



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

An Antiochian Orthodox Parish in the Western Rite Tradition

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The first Mass begins at 8:00 AM today. Visitors are welcome to join us for social hour, and attend Church School at 9:10. At 9:45 we will offer Anglican Chant Matins. Please pick up our new Matins/Mass booklet on the back table of the sanctuary. The Solemn Mass begins at 10:00 o'clock. All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments after each of the services.

March is Antiochian Women's Month where we recognize the faithful service of the women of the Parish. Thanks to the following ladies for helping with the ushering and alms collection today: Karen Goyette, Jennifer Bierbauer, Matushka Elizabeth, Carol McCabe, and Tanya Diederich.

The *St. Mark's Churchwomen* have scheduled several events and service projects in the next few months. There are Sign Up sheets posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall for those ladies who would like to help. The Antiochian Churchwomen's service project for March is the Clergy Retirement Fund. (Please see Tamara McCrossen to learn more about this important project.) Envelopes will be provided by the ladies.

Thanks to Penny Price for preparing the minutes from the last Churchwomen's meeting. They are available in the parish hall. The Churchwomen plan to have a brief meeting next Sunday, March 9th at 11:45.

The Churchwomen are planning a *St. Patrick's Day fundraiser luncheon on Sunday March 16th*. Thanks to Carol, Dana, Debbie, Jane, Karen, and Lisa for hosting this fun event. The ladies plan to serve Corn Beef & Cabbage and an Irish Stew along with other tasty side dishes and desserts. There is a sign up sheet posted in the parish hall for those ladies who would like to bring a *Irish* side dish or a plate of delicious cookies or brownies.

The Churchwomen would like to host a *Holy Pascha* Potluck luncheon on Sunday, April 27th of this year. Do we have a volunteer to chair this Church Family Event?

We will have King Sooper Gift Cards available for the faithful following both Masses today. The gift cards can be used for groceries and for gasoline at the participating King Sooper stores. If you have any questions, please speak to Martin Long or Pamela Slettum.

Thanks to Laurie, Tamara, and Karen for volunteering to work on the Churchwomen's scrapbook. If you have photos to donate please get in touch with these ladies.

Thanks to Sister Sophia for baking the bread of hospitality and to the Altar Guild for baking the Communion hosts. Thanks to Judith Tochihara for nursery duties, today.

The Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for my children by Laurie Baker.

Thanks to Lynn Vandenbos and Joel & Nathan Ryan for social hour refreshments today. If you have an upcoming birthday or an anniversary in March, please sign up in the parish hall to bring refreshments on one of the Sundays during the month. The more people that sign up the better!

We welcome donations to the "Friends of Monastics" fund and the "St. Mark's Campers" fund today.

The *SOYO Teens* are planning several wholesome activities. They would like to offer a Mother's Day Out, a Sunday Luncheon Fund-raiser, and several worthy service projects are in the works. See Sarah or Emily for more information. Also, please, let them know if you are interested in attending the Parish Life Conference in June? There may be some scholarship money available to cover your registration fees.

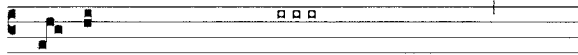
Father John had a wonderful time as one of the guests at The Very Reverend Father Donald David Lloyd's Ordination Anniversary Dinner Party in Madison, Miss. last week. Thanks to Lisa Taylor for taking Fr. John to DIA last Sunday! Fr. John has a glorious surprise to show the Parish on Palm Sunday... a fabulous gift to him from Fr. Lloyd!

We welcome back Laura Graham today. She has been home recovering from a broken shoulder.

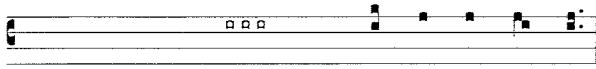
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SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

THE INTROIT.

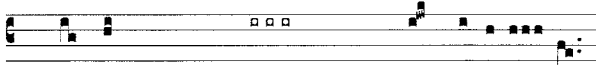
Exsurge. Psalm xlv. 23-26. Tone VII.



☩ *A-rise, O Lord, wherefore sleepest thou? awake
and cast us not away for ever: †*



☩ *wherefore hidest thou thy
countenance † and for • get-test our trou-ble?*



℞ *our bel-ly cleaveth unto the
ground; † arise, O Lord, help us • and de-li-ver us.*

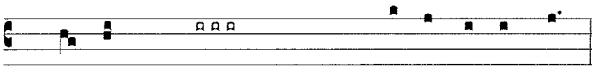
§ *Psalm. ibid. 1.*



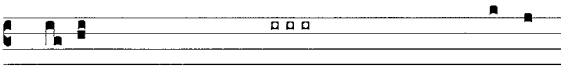
☩ *O God, we have • heard with our ears:*



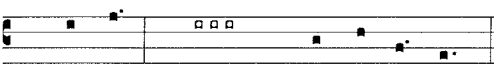
℞ *our fa•thers have told us.*



☩ *Glo-ry be ... Father ... Son ... • to the Ho-ly Ghost:*



℞ *As it was in the beginning is now and • ev-er*



℞ *shall be, world with • out end A-men.*

Cantor and Choir repeat from top to §.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

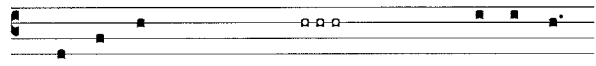
O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity. Through. Amen.

