

EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CHURCH



LOW SUNDAY

(DOMINICA IN ALBIS)

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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 MATINS & MASS

Hymns are found in the St. Ambrose Hymnal

MATINS

Opening Sentence: Jesus saith unto Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands, and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side, and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered, and said unto him, My Lord, and my God. -St. John 20:27, 28

Psalms: 110, 111, 112 (pg. 168)

First Lesson: II Kings 4:18-37

Second Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

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

℣. In thy resurrection, O Christ, alleluia.

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

Antiphon on Benedictus: The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you, alleluia.

MASS

Processional: *He is Risen, He is Risen!* 109

Vidi Aquam 352

Kyrie 358

Gloria 359

Offertory: *O Sons & Daughters of the King* 113

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Agnus Dei 361

Communion: *Jesus Lives!* 111

Recessional: *This Joyful Eastertide* Hand-out

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Introit. *I Peter 2:2. Quasimodo.* As new-born babes, alleluia: desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 81:2.* Sing we merrily unto God our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. *℟.* Glory be to the Father...

Collect. Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that as we have now fulfilled this paschal festival, so in our life and conversation we may by thy grace continually shew forth the same. Through...

Epistle: *The Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed John the Apostle.* Dearly beloved: Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. (*I John 5:4-10*)

Alleluia, alleluia. *℟.* *Matthew 28:7.* In the day of my resurrection, saith the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia. *℟.* *John 20:26.* After eight days, when the doors were shut, Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples, and said: Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

Gospel: *The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.* *✠* At that time: the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, "Peace be unto you." And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." And when he had said this,

he breathed on them, and saith unto them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said unto them, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be unto you." Then saith he to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." And Thomas answered and said unto him, "My Lord and my God." Jesus saith unto him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (20:19-31)

Offertory. *Matthew 28:2, 5-6.* The Angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and saith unto the women: He whom ye seek is risen, as he said, alleluia.

Secret. Accept, O Lord, we beseech thee, the offerings of thy Church exultant: and grant unto her, on whom thou hast bestowed cause for so great joy, the fruit of perpetual gladness. Through...

Communion. *John 20:27.* Reach hither thy hand, and behold the print of the nails, alleluia: and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

Postcommunion. We beseech thee, O Lord our God: that these holy mysteries which thou hast given us for the assurance of our redemption; may both in this life and in that which is to come be profitable for the healing of our souls. 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.

Make 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.

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

SPECIAL NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

- ❖ We welcome our visitors today in the joy of the Risen Lord!
- ❖ There will be a parish council meeting after Mass today.
- ❖ Please send any announcements you would like to be included in the bulletin to Sbdn. Ian by Thursdays for it to be included in Sunday's bulletin.
- ❖ Please return your order forms and checks for the rosary booklets to Sbdn. Ian by next Sunday. He will be placing the order the following week.

LITURGICAL KALENDAR

M	24	ST. GEORGE, Martyr & Patron of the Archdiocese (trans.)
T	25	St. Mark, Apostle & Evangelist
W	26	Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus, Martyrs
T	27	St. Anthimus, Bishop & Martyr
F*	28	St. Vitalis, Martyr
S	29	St. Tychicus, Bishop
<i>*Day of Abstinence</i>		

SAINT GEORGE

CLAD in his bright coat of mail, mounted on his war-steed, and spearing the dragon with his lance, George, the intrepid champion of our Risen Jesus, comes gladdening us to-day with his Feast. From the East, where he is known as the great Martyr, devotion to St. George soon spread in the Western Church, and our Christian Armies have always loved and honoured him as one of their dearest Patrons. His martyrdom took place in Paschal Time; and thus, he stands before us as the Guardian of the glorious Sepulchre, just as Stephen, the Protomartyr, watches near the Crib of the Infant God.



OUR beloved Martyr held an important post in the Roman army during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian. He was one of the first victims of the great Persecution, and suffered death at Nicomedia. Alexandra, the Emperor's wife, was so impressed at witnessing the Saint's courage, that she professed herself a Christian, and shared the crown of martyrdom with the brave soldier of Christ. St. George is usually represented as killing a Dragon; and, where the representation is complete, there is also given the figure of a Princess, whom the Saint thus saves from being devoured by the monster. This favourite subject of both sacred and profane Art is purely symbolical, and is of Byzantine origin. It signifies the victory won over the devil by the Martyr's courageous profession of faith; the Princess represents Alexandra, who was converted by witnessing the Saint's heroic patience under his sufferings.

-Dom Prosper Gueranger, *The Liturgical Year*

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