

# EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CHURCH



## SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 19, 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 MATTINS & MASS

## MATTINS

*The English Office & St. Ambrose Hymnal are used for Matins*

**Opening Sentence:** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

-Psalm 51. 17.

**Psalms:** 95, 96, 97 (pg. 146)

**First Lesson:** 1 Samuel 17:17ff

**Second Lesson:** Matthew 10:32-39

**Office Hymn:** *The First Day of the Week Saw Earth* 1

℣. The Lord is King and hath put on glorious appa·rel.

℟. The Lord hath put on his apparel and girded himself with .  
strength.

**Antiphon on Benedictus:** When much people were gathered together to Jesus, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: a sower went out to sow his seed.

## MASS

*All music is found in the St. Ambrose Hymnal*

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## PROPERS OF THE MASS

**Introit.** *Psalm 44:23-26. Exsurge.* Arise, O Lord, wherefore sleepest thou? Awake, and cast us not away for ever: wherefore hidest thou thy countenance, and forgettest our trouble? Our belly cleaveth unto the ground: Arise, O Lord, help us, and deliver us. *Ps. 44:1.* O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have told us. *℟.* Glory be to the Father...

**Collect.** O God, who seest that we have put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant; that by the protection of the Doctor of the Gentiles we may be defended against all adversity. Through...

**Epistle:** *The lesson from the Second Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.* Brethren: Ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped

his hands. It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (11:19-33, 12:1-9.)

**Gradual.** *Psalm 83:10-14.* Let the nations know that thou, whose name is Jehovah: Art only the Most High over all the earth. *℟.* O my God, make them like unto a wheel, and as the stubble before the wind.

**Tract.** *Psalm 60:4, 6.* Thou hast moved the land, O Lord and divided it. *℟.* Heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh. *℟.* That they may triumph because of the truth: That thy beloved may be delivered.

**Gospel:** *✠ The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.* At that time: When much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

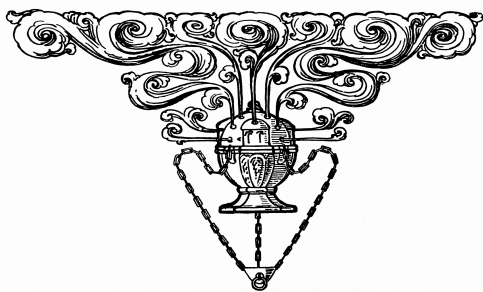
And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. (8:4-15.)

**Offertory.** *Psalm 17:5-7.* O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not: Incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words: Shew thy marvelous loving-kindness, O Lord, thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

**Secret.** May the sacrifice which we offer unto thee, O Lord, evermore quicken and defend us. Through...

**Communion.** *Psalm 43:4.* I will go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

**Postcommunion.** We humbly beseech thee, almighty God: That as thou dost refresh us with thy sacraments, so thou wouldest vouchsafe unto us to do thee worthy and acceptable service. Through...



# 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 Nick Masterjohn who will speak to us about this year's Parish Life Conference, to be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 23-25<sup>th</sup> at St. George Cathedral, Worcester.
- ❖ Lent begins next Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> with the observation of Ash Wednesday, Mass at 6:30 p.m. with imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday is a holy day of obligation, meaning all Christians are expected to attend Mass on this day. It also begins the Lenten Fast which consists of:  
*All meat products (including broth) are forbidden; fish and dairy are allowed. Only one full meal is eaten per day, but not before noon. A collation, or about one-third of a meal, is allowed in the evening. All who have reached 21 years of age are asked to observe the fasts of the Church, unless exempted by their father confessor. These guidelines are observed Monday-Saturday, with Sunday being exempted. Please see Fr. Chris to discuss how best to observe your Lenten fast this year.*
- ❖ Confessions will be heard from 8:30-9:15 a.m. on Sundays during Lent. To facilitate this, Sbdn. Ian will be leading Matins while Fr. Chris hears confessions. Regular confession is an important spiritual practice of the Church and all are encouraged to make sure to receive this sacrament during Lent in preparation for Easter.

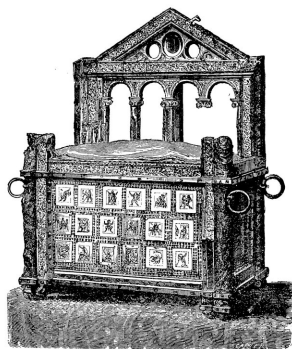
## LITURGICAL KALENDAR

M	20	St. Eleutherius, Bishop & Martyr
T	21	St. Severian of Scythopolis, Bishop & Martyr
W	22	Chair of St. Peter at Antioch; Commemoration of St. Paul
T	23	Vigil of St. Matthias; St. Lazarus of Constantinople
F*	24	St. Matthias, Apostle
S	25	St. Walburga of Heidenheim, Virgin
*Fasting & Abstinence		

# THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER AT ANTIOCH

ON February 22, we commemorate the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch, in which the apostle established an Apostolic See in the city where the faithful were first called Christians.

THREE years after Christ's ascension, St. Peter journeyed to Antioch and became its bishop. The faithful brought the sick and suffering to him, and he prayed for them to be healed. The faithful in Antioch built a great church with an elevated chair so that everyone could see and hear their bishop. St. Peter presided for seven years in Antioch before going on to establish apostolic sees in Alexandria and Rome. Before he left, he made Evodius the second bishop of Antioch. The chair on which St. Peter sat as bishop of Antioch has been preserved (see illustration above), and today the bishop uses a replica of the same.



“WORTHY to be honoured by the Church is that foundation from which her goodly towers rise, pointing to heaven! In the honour which is this day paid to the inauguration of the first bishop's throne, an honour is paid to the office of the priesthood. Various churches pay to one another this tribute of mutual respect, for the more the priestly office is honoured, the more the dignity of the Church is enhanced.”

—Lesson IV at Matins for the Feast