



*Behold the Bridegroom*

Despised, and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with infirmity:  
and his look was as it were hidden and despised,  
whereupon we esteemed him not.

Isaias 53:3

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Passion Sunday

### March 21, 2010



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**J**ESUS, eternal God, became mortal man in order to mediate our redemption, to form a new people that would be His Mystical Self, and to bring all men into an eternal union with Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. There can be no living of Christ without living the price of mediation for souls. That price may vary from mere fidelity in the performance of monotonous duty to bearing with loneliness and misunderstanding, or even to suffering violence and death. Sin continues, and therefore suffering for sin must continue. Since Christians share in Christ's High Priesthood through the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation, His passion becomes their passion, for an "eternal inheritance".

PRELUDE	<i>Herzliebster Jesu</i>	Helmut Walcha
ASPERGES ME	<i>(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)</i>	Anton Bruckner
<b>(We KNEEL and listen as the Schola Cantorum chants the INTROIT and the Priest quietly says the PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR with the Servers, pg. 8-11.)</b>		
INTROIT <b>(KNEEL)</b>	<i>Judica me</i> (Orthodox Missal pg. 102)	Ps. 42:1-2; 3
KYRIE <b>(KNEEL)</b>	<i>Missa Penitentialis</i>	plainsong
COLLECTS <b>(STAND)</b>		
<b>THE EPISTLE (SIT)</b>		Heb. 9:11-15
	<i>The sacrifice of the Old Law served a temporary purpose of effecting a limited, external, legal cleansing. Their entire efficacy came from the infinitely perfect and all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ's own life, a sacrifice voluntarily made.</i>	
GRADUAL <b>(SIT)</b>		Ps. 142; 9, 10; 17:48-49
TRACT <b>(SIT)</b>		Ps. 128:1-4
<b>THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)</b>		John 8:46-59
	<i>The miraculous bread foreshadowed the Eucharist, which is multiplied on every altar in the world. The multiplication of bread also helped prepare the people for the sermon on the Bread of Life.</i>	
SERMON <b>(SIT)</b>		Subdeacon Benjamin J. Andersen
NICENE CREED <b>(STAND)</b>		plainsong
OFFERTORY VESE <b>(STAND)</b>		Ps. 118:17, 107
ANTHEM	<i>In Manus Tuas</i>	Vincent Novello

**(It is proper to sit while the offering is made and the Anthem sung. Stand as you are censed and then sit again until the SURSUM CORDA.)**

PRAYER FOR ACCEPTANCE ( <i>said by all aloud</i> )	Missal pg. 21
SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF THE HOLY CROSS (pg. 26 <b>STAND</b> )	plainsong
SANCTUS ( <b>KNEEL</b> , pg.33)	Missal pg. 35
THE CANON OF THE MASS ( <b>KNEEL</b> )	Missal pg. 44
THE LORD'S PRAYER ( <b>STAND</b> )	plainsong
AGNUS DEI ( <b>KNEEL</b> , pg. 46)	Missal pg. 50a
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION	I Cor. 11:24, 25
COMMUNION VERSE	William Byrd
COMMUNION	
POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT ( <b>STAND</b> )	Missal pg. 53
DISMISSAL & BLESSING ( <b>KNEEL</b> )	John 1:1-14
THE LAST GOSPEL ( <b>STAND</b> )	Hymnal No. 71(I)
HYMN	

*Ave Verum*

*Herzliebster Jesus*



## 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 come 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.

THE VEILING OF THE SACRED IMAGES signifies that we are all penitents, and although we are not excluded from the Church, as in former times, the Holy Images are veiled to remind us that we are in a sense, unworthy to take part in Eucharistic Worship and receive Communion, until we have brought forth fruits worthy of penance.

SOME UP-COMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

- **VIA MATRIS** Friday, March 26 10 at 7:00pm
- **LENTEN WEEKDAY MASSES:** Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 10:00am
- **ANNUAL OFFERING FOR OUR PATRIARCH**, Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **HOLY WEEK** begins. Next Sunday (March 28) Palm Sunday

THE WAY OF OUR LADY'S SORROWS

Every year, on the Friday before Palm Sunday, we celebrate a special feast in honour of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is a special Mass commemorating these events in the Mother of God's life as well as the special devotion, the *Via Matris*—the Way of the Mother of Sorrows. This coming Friday, we will share in the Sorrows of Mary with both Mass at 10:00am and the *Via Matris* at 7:00pm.

