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PASSION SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2017

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 *In the Cross of Christ I glory* W. Held
 ASPERGES ME *(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)* plainsong

OMIT: "Glory be to the Father..."

(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)

INTROIT (KNEEL) *Judica me* Ps. 42:1-2; 3
 KYRIE (KNEEL) *Missa Penitentialis* Gregorian plainchant

COLLECTS (STAND) *Heb. 9:11-15*
THE EPISTLE (SIT)

The sacrifice 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.

GRADUAL (SIT) Ps. 142; 9, 10; 17:48-49
 TRACT (SIT) Ps. 128:1-4

THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND) John 8:46-59
Leaving to His Father the punishment for unbelief and insults, Jesus asserts His innocence and His eternal existence. To Abraham was promised a Saviour. To those who believe and obey Christ, heaven is assured.

SERMON (SIT) Msgr. John Mangels
 NICENE CREED (STAND) plainsong
 OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND) Ps. 118:17, 107
 ANTHEM (SIT) *A Lente Prayer* G. Pergolesi
 SURSUM CORDA (Missal pg. 22, STAND)
 PREFACE OF THE HOLY CROSS Missal pg. 26
 SANCTUS (KNEEL) plainsong
 THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL) Missal pg. 35
 THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)
 AGNUS DEI (KNEEL) plainsong
 PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION
 COMMUNION VERSE I Cor. 11:24, 25
 MOTET *Ave Regina Caelorum* G. Giraud

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)
 HYMN *Herzliebster Jesu* John 1:1-14
 POSTLUDE *O Darkest Woe* Hymnal No. 71 (1)
 W. Held



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME 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: Rosemary Danaher, Michael McDonald, Nate Munro, Father James Forseo, John Palucha, Joan Garver, Mike Conley & family, Adel Mikhail, Tammy Hurtado, Margaret Dudley, Claire Emmons, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroed Gunter, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, Cece Scott, Charles Raines, Megan Hines, Margaret Lyman, Lily Calderon, 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. Angelina Keiser, Nate Redman, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS are offered this week for the health and welfare of Judy Jarrett (birthday April 7). A gift from Patty Rendoff.

THE EASTER MUSICAL PROGRAM 2017

Monsignor Mangels has announced the Liturgical Music Program for Easter Sunday, April 16. THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS, soloists and orchestra will present Antonín Dvořák's MASS IN D, op. 86. C. V. Stanford's Anthem *If ye then be risen with Christ* will be sung at the Offertory; Mendelssohn's *The strife is o'er* will be the Recessional. The orchestra and organ will play Giovanni Sgambati's *Andante Solenne "Te Deum Laudamus"* for the prelude.

CAN YOU 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 contributions 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"!

Think About It: Repentance is the beginning, middle and end of the Christian way of life. Thus, it is sought and required before, during and after Holy Baptism. **St. Gregory Palamas** (+1359)

PASCHAL FLOWER FUND

The offering envelopes for our Paschal Flower Fund are on the table in the Narthex. Flower donations can be given in memory of a beloved person. Your intentions will be remembered at the altar during the Octave of Easter. Thank you so much for helping to make the church beautiful for Easter!

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 and benefactors. 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! DON'T FORGET! On Holy Saturday (April 15) 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.

THE VEILING OF THE SACRED IMAGES

A very old custom of the Orthodox Christian 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).

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE DRIVE

PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING are the three "legs" upon which the "table of Lent" stands. All three components are a necessary part of the Lenten Discipline: the Services of the Church during Lent, personal prayer, fasting, and the giving of money saved on more extravagant eating given to the poor. We do this last part as a corporate endeavor through our "Food for Hungry People" drive in our Archdiocese. Please take your "alms box," fill it up and bring it back on the Sunday after Easter.

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 in 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 in 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?*"

Wisdom from the Church Fathers—"My Day" seems to be the day of the Crucifixion, which Abraham foreshadowed in type by offering the ram and Isaac...He proved Himself to be greater than Abraham. For Abraham rejoiced to see His day and made this the object of his desire...As the Father uses this expression (Ex. 3:14) 'I AM' so does the Son signifying continuous being. **St. John Chrysostom** (+407)



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, April 3	Passiontide Feria <i>fast</i>	
Tuesday, April 4	Passiontide Feria - <i>St. Lisidore of Seville, BCD</i> <i>fast</i>	
Wednesday, April 5	Inquirer's Class #7: The Church: Birth, Mission & Holy Orders Passiontide Feria <i>fast & abstinence</i>	7:00pm Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, April 6	Passiontide Feria <i>fast</i>	
Friday, April 7	Seven Sorrows of the BVM <i>fast & abstinence</i> <i>Via Matris</i>	Mass 10:00am 7:00pm
Saturday, April 8	Passiontide Feria <i>fast</i>	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, April 9	Second Sunday of the Passion- Palm Sunday The beginning of the Great & Holy Week	High Mass 10:00

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