

# EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CHURCH



## SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

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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

## MATINS

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

**Opening Sentence:** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-1 *S. John* 1:8, 9

**Psalms:** 62, 63, 64 (pg. 100)

**First Lesson:** Joshua 6:1-20

**Second Lesson:** Luke 7:1-10

**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:** The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard, saith the Lord.

## MASS

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

**Processional:** *We Come Unto Our Fathers' God* 345

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**Communion:** *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus* 152

**Recessional:** *Fight the Good Fight* 283

## PROPERS OF THE MASS

**Introit.** *Psalm 18:5-7. Circumdederunt.* The sorrows of death compassed me, the pains of hell came about me: and in my tribulation I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice out of his holy temple.

*Ps. 18:1-2.* I will love thee, O lord, my strength: the Lord is my stony rock, my fortress, and my saviour. *℟.* Glory be to the Father...

**Collect.** O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name. Through...

**Epistle:** *The Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.* Brethren: Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. (9:24-27; 10:1-5)

**Gradual.** *Psalm 9:10-11, 19-20.* A refuge in due time of trouble: they that know thee will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, never failest them that seek thee. *℟.* For the poor shall not alway be forgotten: the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever: up Lord, and let not man have the upper hand.

**Tract.** *Psalm 130:1-4.* Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. *℟.* O let thine ears consider well the prayer of thy servant. *℟.* If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done

amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? ☩ For there is mercy with thee, therefore shalt thou be feared.

**Gospel:** ☩ *The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.* At that time: Jesus spake this parable unto his disciples: For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen. (20:1-16.)

**Offertory.** *Psalm 92:1.* It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest.

**Secret.** We beseech thee, O Lord, to accept our prayers and oblations: and graciously hearken unto us, whom thou dost cleanse by thy heavenly mysteries. Through...

**Communion.** *Psalm 31:17-18.* Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake: let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee.

**Postcommunion.** Strengthen, O God, with these thy gifts the wills of thy faithful people: that they receiving the same may seek them the more, and seeking them may obtain them everlastingly. 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 Mas

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS WEEK

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

## SPECIAL NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

- ❖ We are very happy to welcome Bishop JOHN to our parish today. Many years, Master!
- ❖ Thank you to all who helped clean last Sunday, the church looks wonderful.
- ❖ Thank you also to everyone who helped with the community meal this past week, despite the snow and sleet; your dedication and sacrifice is a huge blessing to our parish and town. We are in need of more volunteers, however, so that the burden of this ministry is spread over more helpers and not just a dedicated few. Please consider joining the team for this very important parish ministry.
- ❖ The Food for the Journey study group is on sabbatical until the spring, at which time we'll begin a new course of study to enrich our lives and learn more about our faith.

## LITURGICAL KALENDAR

M	13	Ss. Fusca & Maura, Martyrs
T	14	St. Valentine, Priest & Martyr
W	15	Ss. Faustinus & Jovita, Martyrs
T	16	St. Onesimus, Bishop & Martyr
F*	17	St. Fintan of Clonenagh, Abbot & Confessor
S	18	St. Simeon of Jerusalem, Bishop & Martyr

*\*Fasting & Abstinence*

# SAINT VALENTINE

**T**his week, on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Church commemorates three martyrs of the third century, all named Valentine, who suffered as valiant soldiers for the truth of Christ.

**T**HE St. Valentine of whom we know the most was a priest of Rome. In 280 A.D., this St. Valentine was arrested by Claudius the Goth. Under trial for his Christianity, Valentine gave such a defense of Christ's divinity that he began to sway the heart of the ruler. But, when the court started to whisper that their emperor's will was weak, Claudius's pride grew up and choked his budding faith. To prove his strength, Claudius condemned St. Valentine, committing the saint to the prefect's custody. Undismayed by Claudius's rejection, St. Valentine told the prefect about his Lord. The prefect's heart, already softened by love for a blind daughter, accepted this truth with hope. At the prefect's plea, St. Valentine prayed for the girl, who received her sight. The faith of the whole house budded, grew, and bore fruit. St. Valentine attained martyrdom shortly after.

**I**N the Middle Ages, people referred to days by naming the saint then commemorated instead of the month and day. So, when a belief arose that birds selected their mates on the middle day of February, they spoke of this happening on St. Valentine's Day.

**"G**RANT, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we who keep the festival of Thy holy martyr Valentine, may be delivered by his intercession from all dangers that threaten us."

—Collect for St. Valentine

