

EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CHURCH



SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ASCENSION

May 28, 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

Subdeacon Ian Abodeely, Subdeacon Don Stewart

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 Christ is gone into Heaven, and is on the right hand of God; Angels, and authorities, and powers being made subject unto him. -I St. Peter 3:22

Psalms: 131, 132, 133, 134, 135 (pg. 197)

First Lesson: 2 Kg 2:1-22

Second Lesson: Acts 1:1-14

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℣. When Christ ascended up on high, alleluia.

℟. He led captivity captive, alleluia.

Antiphon on Benedictus: When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me, alleluia.

MASS

Processional: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* 266

Vidi Aquam 352

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Recessional: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* 130

PROPERS OF THE MASS

"Today," says St. Augustine, "we shall keep the Ascension of our Lord in a fitting manner, with devotion, sanctity, and piety, if we ascend with Him and keep our hearts on high. Let our thoughts be there, where He is, and on earth there will be peace. Let us ascend with him now, with our hearts, and when his promised day comes, we shall follow Him also with our bodies; but we should know that neither pride, nor avarice, nor lust ascend with Christ. If we wish to follow our Healer in His Ascension, we must put off the burden of our vices and sins." (Matins' Lesson).

This Sunday is a preparation for Pentecost. Before ascending to heaven, our Lord had promised, at the Last Supper, that He would not leave us orphans, but would send us his Holy Spirit, the Paraclete (Gospel, Alleluia); that in all things we might glorify God, through Jesus Christ our Lord (Gospel). Therefore, like the Apostles assembled in the Cenacle, we must prepare by prayer and charity (Epistle) for the holy Day of Pentecost, when Christ, who is "our Advocate with the Father" (First Nocturn) will obtain for us from Him the Holy Ghost.

—Excerpted from the Saint Andrew Daily Missal, 1943

Introit. *Psalm 27:7-9. Exaudi.* Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee, alleluia: unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face have I sought, thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thou thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 27:1.* The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? *℟.* Glory be to the Father...

Collect. Almighty and everlasting God: vouchsafe that we, being devoutly given in all things to do thy holy will; may ever serve thy divine majesty in sincerity of heart. Through...

Epistle: *The Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Peter the Apostle.* Dearly Beloved: The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God

giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (I Peter 4:7-11)

Alleluia, alleluia. *℟. Ps. 47:9* The Lord reigneth over all the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat. Alleluia. *℟. John 14:18.* I will not leave you comfortless: I will go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel: *The continuation* ✠ *of the Holy Gospel according to John.* At that time: Jesus said unto his disciples: When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. (15:26-27, 16:1-4.)

Offertory. *Psalm 47:6.* God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump, alleluia.

Secret. May these spotless sacrifices purify us, O Lord: and give unto our souls the strength of thy heavenly grace. Through...

Communion. *John 17:12-13, 15.* Father, while I was with them, I kept those that thou gavest me, alleluia: and now I come to thee: I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world; but that thou shouldest keep them from evil, alleluia, alleluia.

Postcommunion. Grant unto us, O Lord, that we, who have been fulfilled with the grace and power of this heavenly table: may both desire those things which be right, and effectually obtain all things that we desire. 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

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

SPECIAL NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

- ❖ Pentecost Sunday is next week and we are seeking donations for flowers and decorations for this great feast of the Church. If you would like to donate, please include a check in the offering basket with "Pentecost Flowers" in the memo line.
- ❖ The ladies of the parish are hosting a car wash to raise funds for the church this Saturday, June 3rd, at 9 a.m. There will be free coffee, as well as other food and drink for sale. Come support our parish!

LITURGICAL KALENDAR

M	29	St. Conan and his son, Martyrs
T	30	St. Felix I, Bishop & Martyr
W	31	St. Petronilla, Virgin
T	1	OCTAVE OF ASCENSION; St. Juventius, Martyr
F*	2	Ss. Marcellinus, Peter, & Erasmus, Martyrs
S	3	St. Clotilde, Queen

**Day of Abstinence*

St. Felix I

THE holy Popes of the primitive ages of the Church abound during these last days of our Paschal season. [On May 30] we have Felix I, a martyr of the persecution under Aurelian in the third century. His *Acts* have been lost, with the exception of this one detail: that he proclaimed a dogma of the Incarnation, with admirable precision, in a letter addressed to the Church of Alexandria, a passage of which was read with much applause at the two Œcumenical Councils of Ephesus and Chalcedon.

WE also learn from a law he passed for those troubled times of the Church, that this holy Pontiff was zealous in procuring for the martyrs the honour that is due to them. He decreed that the Holy Sacrifice should be offered up on their tombs. The Church still keeps this law in mind by requiring that all altars, whether fixed or portable, must have, amongst the relics that are placed in them, a portion of some belonging to the martyrs.

THOU, O holy Pontiff, didst imitate thy divine Master in his death, for thou gavest thy life for thy sheep. Like him, too, thou art to rise from thy tomb, and thy happy soul shall be reunited to its body, which suffered death in testimony of the truth thou proclaimedst at Rome. Jesus is *the first-born of the dead*; thou didst follow him in his Passion, thou shalt follow him in his Resurrection. Thy body was laid in those venerable vaults, which the piety of early Christians honoured with the appellation of *Cemeteries*—a word which signifies a place wherein to *sleep*. Thou, O Felix, wilt awaken on that great day whereon the Pasch is to receive its last and perfect fulfilment: pray that *we* also may then share with thee in that happy resurrection. Obtain for us that we may be faithful to the graces received in this year's Easter; and prepare us for the visit of the Holy Ghost, who is soon to descend upon us, that he may give stability to the work that has been achieved in our souls by our merciful Saviour.

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



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