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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 20, 2009

THERE is urgency in the readings and prayers of today's Mass. We ask the Father to "drop" and "rain" the Saviour upon us, the human race, in order that we may "speedily" be delivered. "Come and tarry not!" is our cry, for great indeed is our need for grace and salvation. And He whom we seek to possess and love is also our Judge. And He will save us by our love for neighbors and our impartial zeal for their welfare.

PRELUDE	"RORATE CÆLI"	Frank Campbell-Watson
ASPERGES ME	(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)	plainsong
	(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)	
INTROIT (KNEEL)	Rorate, cæli, desuper	Isaiah 45:8; Ps. 118:2
KYRIE (KNEEL)	Missa Penitentialis	plainsong
COLLECTS (STAND)		
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		I Cor. 4:1-5
	<i>Priests are ordained by God and are accountable to Him. They beg His help for us in each Mass.</i>	
GRADUAL (SIT)		Ps. 144:18, 21
ALLELUIA (SIT)	Veni, Domine	
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		Luke 3:1-6
	<i>Like John the Baptist, every Christian is called to be a voice speaking the truth by good example.</i>	
SERMON (SIT)		Msgr. John Mangels
NICENE CREED (STAND)		plainsong

OFFERTORY VERSE	(STAND)	Luke 1:28, 42
ANTHEM (SIT)	Gabriel's Message	Basque Carol/arr. Malcolm Archer
	(It is proper to sit while the offering is made and the Anthem is sung. Stand as you are censed and then sit again until the SURSUM CORDA.)	
SECRET COLLECTS		
SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF ADVENT	(STAND)	
SANCTUS (KNEEL)		plainsong
THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)		Missal pg. 35
THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)		plainsong
AGNUS DEI (KNEEL)		plainsong
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION		Missal pg. 50a
COMMUNION VERSE		Isaiah 7:14
MOTET	Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen	Michael Praetorius
POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (STAND)		
DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (KNEEL)		
LAST GOSPEL (STAND)		John 1:1-14
HYMN	Veni Emmanuel	Hymnal No. 2
POSTLUDE	Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen	Johannes Brahms



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our visitors to Mass this morning. There are Service books in the pews for your use. While Holy Communion may **only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to forward at Communion for a blessing and the *pain benit*—blessed bread. Please fill out one of the "visitor cards" found in the pew racks and take a moment to sign our guest book in the Narthex! Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall (*downstairs*).

Orthodox Christians **must be prepared** for Holy Communion through Sacramental Confession, fasting, prayer, and being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (*frequency established by his Pastor*), have abstained from food and drink from Midnight and have attended Mass regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Communion.

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ADVENT EDUCATION SERIES

Dr. Mark Flory's Adult Education Series continues on the topic: the Mother of God: a life of holiness and a model for us in the Scriptures and Fathers. This is a timely topic for the season. It will take place during Coffee Hour. Please stay and participate.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The envelopes for Christmas flowers and decorations are on the table in the Narthex. Please indicate if you would like the flowers as a memorial or gift. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS HANDOUT READY!

Thanks, everybody! All of the handouts were taken last Sunday. We printed up a few more for today. If you take a look at this week's WESTWORD newspaper, you will find a feature article on St. Augustine's and our Christmas Midnight Mass!

SOME UP-COMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

- **DECORATING for Christmas** TODAY after Coffee Hour.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE, Thursday, Dec. 24** We will celebrate the Lord's Birth with special **music for the Eve of Christmas**, beginning at **11:30 pm. Midnight Mass** will follow at **12:00 midnight.**
- **CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday, Dec. 25** A Low Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am.
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY, Friday, Jan. 1** Low Mass for the Feast of the Circumcision at 10:00am.

ETERNAL REST!