"PASCHA: THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST,"

A NBC-TV video production featuring Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, will be broadcast by NBC Network affiliates across the

country this April. The program highlights the various services of Holy and Great Week leading to the Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Please contact Channel 9 the NBC affiliate in Denver for details of the program airing in the Denver area.

EASTER FLYERS

You will notice that we have flyers available advertising the Mass on Easter Day. We hope that you will take extras and distribute them to your friends, relatives and display them in prominent places. This is a simple and unobtrusive way to “**get the word out!**”

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN this week in memory of Colleen Marinkovič. The lamps are offered by her granddaughter, Jamaica Varner.

A “PUSH” TO GET THE WINTER HEATING BILL PAID OFF

**This has been a cold Winter!** Even with our scrupulous efforts to monitor the heating of the Church, we have a large bill to be paid off. As a Community, let's make a real effort to get this bill paid off! Could you please make an extra effort to **give a little more towards the heating bill** over the next couple of months? Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

As is our custom, each year during Lent we take an offering to help defray the cost of the Easter lilies and other flowers and decorations for Pascha. The envelopes are in the Narthex. Please be generous.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please keep Maureen Stewart, Bishop Antoun, Walter Bundy, Rolle Walker, Fr. Donald W. Lloyd, Katie Andersen, Maria Theresa, Adam Leirer, Father Alexander Atty, the victims of the earthquakes in Chile & Haiti, Helen Walton, Father Augustine Whitfiled, OSB, Margaret Boehner, Bob Neuwoehner, Margie Palucha, Fr. Michael Lewis, Tyrone Lee, Phyllis Roberts, Ben Voogt, David Wiechmann, Shirley Sharkey, Michael Lovins, Miranda, Walter Kunkel, Rev. John Cress, Kathy Walling-Waite, David Delier, Erin Osburn, Sheila Bennett, Olga Kelly, Barry Bilger, Merry Braun, Tony Zubricky, Jeremy Hines, Regina Widhalm, Paige and Cheryl, the Ken Dole Family, Patty Rendoff, and Raury Stewart, in your prayers.

EASTER CONFESSIONS

Holy Communion ought to be received often as it is the food of the soul (John 6:57). That soul will be starved which for a long period of time does not receive this nourishment. Our Lord says: “Except you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood, you shall not have life in you” (Jn 6:54) The early Christians received Holy Communion every day; later on only on Sundays; and later yet, only at the Fast times of the year. Still later when the fervor of man grew cold, the Church ordained that all Christians seven years of age and older were obliged to confess their sins at least once a year in the season of Lent and receive Holy Communion. If anyone has the misfortune of falling into grievous sin, he should confess as soon as possible. It is important for parents to see that their children are instructed in this precept (I Tim. 5:8).

*The Orthodox Companion*; Rev. David F. Abramtsov

FROM THE FATHERS: VIGIL LIGHTS ARE LIT FOR MANY REASONS

**First** - because our faith is light. Christ said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The light of the candle reminds us of that light by which Christ illumines our souls.

**Second** - in order to remind us of the radiant character of the saint before whose icon we light the candle, for saints are called sons of light (John 12:36, Luke 16:8).

**Third** - in order to serve as a reproach to us for our dark deeds, for our evil thoughts and desires, and in order to call us to the path of evangelical light; and so that we would more zealously try to fulfill the commandments of the Savior: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works" (Matthew 5:16).

**Fourth** - so that the candle would be our small sacrifice to God, Who gave Himself completely as a sacrifice for us, and as a small sign of our great gratitude and radiant love for Him from Whom we ask in prayer for life, and health, and salvation and everything that only boundless heavenly love can bestow.

**Fifth** - so that terror would strike the evil powers who sometimes assault us even at the time of prayer and lead away our thoughts from the Creator. The evil powers love the darkness and tremble at every light, especially at that which belongs to God and to those who please Him.

