



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

HUMAN weakness requires help in sharing the weight of life's distress. In what manner should one person bear the burdens of another? First of all, there should be compassion—a suffering with—in view of each one's own weakness and many failures. A sense of personal superiority often poisons well-meant pity and renders it worse than useless. Secondly, there should be meekness in any sort of counseling; not ridicule or harshness. Finally, one should begin with persons who are united in Christian belief. All of this charity, done for Christ, who is the greatest bearer of man's burdens, is a continual spiritual sowing for an eternal harvest.

PRELUDE	<i>Andante</i>	J. Rheinberger
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>Inclina, Domine</i>	Ps. 85:1, 2-3
KYRIE (KNEEL)	<i>Missa Marialis</i>	plainsong
GLORIA (STAND)		plainsong
COLLECTS (STAND)		
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		Gal. 5:25-26; 6:1-10
<i>Only the Christ-like person who loves and is truly humble can counsel and correct another human being. Helping another is the essential test of true charity.</i>		
GRADUAL		Ps. 91:2-3
ALLELUIA		Ps. 94:3
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		Luke 7:11-16
<i>Out of compassion for a suffering widow, Jesus gave life to her son. Whenever by the Sacrament of Baptism or that of Confession, He restores a soul from the death of sin to the life of grace, Jesus through his ordained priest works an even greater miracle.</i>		
SERMON (SIT)		Dom Theodore
NICENE CREED (STAND)		plainsong
OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)		Ps. 39:2,3,4
HYMN	<i>Franconia</i>	Hymnal No. 439
“PRAY BRETHREN”		Missal pg. 21

The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, to our benefit also, and that of all his holy Church.

SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF THE HOLY TRINITY (pg.23) (STAND)	
SANCTUS (KNEEL)	plainsong
THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)	Missal pg. 35
THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)	
AGNUS DEI (KNEEL)	plainsong
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION	Missal pg. 55a
MOTET	Chant
COMMUNION VERSE	John 6:52

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)	John 1:1-14
HYMN	<i>Chalvey</i> Hymnal No. 452
POSTLUDE	<i>Allegro non troppo</i> J.-G. Ropartz



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: Vicki Dole, Robert & Janet Phillips, Toni Placios Porter, Al Freeman, Bishop Antoun, Colleen Fiscus, John MacIntyre, John C. Brainerd, Rhonda Laird, Kaitlin Belitz, Robert Jostmeyer, Michael McDonald, Nate Munro, Joan Garver, Mike Conley & family, Adel Mikhail, Claire Emmons, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroad Gunter, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, 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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS burn this week to God's honour and glory and for the health and welfare of all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of September. A gift from Patty Rendoff.

Think About it: As fire does not give birth to snow, so those who seek honor here will not enjoy it in heaven. *St. John Climacus* (+606)

UP-COMING EVENTS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

- FALL EMBER DAYS September 20, 22, 23. Days of fast and abstinence and an excellent time to make one's quarterly Confession.

THE FALL EMBER DAYS—*next week*

Ember days (corruption from Latin, *Quatuor Tempora*, four times) are the days at the beginning of the seasons ordered by the Church as days of fast and abstinence. They occur the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after 13 December (S. Lucia), after Ash Wednesday, after Whitsunday, and after 14 September (Exaltation of the Cross). The purpose of their introduction, besides the general one intended by all prayer and fasting, was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy. **It is an excellent opportunity for self-examination and confession.**

Think about it: When prayer rises to heaven, immediately God's mercy descends upon the earth. *St. Augustine of Hippo* (+430)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Thanks to all of our Coffee Hour hosts. It is just wonderful that we have so many participating in this ministry of hospitality to our brothers and sisters and guests. Please sign up for the September Sundays!

Patristic Wisdom: Pray to the mother of God. She will intercede for you in this life and after death she will help you to pass through to reach the heavenly kingdom. *St. Barsanuphius of Optina* (+1913)

COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

Throughout the month of September, we will receive a second offering for the Archdiocesan Hurricane Relief Program. Several of our parishes were impacted by the terrible storm. Thank you for your generosity. We received another letter from the Metropolitan which will be read in Church today concerning this urgent relief and ongoing crisis with Hurricane Irma.

FROM THE JEROME FAMILY IN FLORIDA

Dear Father,
We survived. The eye passed straight through us. Rain and severe wind gusts. Was scary having never experienced a hurricane before. Thankfully no damage to the property. Lot of debris - broken trees, branches, leaves, torn pool screens, shingles etc. We do not have power. It may take a week to 10 days. Schools, businesses, gas stations, govt offices are closed in many counties. Hopeful of normalcy by next week. We truly appreciate and thank you and all our members for your prayers. Please let everyone know that we are safe.

Love and Hugs
Joy, Eric, and Serena

The Church Fathers Speak: I advise you to read the Gospel more often and longer, especially the Gospel of John. Read it whether you understand it or not. The grace-filled words of the Gospel will mightily drive away boredom and despondency and bring comfort. *St. Ambrose of Optina* (+1891)

Think about it: Many of the reasons for persevering in and supporting our traditional Western Liturgical form of the Mass, in spite of all the trouble the devil manages to stir up for us, can be summarized in one word: MYSTERY. What St. Paul calls *mysterion* and what the Latin liturgical tradition designates by the names *myssterium* and *sacramentum* are far from being marginal concepts in Christianity. God's dramatic self-disclosure to us, throughout history and most of all in the Person of Jesus Christ, is a mystery in the highest sense of the term: it is the revelation of a Reality that is utterly intelligible yet always ineluctable, ever luminous yet blinding in its luminosity. It is fitting that the liturgi-

cal celebrations that bring us into contact with our very God should bear the stamp of His eternal and infinite mysteriousness, His marvelous transcendence, His overwhelming holiness, His disarming intimacy. His gentle yet penetrating silence. The Gregorian rite surely bears this stamp. Its ceremonies, its language, its *ad orientem* posture, and its ethereal music are not obscurantist but perfectly intelligible while at the same time instilling a sense of the unknown, even the fearful and thrilling. By fostering a sense of the sacred, the old Mass preserves intact the mystery of Faith. *PK*

The Church Fathers Speak: He who truly wishes to believe in God must be lifted above himself, his mind, and even the whole world. For this reason, the value of faith is considered higher than the value of man. It is even higher than the value of the whole world. Therefore, the reward of faith should be higher than all of man's possessions along with the glories of this world. The reward of faith is God. *Fr. Matthew the Poor* (+2006)



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, September 18	<i>feria</i>	
Tuesday, September 19	<i>Ss Januarius & Comp., Mm</i>	
Wednesday, September 20	Ember Wednesday <i>fast & abstinence</i>	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, September 21	St. Matthew, Ap. & Evangelist	
Friday, September 22	Ember Friday <i>fast & abstinence</i>	
Saturday, September 23	Ember Saturday <i>fast & abstinence</i>	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, September 24	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	High Mass 10:00am

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

