



THE SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE Father has sent His Son to be the world's Saviour. Though almighty king and ruler of the universe, Jesus came in silence and simplicity and obedience. After such an example there can be no excuse for not listening to Him. Everyone must believe Him or reject Him. He is the sign that divides the believers from their contradictors. Making the choice and living by it is part of our Christian adulthood; it is part of the loyalty due to Christ from His adopted brothers and sisters. To lead others to this adoption and brotherhood in Christ is the highest form of gratitude we can pay to Jesus.

PRELUDE	<i>Still, Still, Still "Austrian Carol"</i>	arr. D Paxton
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, pg. 8.)</i>		
INTROIT (KNEEL)	<i>Dum medium</i>	Wisdom 18:14-15; Ps. 92:1
KYRIE (KNEEL)	<i>Missa Gloria in excelsis Deo</i>	Vito Carnevali
GLORIA (SIT)		Carnevali
COLLECTS (STAND)		
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		Gal. 4:11-7
<i>Now that the Son of God has emancipated us from the tutorship of the Old Law, we are no longer servants but sons and daughters of God.</i>		
GRADUAL (SIT)		Ps. 44:3,2
ALLELUIA (SIT)		Ps. 92:1
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		Luke 2:33-40
<i>The Evangelist tells us of the glorious mission which the future has in store for this Child of Bethlehem, the manifestation of which commences today in the Temple.</i>		
SERMON (SIT)		Monsignor John A. Mangels
NICENE CREED (SIT)		Carnevali
OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)		Ps. 92:12
ANTHEM (SIT)	<i>Torches</i>	John Joubert
SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY (STAND)		
SANCTUS (KNEEL)		Carnevali
THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)		Missal pg.35
POST-EPIKLESIS	<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Carnevali
THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)		Missal pg. 44
AGNUS DEI (KNEEL)		Carnevali

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION
 COMMUNION VERSE
 MOTET *The blessed Son of God*
 POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (STAND)
 DISMISSAL & BLESSING (KNEEL)
 LAST GOSPEL (STAND)
 HYMN
 POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo
In dulci jubilo



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: Erin Lefke, Max Atencio, Charles Rubey, Mother Olga, Marta Lewis, Brian Glass, Larry Belo, Ruth Sanchez, Isaac Swanson, Tony Zubricky, Brian Knop, Miriam Lindstrom, Patty Rendoff, Janet Phillips, Toni Placios Porter, John MacIntyre, Rhonda Laird, Kaitlin Belitz, Robert Jostmeyer, Michael McDonald, 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, 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.

NOTE ON PRAYER LIST

Next Sunday, January 7, 2018 we will be **"starting over"** on the Prayer list. Please let Fr. John know of anyone who needs to stay on the list otherwise they will be gone.

2018 CALENDARS If you have not yet picked up your 2018 Calendar, they are available for sale in the Bookstore. It is important to know the Fasts and Feasts of the Church Year so that you can plan accordingly. This year's calendar is another beautiful production from LANCELOT ANDREWES PRESS and should be in every Western Orthodox Home. Only \$10.00!

VISIT TO THE CRECHE

It is an old and venerable custom for Christians to make a formal visit to the crèche during the 12 Days of Christmas. This gives us the opportunity to meditate on the MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION and its effects on us. The Manger Scene is not merely a "Christmas Decoration"! It is an Icon of the Mystery of the Incarnation and we should meditate upon that Holy Mystery throughout the Christmas Season. The Prayers for the Visitation are found in the SAINT AMBROSE PRAYER BOOK (pg. 453-454). Parents should take their children to the Crib and pray the prayers with them so that they may better understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Missal pg. 50a
 Mt. 2:20
 R. Vaughan Williams

John 1:1-14
 Hymnal No. 31
 Wilbur Held



My dear parishioners and friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the many kind gifts, cards, and remembrances during this Christmas time. It is such a pleasure to be in the parish serving you and perpetuating the Western Rite expression of Holy Orthodoxy.

