



THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION
SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018



TODAY'S MASS has a touch of Good Friday, a sense of loss, a note of resignation that Christ's visible presence was not meant to continue. There is also a brave facing of the real world of Christian mystery, wherein charity is a constant need and violent opposition is a possible threat. But grace in the human heart is divine life shared with men; it is the seed of glory, the beginning of heaven.

PRELUDE "Au Cénacle" Dom Paul Benoit
VIDI AQUAM (a weekly reminder of our baptismal vows, pg. 6) handout
(We **KNEEL** as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)
INTROIT (**KNEEL**) Exaudi, Domine Ps. 26:7, 8, 9
KYRIE (**KNEEL**) Missa de Angelis plainsong
GLORIA (**STAND**, pg. 12) plainsong
COLLECTS (**STAND**)
THE EPISTLE (**SIT**) I Peter 4:7-11
Christian strength rests firmly on prudence, prayer, charity, hospitality, and the unifying purpose of doing everything for God's glory. Only by God's grace do we achieve any good.
ALLELUIA Ps. 46:9; John 14:18
THE HOLY GOSPEL (**STAND**) John 15:26-27; 16:1-4
Jesus prepared His Apostles to know and to accept the Holy Spirit as a Person who proceeds from the Father and is sent to continue Christ's work through the Church, despite persecution.
SERMON (**SIT**) Monsignor John Mangels
NICENE CREED (**STAND**) plainsong
OFFERTORY VERSE (**STAND**) Ps. 46:6
ANTHEM (**SIT**) Ave Maria N. von Wilm

SURSUM CORDA (**STAND**, pg. 22) & PREFACE OF THE ASCENSION (**STAND**, pg. 27)
SANCTUS (**KNEEL**) 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
COMMUNION MOTET *Domine non sum dignus* A. Donini
COMMUNION VERSE John 17:12-13, 15

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 Hymnal No. 103 (2)
POSTLUDE *Rex Gloriae* J. C. Simon
Prelude & Fugue in F



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: Reagan, Madyson, & Noah Bennett, Peter Sutherland, Eric Willet, Victoria Loop, Loretta Gosse, Gerald Near, Elizabeth Farr, June Huang, Nancy Douglas Gale, Erin Lefke, Charles Rubey, Marta Lewis, Brian Glass, Ruth Sanchez, Phyllis Roberts, the suffering Christians in Syria and the Middle East, Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo, Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Jim Sanders.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS burn this week in celebration of the Sunday after the Feast of the Ascension. A gift from Patty Rendoff.

Think About It: God asks very little of us compared to the many and great blessings He gives. *St. John Chrysostom* (+407)

IMPORTANT EVENTS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Please mark your calendars for these important events in our Parish:

- The **Feast of Pentecost**, the fiftieth day after Easter, will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 27** with Solemn Mass at 10:00am. It is also Fr. John's last Sunday with us and the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

The Church Fathers Speak: Desire and effort must come from you. God will provide the power and the result. *St. Paisios the Athonite* (+1994)

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**. (Personal prayer is an important part of everyone's spiritual life but it **does not substitute** for Sunday Liturgy.) Also, please remember your financial commitment to the parish. Just as your bills come in during the summer, so do ours.

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK: Christ's Ascension is our uplifting. Not only are we confirmed as possessors of paradise, but we have also in Christ penetrated the heights of heaven. We have gained still greater things through Christ's unspeakable grace. Therefore, let us rejoice and delight with thanksgiving! *St. Leo the Great* (+461)

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP

Again, we want to thank all of you who take a regular turn at hosting our weekly time of fellowship—the Coffee Hour. The Sign-up sheet is by the door to the kitchen. **Please check it often** to make sure that the weekly Coffee Hour is covered.

DRESS YOUR BEST

A reminder to dress your best for Divine Liturgy. Why? Because it not only reflects an inner attitude of respect and reverence for God (and yourself) but it also shapes that inner attitude. God will accept us as we are but we must ask ourselves: Would we dress like this if we were going to a wedding or a funeral, to a dinner at a nice restaurant, or a meeting with a special dignitary? When we come to liturgy we are attending the great wedding banquet between Christ the Bridegroom and His bride—the Church (us). At a minimum we should not wear jeans, shorts, or tennis shoes. Men should wear a shirt with a collar and women should dress modestly.—*borrowed from St. George Greek Orthodox Church bulletin, St. Paul, MN*

Patristic Wisdom: Be eager to have companions on your way toward God/Church. We invite people to all sorts of places and events without even thinking about it. Why not the same with God/Church? If you do not have enough to give alms to a person in need, don't worry. The tongue has something greater with which to make an offering. It is worth more to offer a nourishing word to refresh a heart/soul that will live forever than to satisfy with earthly bread the stomach of a body that is going to die and decompose. *St. Gregory the Great* (+604)

CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR PASTOR

We will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Priestly Ordination of our Pastor with a dinner on Saturday evening at the Denver Chop House restaurant in LODO. Please see John Fiscus if you

have not already made arrangements. Everyone is invited however you must have made reservations with John.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 27, Father will celebrate his final Mass as Pastor of St. Augustine's and a festive Farewell Coffee Hour will be given. Again everyone is most cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

Writings from the Church Fathers: Prayer in church is important. The best feelings and thoughts can come in/from church. Because of this the enemy (devil) attacks more violently in church. However, with the sign of the Cross and the Jesus Prayer you drive him away. *St. Barsanuphius of Optina* (+1913)

WISDOM FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS: The Lord does not deny you that which you need. Neither should you deny the man whom the Lord has sent to encounter you in order to test your heart. If a beggar extends his hand to you for help, give to him and do not refuse...Remember the mercy of God and your lack of mercy will burn you as a live coal and it will never give you any peace until you repent and soften your heart. *St. Nikolai Velimirovich* (+1956)



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

May is the Month of Our Lady the Virgin Mary

Monday, May 21

St. Constantine, KC

Tuesday, May 22

within the Octave of the Ascension

Wednesday, May 23

within the Octave of the Ascension

Mass 7:00pm

Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm

Thursday, May 24

Octave Day of The Ascension

Friday, May 25

St. Urban, BM

abstinence

Saturday, May 26

The Vigil of Pentecost

Mass 10:00am

fast & abstinence

Sunday, May 27

THE SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

High Mass 10:00am

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