It is with sadness that we announce the death of His Eminence, Archbishop JOB of Chicago (OCA) His Eminence unexpectedly died on Friday, Dec. 28 while visiting Toledo, OH. He was a friend and an associate of our pastor. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please keep Kh. Diana Falcone, Bishop ANTOUN, Lily Calderon, Barb Lovins Bob Neuwoehner, Gabriel and Marcy Valdez, Margie Palucha, Resa Elison, Fr. Michael Lewis, Tyrone Lee, Phyllis Roberts, Ben Voogt, Fr. Peter Gilquist, David Wiechmann, Shirley & Stan Sharkey, Michael Lovins, Miranda, Walter Kunkel, Rev. John Cress (Jennifer's father), Kathy Walling-Waite, David Delier, Jennifer Gorell, Erin Osburn, Dianna Dole, Sheila Bennett, Olga Kelly, Barry Bilger, Merry Braun, Tony Zubricky, Jeremy Hines, Regina Widhalm, Donnie Allison, The Huffakers, Paige and Cheryl, the Ken Dole Family, Marilyn Simpson, Patty Rendoff, and Raury Stewart, in your prayers.

HIS ALL HOLINESS PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW OF CONSTANTINOPLE, the titular spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians who constitute the second largest Christian denomination in the world, will be featured on the CBS News program **60 MINUTES** reported by Bob Simon, scheduled to air on **Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 7 p.m. EST.** (check local listings on **Channel 4**) The segment will focus on the Orthodox Church, the most ancient Christian church, and its development from its earliest years to modern times in what is now the Republic of Turkey.

CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRA SPONSORSHIP

Our AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS will present the *ST. NICHOLAS MASS* of F. J. Haydn for Midnight Mass this year. As is our custom, the choir is accompanied by a professional orchestra. **Can you be a sponsor this year? Offering:** any amount; **Gift:** \$50.00; **Sponsor:** \$100.00; **Benefactor:** \$200.00; **Archangel:** sponsor of the entire event (see the pastor). May you be richly blessed for you contribution. What a wonderful gift to your parish and to all who will attend Mass on Christmas Eve.

THE BISHOP BASIL "MISSIONS ENDOWMENT FUND."

Each year during this season, every congregation in the Diocese is requested to solicit contributions from all of its individual parishioners and parochial organizations for this worthy endeavor, which provides assistance to mission priests throughout our Diocese. All checks must be made payable to St. Augustine's Church, and then, at the close of the campaign, one check from our parish will be sent to our Diocesan treasurer for the total amount collected in our community. Saint Augustine's has been one of the beneficiaries of this wonderful program for the last three years. Let us contribute as well!

FINANCIALLY CHALLENGING TIME OF THE YEAR

November, December and January are traditionally **difficult months financially** for our parish. We run on a very tight budget. Please keep this in mind as you make your contributions to the Church. If you have been away or are behind, please try and help us out. Your Treasurer will be most happy as he shoulders a great responsibility on our behalf!

FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS--Let us consider what peace is. Surely it is nothing else but a loving disposition towards one's neighbor. But what is held to be the opposite of love? It is hate and wrath, anger and envy, harboring resentment as well as hypocrisy and the calamity of war. Do you see for how many different diseases this single word (peace) is an antidote? For peace is equally opposed to every one of the things mentioned, and wipes out these evils by its own presence. Just as illness vanishes when health supervenes, and as not darkness is left when light begins to shine, so also when peace appears, all the passions connected with its opposite are eliminated. **St. Gregory of Nyssa**



THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, Dec. 21	St. Thomas the Apostle	Mass 10:00am
Tuesday, Dec. 22	Advent Feria	
Wednesday, Dec. 23	Advent Feria	Mass 10:00am
	<i>Intention: The Benefactors of St. Augustine's Parish</i>	
	fast and abstinence	
Thursday, Dec. 24	Vigil of the Nativity	Mass 10:00am
	<i>fast and abstinence</i>	

Festal Music for the Eve of Christmas
11:30pm
First Mass of Christmas
12:00 Midnight

Friday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day	Mass 10:00am
Saturday, Dec. 26	St. Stephen, Protomartyr	Mass 10:00am
	<i>Intention: Basil Carlton Thomas</i>	
Sunday, Dec. 27	ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST	Vespers 5:30pm High Mass 10:00am
	CONFESSIONS: <i>The Sacrament of Confession is available following, Vespers on Saturday evening, after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.</i>	

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S:

- the historic Church
- living the historic Faith
- in historic Baker Neighborhood!

"...and the disciples were called Christian first at Antioch." Acts 11:26