



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 23, 2016

**B**APTISM RECEIVED, though a great mystery of God-life shared with man is only a beginning. Life means a source, a fountain of activity, a movement with the purpose of perfecting being. It is not enough to be engrafted into Christ as His living member. Christian life must bear Christian fruit for the glory of Christ, for the perfection and happiness of the Christian, and for the conquest of the world under the kingship of Christ and the queenship of the Mother of God. Apostolic activity at every level, in every generation, is the mark of Christian vitality.

PRELUDE *Arabesque* Louis Vierne

THE ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF THE BISHOP  
RESPONSORY (STAND) Don Lorenzo Perosi

*Ecce Sacerdos magnus*

**B**EHOLD a great priest who in his days pleased God, \* Therefore with an oath the Lord hath made him great among his people. (*Sirach 43:16*)

**V.** O God our Protector, look graciously upon us.  
**R.** And look upon the face of Thine Anointed.  
**V.** O Lord save Thy servant JOHN, the Bishop.  
**R.** Who hopeth in Thee, my God.  
**V.** Send him help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.  
**R.** And from Sion protect him.  
**V.** Let not the enemy prevail against him.  
**R.** Nor the son of iniquity draw near to harm him.  
 Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, Who by Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed Thy flock: give grace, we beseech Thee, to this Thy servant JOHN the Bishop, to Our Metropolitan JOSEPH, and all Hierarchs of Thy Holy Church: that they may diligently proclaim Thy Word, and rightly administer Thy divine mysteries: that all people, dwelling in peace and unity within the One Holy Orthodox Church, may obediently follow them in the way that leadeth to the crown of everlasting Life. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who visitest the humble and consolest them by Thy fatherly love, spread forth Thy grace upon this congregation, that through those in whom Thou dwellest we may feel Thy presence in ourselves. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

AT HOLY MASS

ASPERGES ME (*a weekly reminder of our baptismal vows. Pg.4*) plainsong  
*(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)*

INTROIT (KNEEL) *Omnes gentes* Ps. 46:2, 3

KYRIE (KNEEL) *Missa Marialis* plainsong

GLORIA (STAND) plainsong

COLLECTS (STAND)

THE EPISTLE (SIT) Rom. 6:19-23

*Consenting to sin makes a person the frightened but fascinated slave to sin. Mortal sin is spiritual death to the soul; and when fixed by death, it means eternal damnation. Freed from sin by Baptism and Christian virtues, the soul remains happily and eternally alive.*

GRADUAL Ps. 33: 12, 6

ALLELUIA Ps. 46:2

THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND) Matt. 7:15-21

*The Christian leader is judged by goodness of life and truth of doctrine, especially by his charity and by his submission to lawful authority. To be obedient is to do God's will.*

SERMON (SIT) Rt. Rev. Bishop John

NICENE CREED (STAND) plainsong

OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND) Daniel 3:40

ANTHEM (SIT) *In Hoc Templum* Josef G. Rheinberger

Toward this Temple, toward this Holy of Holies, toward this Ark of the Covenant, "will I worship and praise thy Name" (*Ps. cxxvii. 2*) saying with David "thy servant hath found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee" (*2 Kings vii:27.*) And I have found the Heart of Jesus, the Heart of my King, my Brother, and my tender Friend.

**(It is proper to sit while the offering is made and the Anthem is sung. Stand as you are censed and then sit again until the SURSUM CORDA.)**

"PRAY BRETHERN" Missal pg. 21

SECRET COLLECTS

SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF THE HOLY TRINITY (STAND, pg. 23)

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (KNEEL, pg. 33) plainsong

THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL) Missal pg.35

THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND) Missal pg. 44

AGNUS DEI (KNEEL) plainsong

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION Missal pg. 50a

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 VERSE Ps. 30:3

MOTET *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum [text: Missal pg. 63]* Flor Peeters

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (STAND)

DISMISSAL

PONTIFICAL BLESSING (KNEEL)

V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.  
R. From this time forth forevermore.  
V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

ALMIGHTY God bless you, the Father, ✠ the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Ghost.

R. Amen

LAST GOSPEL (STAND)

John 1:1-14

REMOVAL OF CROWNS (STAND)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

St. Catherine

Hymnal No. 393

POSTLUDE

Marche Pontificale

P. Kung



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our visitors 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: Colleen Fiscus, John MacIntyre, John C. Brainerd, Ruth Sanchez, Rhonda Laird, Medora Jane Watkins, Kaitlin Belitz, Robert Jostmeyer, Michael McDonald, Nate Munro, Father Lou Christopulos, Father James Forseo, Joan Garver, Mike Conley & family, Adel Mikhail, Tammy Hurtado, Claire Emmons, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroad Gunter, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, Charles Raines, Megan Hines, 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.

### WELCOME BISHOP JOHN!

We are pleasantly surprised by the visit of our Bishop and most honored that he chose to be with us at St. Augustine's this morning for Mass. It has been a few years since we received His Grace so we are delighted that he is with us this morning. Please stay for Coffee Hour to greet him.

### NO WEEKDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK

As we have mentioned before, the Convention of the Antiochian Archdiocese is taking place in Miami, FL from July 24-30. Because this Convention honors the lifelong commitment of Bishop Antoun (who received us into Orthodoxy in August of 1990) it seemed most appropriate that our pastor should attend—even though it is costly. To this end, Father John will be away from the Parish from Monday until the following Sunday evening. If any **pastoral emergency** should arise, please contact either Fr. Lester Bundy (303-499-0476) or Father John Connely (303-722-0707). There will be no weekday services this week but Father Theodore will be here next Sunday

at 10:00am to offer the Office of Terce and Holy Communion.