I want to thank all of you for contributing to the flower fund and orchestral fund, those who worked so hard in decorating the Church, advertising for Christmas and everything else that you do that makes this parish work. I pray that God will bless you during this Holy Season of joy and that you and your loved ones will be richly blessed in the coming New Year.

*Sincerely yours in Christ, Our New-born Saviour!
Monsignor John Mangels*

Think About it: In the morning you see the sun come up brightly and amazing everyone. Think, then, what great gladness will be experienced by souls resplendent in the eternal Sun of Righteousness, Christ the Son of God. Pray, then, that your heart may also shine with the beneficent light of His grace! **St. Tikhon of Zadonsk** (+1783)

ETERNAL REST We express our sympathy and condolences to the Very Rev'd John C. Connely of St. Mark's Church on the death of his mother, Ethel Louise Connely of St. Paul, KS on Friday. May she rest in peace!

DISPENSATION There is a general dispensation from all fasting and abstinence from Christmas Day until the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6).

SOME UP-COMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

- **NEW YEAR'S DAY, Monday, January 1 Holy Day** Low Mass for the Feast of the Circumcision at 10:00am.
- **THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** is Saturday, January 6th. Low Mass at 10:00am.
- **Epiphany Concert**—*Resonet in laudibus*, the second annual Epiphany Concert at St. Augustine's, will be offered at **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2018**. Alexandra Eddy will play viola with Mackenzie Talley, soprano, and Richard Robertson, organ. Works to be performed include Alexandra's arrangements of familiar vocal music of the season; two movements of Johann Sebastian Bach's Cello Suite in G major, transcribed for solo viola; two solo organ pieces, and the world premiere of Alexandra's *Es ist ein' Ros' Entsprungen* for unaccompanied viola, based on Johannes Brahms's lovely organ prelude of the same name, Op. 122, No. 8. Admission is free, and all are welcome. There will be an opportunity to make a freewill offering, all proceeds from which will benefit the Music Program at St. Augustine's. Refreshments will follow!
- **EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY** The solemn observance of Epiphany will take place on Sunday, January 7 with Solemn Mass at 10:00am.
- **ANNUAL MEETING** Sunday, January 14, 2018 after Mass.

STEWARDSHIP- Many thanks to all who have generously supported our Parish and her mission this past year! As this is the last Sunday of 2017, please consider contributing today in two ways: 1) to fulfill your usual yearly commitment, 2) to give above and beyond your usual commitment. We always provide a statement of giving to all who have contributed to the work of the Parish at the beginning of the New Year for your tax records. Again, thank you all for your most generous and sacrificial giving during 2017!

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

The **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Parish is scheduled for **Sunday, January 14**. 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 2018 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 be submitted to Frank Slechta, Parish Council Chair, one week before the Meeting in order to be considered.

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK—Blessed be that Child, who gladdened Bethlehem today! Blessed be that Babe who made mankind young again today! Blessed be the Fruit who lowered Himself to our famished state! Blessed be the Good One who suddenly enriched our necessities and supplied our needs! Blessed is He whose tender mercies made Him condescend to visit our infirmities! **St. Ephraim the Syrian** (+373)



THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, January 1	THE CIRCUMCISION: NEW YEAR'S DAY	Low Mass 10:00am
Tuesday, January 2	Most Holy Name of Jesus	
Wednesday, January 3	Octave of St. John the Evangelist	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, January 4	Octave of Holy Innocents; <i>St. Titus, BC</i>	
Friday, January 5	" <i>Twelfth-night</i> " Vigil of the Epiphany	
Saturday, January 6	THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY	Low Mass 10:00am
	Epiphany Concert	4:00pm
Sunday, January 7	The External Solemnity of the Epiphany	Solemn Mass 10:00am
	CONFESSIONS: <i>The Sacrament of Confession is available all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.</i>	

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