

# EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CHURCH



## II SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

*April 30, 2017*

A Western Rite Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian  
Archdiocese of North America

## FOR OUR VISITORS

**W**ELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for coming to worship with us. We hope you will feel at home. Please join us at our coffee & fellowship hour immediately following the Mass to learn more about our community and life in Christ.



### ABOUT EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

**E**MMANUEL Orthodox Church is a Western Rite parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. In the Acts of the Apostles we read, “in Antioch they were first called Christians” (11:26). The Orthodox Church has maintained an unbroken communion with these Christians of the first century, preserving the liturgies and doctrines handed down to us. Our mission is to draw close to the Holy Trinity in worship and love, to “put on Christ” (Gal. 2:27), and in Him to be “the light of the world” (Matt. 5:14).

*His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH*

*His Grace, the Right Reverend Bishop JOHN*

*The Rev. Fr. Christopher Nerreau*

### A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION

**I**N the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is given only to baptized, chrismated Orthodox Christians who have duly prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and confession. We do invite all visitors to receive a blessing from the priest and to partake of the blessed bread distributed by the altar servers.

# HYMNS & READINGS AT MATINS & MASS

*Hymns are found in the St. Ambrose Hymnal*

## MATINS

**Opening Sentence:** Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

*-Romans 6:9*

**Psalms:** 144, 145, 146 (pg. 210)

**First Lesson:** II Samuel 1:19ff

**Second Lesson:** John 20:24ff

**Office Hymn:** *The Day Draws On With Golden Light* 119

℣. In thy resurrection, O Christ, allelu•ia.

℟. Let heaven and earth rejoice, allelui•ia.

**Antiphon on Benedictus:** I am the Shepherd of the sheep: I am the way, the truth, and the life: I am the Good Shepherd; and I know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

## MASS

**Processional:** *The Clouds of Night are Past Away* 118

Vidi Aquam 352

Kyrie 358

Gloria 359

**Offertory:** *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* 113

Sanctus 360

Our Father 369

Agnus Dei 361

**Communion:** *O What Light & Glory Deck Thee* 111

**Recessional:** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* 102


## PROPERS OF THE MASS

**Introit.** *Psalm 33:5-6. Misericordia.* The loving-kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 33:1.* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. *℟.* Glory be to the Father...

**Collect.** O God, who hast given up thy Son to take our low estate upon him, and hast thereby raised up this fallen world: grant unto thy faithful people perpetual gladness; that they, whom thou hast delivered from the peril of eternal death, may by thee be brought to the fruition of everlasting joy. Through...

**Epistle:** *The Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Peter the Apostle.* Dearly Beloved: Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. (I Peter 2:21-25)

Alleluia, alleluia. *℟.* *Luke 24:35.* The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, Alleluia. *℟.* *John 10:14.* I am the good shepherd: and know my sheep, and am known of mine. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** The  Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John. At that time: Jesus said unto the Pharisees: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

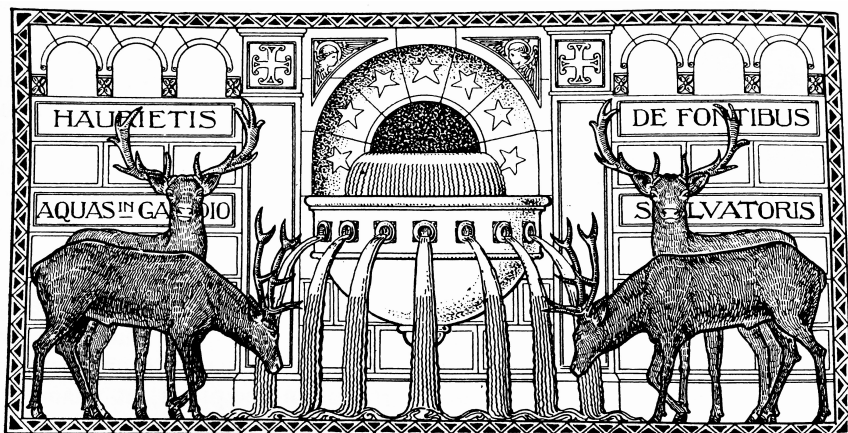
And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. (10:11-16)

**Offertory.** *Psalm 63:2, 5.* O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy name, alleluia.

**Secret.** May this sacred oblation, O Lord, ever bestow upon us thy saving benediction: that those things which we shew forth in an outward mystery may effectually be accomplished in our inward souls. Through...

**Communion.** *John 10:14.* I am the good shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

**Postcommunion.** Grant to us, we beseech thee, almighty God: that we, receiving the quickening of thy grace, may ever glory in the gift which thou bestowest. Through...



## PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

**O** SUPREME High Priest and true Chief Bishop, Jesus Christ, who didst offer thyself to God the Father a pure and spotless Victim upon the altar of the Cross for us miserable sinners, and who didst give us thy Flesh to eat and thy Blood to drink, and didst ordain that Mystery in the power of the Holy Spirit, saying, This do, as often as ye shall do it, in remembrance of me; I pray thee, by that same Blood of thine, the great price of our salvation; I pray thee, by that wonderful and unspeakable love wherewith thou didst vouchsafe to love us, miserable and unworthy, as to wash us from our sins in thy Blood; teach me, I pray thee, by thy Holy Spirit, to approach so great a Mystery with such reverence and honour, with such fear and devotion, as are fitting.

**M**ake me, through thy grace, always so to believe and understand, so to conceive and firmly hold, so to think and speak of this wondrous Mystery, as shall please thee and benefit my own soul. Let thy good Spirit enter into my heart, there silently to sound, and without clamour of words to speak all truth. For exceeding deep are thy Mysteries, and covered with a sacred veil. Of thy great mercy grant me to assist at the Solemnity of the Mass with a clean heart and a pure mind. Set free my heart from all unclean and unholy, all vain and hurtful thoughts.

**D**efend me with the loving and faithful guard, the mighty protection of thy blessed Angels, that the enemies of all good may go away ashamed. By the virtue of this great Mystery, and by the hand of thy holy Angel, drive away from me and from all thy servants the hard spirit of pride and vain-glory, of impurity and uncleanness, of doubting and mistrust. Let them be confounded that persecute us: let them perish that make haste to destroy us.

—St. Ambrose, a Prayer before Mass



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS WEEK

- ❖ Tuesday: Community Meal 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Sunday: Matins & Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.

## SPECIAL NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

- ❖ Join us Tuesday for our monthly community meal. This month's meal will consist of two hot dogs, baked beans, salad and chips, plus desserts and coffee. We're always looking for help; if you're able to volunteer for this vital church ministry, please speak to Kay Caruso.
- ❖ Please return your order forms and checks for the rosary booklets to Sbdn. Ian today (more forms are available on the narthex table). He will be placing the order this week.

## LITURGICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Our official liturgical texts do not call for the response, "Thanks be to God" after the scriptural readings during Morning and Evening Prayer. Please refrain from making this response in the future.
- ❖ At the singing of the Our Father, the priest alone intones the words "Our Father," and the congregation only joins in singing at the words, "Who art in heaven..." The same occurs in the Divine Office before Mass.
- ❖ We will begin singing the Creed starting next Sunday. The setting of the Creed is No. 371 in the St. Ambrose Hymnal.
- ❖ The nave of the church is primarily a place for prayer and meditation. Please refrain from conversation in the church before, during, and after Mass out of respect for Our Lord truly Present in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar. This also allows those who would like to engage in silent prayer before and after Communion to do so.

## LITURGICAL KALENDAR

M	1	Ss. Philip & James, Apostles
T	2	St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
W	3	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the B.V.M.
T	4	Finding of the Holy Cross (trans.); St. Monica, Widow
F*	5	St. Crescentiana, Martyr
S	6	St. John Before the Latin Gate

*\*Day of Abstinence*

# FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS

IT was most just that our divine King should show himself to us with the sceptre of his power, to the end that nothing might be wanting to the majesty of his empire. This



sceptre is the Cross; and Paschal Time was to be the season for its being offered to him in glad homage. A few weeks back, and the Cross was shown to us as the instrument of our Emmanuel's humiliation and as the bed of suffering whereon he died; but has he not since then conquered Death? and what is his Cross now but a trophy of his victory? Let it then be brought forth to our gaze and let every knee bend before this sacred Wood, whereby our Jesus won the honour and praise we now give him!

HOW dear, then, to us should this day be, which blends together the recollection of the holy Cross and the joys of the Resurrection of that Jesus who by the Cross has won the throne to which we shall soon see him ascend! Let us thank our Heavenly Father for his having restored to mankind a treasure so immensely precious as is the Cross. Until the day comes for it to appear with himself in the clouds of heaven, Jesus has entrusted it to his Spouse, as a pledge of his second coming. On that day, he will collect together all the fragments by his divine power; and the Tree of Life will then gladden the elect with its dazzling beauty, and invite them to eternal rest beneath its refreshing shade.

—from Dom Guéranger's *The Liturgical Year*, vol. VIII

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