**Sixth** - so that this light would rouse us to selflessness. Just as the wax and wick burn in the candle, submissive to our will, so let our souls also burn with the flame of love in all our sufferings, always being submissive to God's will.

**Seventh** - in order to teach us that just as the candle cannot be lit without our hand, so too, our heart, our inward candle, cannot be lit without the holy fire of God's grace, even if it were to be filled with all the virtues. All these virtues of ours are, after all, like combustible material, but the fire which ignites them proceeds from God.

**Eighth** - in order to remind us that before anything else the Creator of the world created light, and after that everything else in order: "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). And it must be so also at the beginning of our spiritual life, so that before anything else the light of Christ's truth would shine within us. From this light of Christ's truth subsequently every good is created, springs up and grows in us.

*St. Nikolai Velimorovič*

## HOLY WEEK 2010

March 28-April 4

**Palm Sunday: March 28**

BLESSING AND PROCESSION OF THE PALMS AND HIGH MASS: 10:00am

**Monday —Wednesday: March 29-31**

Low Mass: 10:00am

**Holy Thursday: April 1**

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND PROCESSION: 7:00pm  
Vigil at the Garden of Repose, from after Mass until Midnight

**Good Friday: April 2**

Stations of the Cross: 12:00noon

SOLEMN AFTERNOON LITURGICAL SERVICE of the Passion & Death of Our Lord: 7:00pm

**Holy Saturday: April 3**

*Cleaning and preparation of the Church for Easter* 9:00am-12:00pm

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER: **7:30pm**

**EASTER DAY [Holy Pascha]: April 4**

PASCHAL HIGH MASS: 10:00am

Annual Easter Dinner following Mass

## IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) AWARENESS DINNER

On Saturday, April 17, 2010 the Denver IOCC Awareness Dinner will be held at St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church. A Pan-Orthodox Vespers Service will begin at 5:00pm with Reception beginning at 5:45 and Dinner at 6:30pm. The cost is \$30.00 per person and children, 12 and under \$15.00. You can purchase tickets from Joel Levitt after Mass in the Parish Hall.

**PREPARATION OF THE CHURCH:** On Holy Saturday **from 9:00am-12:00 noon** we need help preparing the Church for Easter. We need silver polishers and cleaners of all types to help prepared the Church for the Vigil and Easter Day. Please help us!

## ICON OF THE "BRIDEGROOM"

In the center of our Church during Passiontide, you will find the beautiful Icon of the BRIDEGROOM. "The Bridegroom" Icon portrays Christ during His Passion, particularly during the period when our Lord was mocked and tortured by the soldiers who crowned Him with thorns, dressed Him in purple and placed a reed in His Hands, jeering Him as the "King of the Jews."

## Ancient Liturgical Hymns to Our Lord, the Bridegroom

**BEHOLD**, the Bridegroom cometh in the middle of the night, and blessed is that servant whom He shall find watching; and again unworthy is he whom He shall find heedless. Beware, therefore, O my soul, lest thou be overcome with sleep, lest thou be given up to death, and be shut out from the Kingdom. But rouse thyself and cry: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God, through the Mother of God (and St. John the Forerunner), have mercy on us

**THY** bridal chamber, O my Saviour, do I behold all adorned, and a garment I have not that I may enter therein. Illumine the garment of my soul, O Giver of Light, and save me.



## THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, March 22	Passiontide Feria	
	<i>fast</i>	
Tuesday, March 23	Passiontide Feria	
	<i>fast</i>	
Wednesday, March 24	Passiontide Feria, <i>St. Gabriel, Archangel</i>	Mass 10:00am
	<i>fast</i>	
	<b>Intention:</b> Benefactors of St. Augustine's	
Thursday, March 25	<b>The Annunciation</b>	Mass 7:00pm
Friday, March 26	<b>The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady</b>	Mass 10:00am
	<i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>	
Saturday, March 27	Passiontide Feria, <i>St. John of Damascus, C.D.</i>	<b>Via Matris</b> 7:00pm Mass 10:00am
	<i>fast</i>	
		Vespers 5:30pm
Sunday, March 28	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	High Mass 10:00am

**CONFESSIONS:** *The Sacrament of Confession is available following Vespers on Saturday evening, after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.*

