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## THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST DECEMBER 27, 2009

**I**N the group that Christ chose to be messengers of God's love for mankind, St. John is singled out by the Gospel description as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." The great token of that love, the Mother of God, was entrusted to St. John by Christ in His dying moments. The New Testament writings of St. John—the Fourth Gospel, the Apocalypse, and three epistles—put into words the divine secret of love which the disciple learned in his intimacy with God and the Theotokos. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God (*I John 4:17*)

Tradition has it that St. John, miraculously preserved from martyrdom spent a long life forming the infant Church in Asia Minor in the simple and fundamental teaching of Christ, "Little children, love one another."

PRELUDE *Of the Father's Love begotten* Wilbur Held  
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**) *In medio ecclesie* Eccli, 15:5; Ps. 91:2  
KYRIE (**KNEEL**) *Missa "Lauda Sion"* Adalbert Říhovský  
GLORIA (**SIT, pg. 12**) Říhovský  
COLLECTS (**STAND**)  
**THE EPISTLE (SIT)** Eccli. 15:1-6  
*True wisdom that leads to eternal salvation lies in a reverential feat of God. Those who love God also trust in His providence.*  
GRADUAL (**SIT**) John 21:23, 19

ALLELUIA (**SIT**)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)**

*Peter's anxiety for John brings our Lord's teaching on God's providence, which dispenses out lives.*

John 21:24

John 21:19-24

SERMON (**SIT**)

Msgr. John Mangels

NICENE CREED (**SIT, pg. 15**)

Říhovský

OFFERTORY VERSE (**STAND**)

Ps. 91:13

ANTHEM (**SIT**)

*Gesù Bambino*

P. A. Yon

**(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 (**STAND, pg. 22**) & PREFACE OF CHRISTMAS (**STAND, pg. 24**)

SANCTUS (**KNEEL pg. 33**)

Říhovský

THE CANON OF THE MASS (**KNEEL**)

Missal pg. 35

POST EPIKLESIS

Říhovský

THE LORD'S PRAYER (**STAND, pg. 44**)

plainsong

AGNUS DEI (**KNEEL, pg. 46**)

Říhovský

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Missal pg. 50a

COMMUNION VERSE

John 21:23

MOTET

*Myn Lyking*

R. R. Terry

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECTS (**STAND**)

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (**KNEEL**)

LAST GOSPEL (**STAND, pg. 54**)

John 1:1-14

HYMN

*Divinum Mysterium*

Hymnal No. 20

POSTLUDE

*Noel X in G*

Louis Claude Daquin



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**W**ELCOME 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.

**CHURCH CLENDARS 2010 AVAILABLE IN THE BOOKSTORE**

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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.

**SOME UP-COMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

- **NEW YEAR'S DAY, Friday, Jan. 1** Low Mass for the Feast of the Circumcision at 10:00am. A Holy Day of Obligation.

## MANY THANKS!

Christmas Eve was a glorious occasion at St. Augustine's this year. We want to thank everyone who had a part in it. We thank all of our parishioners who contributed to the Flower fund the Orchestral fund. We than Debbie Braun and Robert Horner for contacting our donors for decorations. They are absolutely stunning this year! We want to thank all who helped last Sunday in decorating the Church. We had it done in record time! We thank our Servers at Mass, especially, Subdeacon Ben Andersent Reader Mark Flory, Robert Horner and Joe;I Levitt. We thank our ushers on Christmas Eve, Rolle Walker, David Wiechmann, Churck Doe and Don Clair. We thank our marevlous Choir, soloists and orchestra all under the able direction of Frank Slechta. Many thanks to all and if we have forgotten anyone it is unintentional. God bless you all!

## THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please keep Margaret Boehner, Kh. Diana Falcone, 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.

### A PERSONAL "THANK YOU"

Dear Parishioners and friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the kind gifts and cards at Christmas. I so appreciate your thoughtfulness and care. Sometimes the job of a priest can be a lonely one. It is the kindness of our parishioners and their prayers that spurs us on and encourages us in our service to the people of God.

I ask God to richly bless you and your families, not on only at this holy Season, but throughout the coming New Year. Know that you remain in my prayers!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Msgr. John A. Mangels*

## THE BISHOP BASIL "MISSIONS ENDOWMENT FUND."

Today is your final opportunity this year to make a contribution to this 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 your 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--We all suffer here on earth and seek freedom, but few there are who know the meaning of freedom, and where it is to be found. I, too, want freedom, and seek it day and night. I learned that freedom is with God and is given of God to humble hearts that have repented and sacrificed their wills before Him. To those who repent, the Lord gives His peace and the freedom to love Him. And there is nothing better in the world than to love God and one's fellow man. In this does the soul find rest and joy. **St. Silouan the Athonite**



## THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, Dec. 28	Holy Innocents	Mass 10:00am
Tuesday, Dec. 29	Within the Octave of the Nativity	
Wednesday, Dec. 30	Within the Octave of the Nativity	Mass 10:00am
	<b>Intention:</b> <i>The Benefactors of St. Augustine's Parish</i>	
Thursday, Dec. 31	St. Sylvester, P.C.	
<b>Friday, Jan. 1</b>	<b>The Circumcision</b>	Mass 10:00am
Saturday, Jan. 2	Octave of St. Stephen, Protomartyr	Mass 10:00am
	<b>Intention:</b> <i>Basil Carlton Thomas</i>	
		Vespers 5:30pm
Sunday, Jan. 3	HOLY NAME OF JESUS	High Mass 10:00am
	<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> <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*