you" and if it is a financial strain, please let Father John or someone on the Parish Council know as funds are available to help out and encourage everyone to take a turn. Don't forget—**WE NEED CLEAN-UP HELP** every Sunday as well. You have no doubt seen our little friends (mice). Part of the problem is that we are not emptying the trash **EVERY WEEK**.

**Think about it:** The bald fact the enemies of God must face is that modern civilization has conquered the world, but in doing so has lost its soul. And in losing its soul it will lose the very world it gained. Even our so-called Liberal culture in these United States, which has tried to avoid complete secularization by leaving little zones of individual freedom, is in danger of forgetting that these zones were preserved only because religion was in their soul. And as religion fades so will freedom, for only where the spirit of God is, is there liberty. +*Fulton J. Sheen*

## 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.

## 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 effectively 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.

This Friday, January 27, 2017 marks the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States, on which Orthodox Christians from across the country will

gather 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 will take part in the annual March, which will conclude 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:** 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. *St. Clement of Alexandria* (+216)

**From the Holy 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 the Great of Egypt* (+356)

**Wisdom from the Church Fathers:** A woman who deliberately destroys a fetus is answerable for murder.

Those who give potions for the destruction of the child conceived in the womb are murderers, as are those who take potions which kill the child.

... we do not have a precise distinction between a fetus which has been formed and one which has not yet been formed.

"... any hairsplitting distinction as to its being formed or unformed is inadmissible with us. *St. Basil the Great* (+379)

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, January 23

*St. Emerentiana, V.M.*

Tuesday, January 24

St. Timothy, B. M.

Wednesday, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Mass 7:00pm

Thursday, January 26

*St. Polycarp of Smyrna, B.M.*

Friday, January 27

St. John Chrysostom, BCD

*abstinence*

Saturday, January 28

*2<sup>nd</sup> Feast of St. Agnes, VM*

Mass 10:00am

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

High Mass 10:00am

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