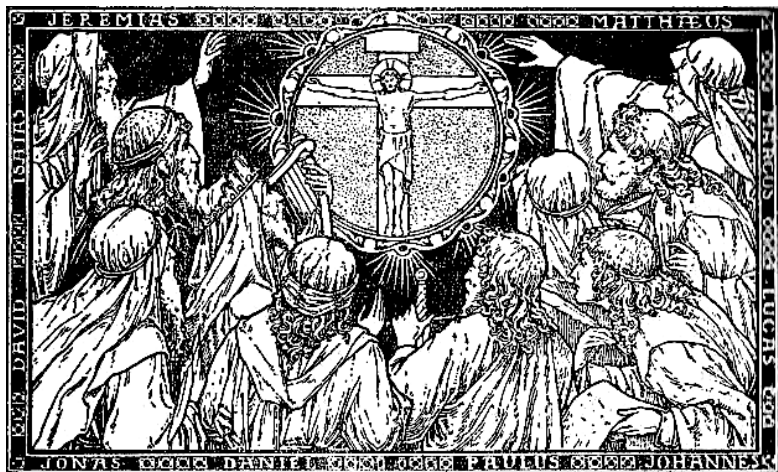


EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CHURCH



PASSION SUNDAY

April 2, 2017

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

FOR OUR VISITORS

WELCOME 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

EMMANUEL 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

IN 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 MATTINS & MASS

MATTINS

The English Office & St. Ambrose Hymnal are used for Mattins

Opening Sentence: He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.
-Isaiah liii.3, 4

Psalms: 9, 10 (pg. 36)

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-13

Second Lesson: John 10:1-16

Office Hymn: *Thirty Years Among Us Dwelling* 95

℣. Deliver me from mine enemies, O + God.

℟. Defend me from them that rise up against + me.

Antiphon on Benedictus: Jesus said unto the multitude of the Jews, and to the chief priests: He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

MASS

Hymns are found in the St. Ambrose Hymnal

Processional: *O Sacred Head Surrounded* 94

Asperges 351

Kyrie Handout

Offertory: *My Song is Love Unknown* 93

Sanctus Handout

Our Father 369

Agnus Dei Handout

Communion: *A Most Grieving Mother* 90

Recessional: *Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord* 92

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Introit. *Psalm 43:1-2. Judica me.* Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man; for thou art the God of my strength.

Ps. 43:3. O send out thy light and thy truth: that they may lead me and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. (*the Glory be is not said*)

Collect. We beseech thee, almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people: that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul. Through...

Epistle: *The Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Paul to the Hebrews.* Brethren: Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance, in Christ Jesus our Lord. (9:11-15)

Gradual. *Psalm 143:9-10.* Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee. *℣. Ps. 18:48-49.* It is thou, Lord, that deliverest me from my cruel enemies: and settest me up above mine adversaries: thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.

Tract. *Psalm 129:1-4.* Many a time have they fought against me from my youth up. *℣.* May Israel now say: yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up. *℣.* But they have not prevailed against me: the plowers plowed upon my back. *℣.* And made long furrows: but the righteous Lord hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

Gospel: *The* ✠ *Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.* At that time, Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews: Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. (8:46-59)

Offertory. *Psalm 119:17, 107.* I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: O do well unto thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word: quicken thou me, O Lord, according to thy word.

Secret. We beseech thee, O Lord, that these our oblations may both loose the bonds of our iniquity and obtain for us the gifts of thy lovingkindness. Through...

Communion. *I Corinthians 11:24-25.* This is my body, which is given for you: this cup is the new Testament in my blood, saith the Lord: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Postcommunion. Assist us mercifully, O Lord our God: that we, whom thou hast here refreshed with thy holy mysteries, may be defended by thy perpetual succour. Through...

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

ALmighty, everlasting God, lo, I draw nigh to the Sacrament of thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I draw nigh as one sick, to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. I implore, therefore, the abundance of thine exceeding bounty, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness; and that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, and with such purpose and intention, as shall be expedient for the health of my soul.

GRANT me, I beseech thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but also the substance and virtue of the Sacrament. O most merciful God, grant me so to receive the body of thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be worthy to be incorporated into his mystical Body and accounted among his members. O most loving Father, grant me, that thy beloved Son, whom I now purpose to receive veiled from sight, I may at length behold forever face to face. Who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

- ❖ Tuesday: Women's Group 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Sunday: Matins & Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

- ❖ Please send all announcements to Sbdn. Ian by Friday if you'd like it included in the Sunday bulletin. Space is limited, so please keep them brief.
- ❖ Please return your order forms and payment for the Rosary Booklets to Sbdn. Ian by Easter Sunday. He will be placing the order the week after Easter.
- ❖ Confessions will be heard from 9:00-9:30 a.m. on Sundays during Lent. Please sit in the front left pew to wait until Father is ready to hear your confession.
- ❖ Please consider making a special donation for Easter flowers using the form located on the narthex table. Donations may be made for the living or for departed loved ones, whose names will be especially remembered during Mass at this holy time of year.
- ❖ Holy Week services are as follows:
 - Palm Sunday: Matins 9 a.m., Blessing of Palms & Mass 9:30 a.m.
 - Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30 p.m.
 - Good Friday: Way of the Sorrowful Virgin, "Maria Desolata" 3 p.m.
Mass of the Presanctified 6:30 p.m.
 - Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.
 - Easter Sunday: Sung Mass 9:30 a.m.

LITURGICAL KALENDAR

M	3	St. Burgundofora, Abbess
T	4	St. Isodore of Seville, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor
W	5	St. Irene of Thessalonica, Virgin & Martyr
T	6	St. Sixtus, Pope & Martyr; St. Celestine, Pope & Confessor
F*	7	St. Tikhon of Moscow, Bishop & Confessor; Our Lady of Sorrows
S	8	St Ædecius, Martyr
*Fasting & Abstinence		

PASSIONTIDE

WE have now come to the final days of Lent and enter Passiontide, that is, the season of the Passion of our Lord. Before Vespers of Saturday preceding Passion Sunday all the crucifixes, statues, and images of the saints are veiled in the church. The crosses remain covered until the uncovering of the cross on Good Friday, and the other images until the *Gloria* of the Mass at the Easter Vigil.

The crosses are veiled because of the words sung during this Sunday's gospel, "and Jesus hid himself from them." From this time forth Jesus hides himself from the authorities who seek to kill him, and is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of his Passion. Dom Gueranger tells us,

"The presentiment of that awful hour [of the Saviour's Passion] leads the afflicted mother [the Church] to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear. Twice during the course of the year, that is, on the feasts of its Invention and Exaltation, this sacred Wood will be offered to us that we may honour it as the trophy of our Jesus' victory; but now, it speaks to us of His sufferings."



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