



ORTHODOX EASTER

(April 12, 2015)

AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

EASTER for Eastern Orthodox Christians falls one week later than Western Easter in 2015. So on **Sunday, April 12**, approximately 300 million Orthodox Christians throughout the world will celebrate the great Feast of *Pascha*—Easter.

At Saint Augustine's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church in Denver, a splendid choral program is planned for Orthodox Easter morning at 10:00am. THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS, the parish's resident choral ensemble, will be joined by the ST. AUGUSTINE CHAMBER PLAYERS, a professional orchestral ensemble, to present Carl Maria von Weber's MASS IN G (*Jubel-Messe*), op 76. This festive setting of the Mass was composed by von Weber for the 50th royal jubilee of King Frederick Augustus I of Saxony in 1818 and is scored for soloist, chorus and orchestra. It exhibits all of the charm of his teacher, Michael Haydn, while looking forward to the Romantic style.

At the Offertory of the Mass, the sunny C-major *REGINA CAELI*, KV 276, by Mozart will be heard. It is the last of three settings Mozart made of this Paschal-tide antiphon in honor of the Virgin Mary. It is a work from 1779. Among its many felicities is the thrice-repeated "Alleluia" whose rhythm immediately recalls for the listener a somewhat familiar chorus by Handel.

At Communion, Mozart's lovely setting of the *TANTUM ERGO* in B flat, KV 142, will be featured. The Liturgical celebration will close with the mighty HALLELUJAH! from CHRIST ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES by Beethoven.

The Chorus and Orchestra will be conducted by Richard Robertson who will also play the organ prelude—Charles Tournemire's (1870-1939) monumental Easter work IMPROVISATION ON *VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES*, as transcribed by Marcel Dupré.

The Gregorian Chant PROPERs OF THE MASS will be sung by an all male *Schola Cantorum* under the direction of the Church's organist and choirmaster, Frank Slechta. Hymns will be sung by the congregation.

The Church provides a wonderful EASTER BRUNCH following the Mass in the Parish Hall to which all are invited.

There is no admission charge. A free-will offering will be received to help defray costs.

Parking is available on the street and at the MI CASA LOT at 4th and Acoma or the EASTERN STAR LOT at 2nd and Acoma.