**Think About It:** If the things of the world delight you, turn your love from them to their Creator so that in what pleases you, you may not displease God. *St. Augustine of Hippo* (+430)

**Wisdom from the Church Fathers:** Jesus said, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Mt. 6:33). Parents must remember and practice this for generally children acquire the character of their parents, are formed and molded by their temperament, love what they love, talk the way they talk, and work the way they work. If we order our lives with God first, diligently studying the Scriptures, we will find lessons to guide us in everything we and our children need. *St. John Chrysostom* (+408)

**THANKS!** To Frank Slehta, Leandro Lacava and Todd Resegguie for providing the Liturgical Music this morning. Also all of our parishioners who worked so hard this week to prepare for the Bishop's Visit. Margie Palucha for hosting Coffee Hour and all who helped her; Janice Stuhlerland and Anne Eemons for cleaning the Church; Larry Belo for doing yard work and all who helped behind the scenes.

### MASSES FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Every Orthodox Christian has the privilege of asking his Priest to celebrate the Mass for any special intention, occasion, or need. There is no better assistance that can be given to the sick and dying, the conversion of sinners, for unbelievers, for travelers, those in prison, on beginning a new business venture, on starting classes at university, and to ask for a special blessing, than offering the Bloodless Sacrifice. The pious faithful will not fail to have the Mass offered in thanksgiving for any favor granted them by the all-bountiful Lord.

There is no more fruitful way of helping our departed kinsfolk and friends than by asking the Priest to offer the Holy Sacrifice on their behalf, that God may pardon all their sins and grant them eternal rest. There is also the commendable practice of sending a “Mass Card” instead of flowers upon the death of a friend or relative. How much more will the soul of the departed be helped by placing in or near his casket, cards announcing that the Bloodless Sacrifice will be offered for his repose, than by surrounding his body with flowers that wither and die and which he cannot appreciate!

It is customary for the Faithful to give the Priest a gratuity or stipend for saying the Mass and performing other ministrations at their request. We must fully understand that God's grace and mercy cannot be bought. These gifts are merely a contribution towards the maintenance of the Priest and are a relic of the time when the people brought the gifts of bread and wine for the Liturgy.

*From: “The Orthodox Companion,” Fr. David Abramtsov*

**THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK:** The sinful soul which does not know the Lord fears death, thinking that the Lord will not forgive his/her sins. But this is because the soul does not know the Lord and how greatly He loves us. But if people knew this, then no man would despair, for the Lord not only forgives but rejoices exceedingly at the return of a sinner. Though you be at death's door, believe firmly that the moment you ask, you will receive forgiveness. *St. Silouan the Athonite* (+1938)

**The Sanctuary Lamps** burn this week for the health and welfare of Erik and Beth Swanson and in thanksgiving for a safe and spiritually beneficial pilgrimage and trip to England and Scotland. A gift from Erik and Beth Swanson.

## REMOVAL OF CROWNS

We are delighted to welcome Joseph and Ashley Oxandale home from the Honeymoon! This morning they will have their Crowns removed by Bishop John. The wearing of the crowns has its history in the village celebration of a marriage, when a man and a woman were waited upon by members of their family and the village; it was their way of having a honeymoon. Feasts were given in their honor by their parents, godparents, and other notables in the village. The crowns were a sign of that "honeymoon" period in which the groom and bride did no work but were truly the King and the Queen of the village for that week. After the crowns were removed they returned to everyday life and he found out how good or bad a cook his wife really was. Many Years!

## ST TIMON SUNDAY 2017

Today is the day set aside to remember our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Archdiocese of Bosra-Hauran in southern Syria, especially Metropolitan Saba and his clergy. It is also the designated day in our Diocese for fundraising for The Hauran Connection. A special offering will be received **throughout the month of July**. Next Sunday will be the final opportunity to contribute to this year's drive. May God richly bless you for your kindness toward our suffering brothers and sisters in the Faith.

**Think About It:** When a person learns to recognize everyone as better than him/herself, with that humility is attained. *St. Sisoies the Great* (+429)

## UP-COMING EVENTS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

- Sunday, August 6 The Feast of the Transfiguration, High Mass at 10:00am
- Tuesday, August 15, The Dormition/Assumption of the BVM, High Mass 7:00pm
- Friday, August 25, The beginning of the Annual Triduum of St. Augustine our Patron
- Monday, August 28, The Patronal Feast of St. Augustitne of Hippo, High Mass at 7:00pm

## COMMITMENT DURING THE SUMMER

Please remember that as summer approaches and families will be taking vacations, there is **no vacation from our responsibility to God**. We are still expected to worship God at Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. Also, please remember your financial commitment to the parish. We are so grateful to our parishioners for all you do for your parish.



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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, July 24	Vigil of St. James; <i>St. Christina, VM</i>	
Tuesday, July 25	St. James the Greater, Ap; <i>St. Christopher, M</i>	
Wednesday, July 26	St. Anne, Mother of the BVM	No Mass
Thursday, July 27	<i>St. Panteleon, M</i>	
Friday, July 28	<i>Ss Nazarius, Celsus, Victor &amp; Innocent, Mm</i> <i>abstinence</i>	
Saturday, July 29	St. Martha of Bethany, V; <i>St Felix &amp; Comp. Mm</i>	No Mass
Sunday, July 26	<b>THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>	10:00am

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



## SAINT AUGUSTINE'S:

- *the historic Church*
- *living the historic Faith*
- *in historic Baker Neighborhood!*

*"...and the disciples were called Christian first at Antioch." Acts 11:26*