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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

MATINS

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

Opening Sentence: A light to lighten the gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. -Luke 2:32

Psalms: 45, 48, 84 (pgs. 81, 84, 132)

First Lesson: I Samuel 1:21

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:1-7

Office Hymn: *That Which the Prophets' Reverend Assembly* 201

℣. Full of grace are thy + lips.

℟. Because God hath blessed thee fore+er.

Antiphon on Benedictus: And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, then Simeon took him up in his arms, and blessed God, saying: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.

At the Procession:

℣. Let us go forth in peace.

℟. In the name of Christ. Amen.

MASS

All music is found in the St. Ambrose Hymnal

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| Processional: | <i>Hail to the Lord Who Comes</i> | 199 |
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PROPERS OF THE MASS

Introit. *Psalm 48:10-11. Suscepimus.* We wait for thy loving-kindness, in the midst of thy temple: O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Ps. 48:1. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. *℟.* Glory be to the Father...

Collect. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy majesty: that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth...

Lesson: *The lesson from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.* Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. (3:1-4)

Gradual. *Psalm 48:10-11, 9.* We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple: O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end. *℟.* Like as we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

Alleluia, alleluia. *℟.* The old man carried the Child: but the Child was the old man's king. Alleluia.

Gospel: *✠ The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.* At that time: after the days of Mary's purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer

a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. (2:22-32)

Offertory. *Psalm 45:3.* Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever, and the world without end.

Secret. Graciously hear our prayers, O Lord: and, that these gifts which we offer unto thy majesty may be acceptable in thy sight, do thou bestow on us the succour of thy loving-kindness. Through...

Communion. *Luke 2:26.* It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Postcommunion. We beseech thee, O Lord our God, that these holy mysteries, which thou hast given to us for the assurance of our redemption, may, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, both in this life and 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.
- ❖ Wednesday: Holy Rosary 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Sunday: Matins & Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

- ❖ Today's Mass was offered in memory of the child of God, Liam, who fell asleep in the Lord this week at only six months of age. May he enjoy everlasting rest and may his family be granted comfort and peace in this difficult time.
- ❖ Today we will have a parish-wide cleanup of the church and hall following Mass. Please plan to stay and help us with this important task of making our building beautiful in preparation for the bishop's visit next Sunday.
- ❖ This Wednesday, Sbdn. Ian will lead a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Come spend time in prayer with us during your week.
- ❖ Next Sunday, Feb. 12th we will have His Grace, Bishop JOHN visiting our parish. Please make every effort to join us for this important event and invite your friends and family to come as well.

LITURGICAL KALENDAR

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| M | 6 | St. Photius, Bishop & Confessor; St. Dorothy, Virgin & Martyr |
| T | 7 | St. Romauld, Abbot |
| W | 8 | Ss. Paul, Lucius, & Cyriacus of Rome, Martyrs |
| T | 9 | St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor |
| F* | 10 | St. Scholastica, Virgin & Abbess |
| S | 11 | St. Gregory II, Pope & Martyr |

**Fasting & Abstinence*

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

ON February 10, we commemorate Saint Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, whose prayers prompted by love were answered by miracles.

IN the fifth century, Ss. Scholastica and Benedict were born in Nursia. The twins remained very close throughout their lives. When St. Benedict became a monastic, his sister followed, founding the first Benedictine convent in Plumbariola. As abbess, she devoted her life to prayer and religious study. Every year, the twins left their monasteries to meet one another for a single day. One year, as the day of their visit drew to a close, St. Scholastica asked her brother to remain until dawn to continue their edifying conversation. Bound to return to his monastery for the night, he declined. St. Scholastica bowed her head and prayed. Suddenly, a great storm poured down around them. St. Benedict asked what she had done, and his sister replied, "I desired you to stay, and you would not hear me; I have desired it of our good Lord, and he has granted my petition." They remained together, talking about heaven through the night. Three days later, St. Scholastica fell asleep in the Lord. St. Benedict, from his cell, saw her soul rising to heaven in the form of a dove. Not long after, St. Benedict also passed away.

TODAY the holy virgin Scholastica, in the likeness of a dove, went forth with all gladness to the heavenly places: today she was found worthy to enjoy for ever the bliss of celestial life beside her brother."

—Magnificat Antiphon for II Vespers of St. Scholastica



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