THE LESSON: *1 Corinthians xi. 19-31.*

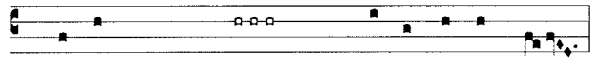
BRETHEN: Ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach,

as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

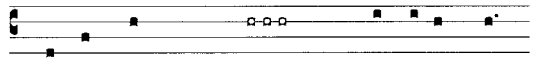
THE GRADUAL. *Psalm lxxxiii. 10-14. Tone V.*



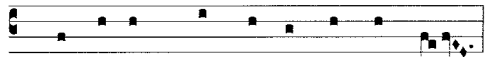
☩ *Let the nations know that thou, ... is • Je-ho-vah:*



℞ *art on-ly the Most Highest • o-ver all the earth.*

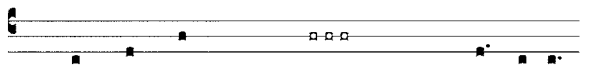


☩ *O my God, make them like • un-to a wheel:*

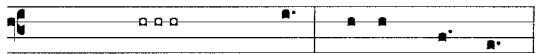


℞ *and as the • stub-ble be-fore the wind.*

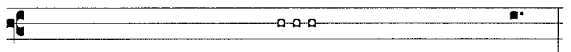
THE TRACT. *Psalm lx. 4, 6. Tone VIII.*



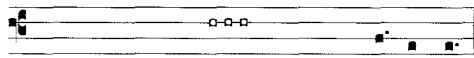
☩ *Thou hast mov-ed the land, ... and di•vid-ed it.*



℞ *Heal the sores there•of: for it • shak-eth.*



☩ *That they may triumph because of the • truth:*



R̄ that thy be- lov-ed may be de- liv- er-ed.

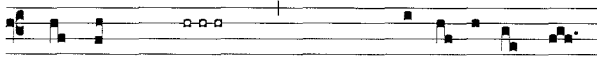
THE HOLY GOSPEL: *St. Luke viii. 4-15.*

AT that time: When much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way-side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way-side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. Creed chanted.

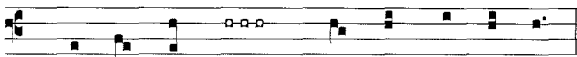
THE OFFERTORY *Psalm xvii. 5-7. Tone II*



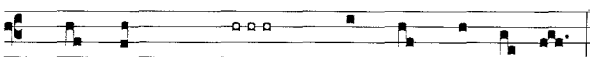
∇ *O hold thou up ... that • my foot-steps slip not:*



R̄ in- cline thine ear to me and hear-•en un-to my words:



∇ *show thy marvellous lov- ing kind-ness, O Lord,*

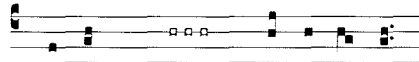


R̄ thou that art the Saviour
of them † that • put their trust in thee.

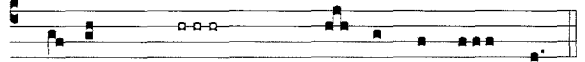
THE SECRET

May the sacrifice, which we offer unto thee, O Lord, evermore quicken and defend us. Through.

THE COMMUNION. *Psalm xliii. 4. Tone I.*



∇ *I will go unto the • al-tar of God:*



R̄ e-ven unto the God of • my joy and glad-ness.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

We humbly beseech thee, Almighty God: that as thou dost refresh us with thy sacraments, so thou wouldest vouchsafe unto us to do thee worthy and acceptable service. Through.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn	1940 - 415i
The Introit	
The Summary of the Law	<i>BCP. 69</i>
Kyrie eleison:	Harris Mass
Collect of the Day	
The Lesson	
The Gradual and Tract	
The Holy Gospel	
Nicene Creed:	<i>St. A - 370</i>
Blessings, Notices, Sermon	
The Offertory	
Offertory:	"TBA" - Stuart
Doxology:	1940 - 139
The Secret	
Prayer for the Church	<i>BCP. 74</i>
The Invitation, Confession,	
Absolution.	<i>BCP. 75</i>
The Preface	<i>BCP. 76</i>
Sanctus / Benedictus:	Harris Mass
Canon,	<i>BCP. 80-81.</i>
Our Father:	1940 - 722
Agnus Dei:	Harris Mass
Prayer of Humble Access	<i>BCP. 82</i>
The Communion	
Communion Hymns:	1940 - 192, 207i, 195
Post Communion Prayers	
Thanksgiving Collect	<i>BCP. 83</i>
Dismissal, Blessing & Closing Hymn:	1940 - 479i

The brand new OLD and NEW TESTAMENT STUDY BIBLE published by Conciliar Press is on Sale for the Introductory price of \$46.00 from the St. Mark's Bookstore.

We also have another new book for sale from L. A. Press called *The Heresy of Formlessness* by Martin Mosebach. He gives a compelling argument against the "Novus Ordo" Mass and a return to the conciliar Latin Rite Mass. The book is discounted at \$15.

Fr. John and Matushka Deborah closed on their beautiful new home last Friday afternoon. Thanks to Stephen Greenlee for his brilliant advice and to Guy Huft for his thoughtful inspection of their new Englewood property. It looks like it may take another week or so before they will be ready to call in the volunteers to help with their big move. Their new address is 3066 South Sherman Street, Englewood, CO 80113.

A few months ago, we asked our parishioners to fill out our "Getting to know you" information sheet. If you would like to be featured in the upcoming *Lion* newsletter, please submit your information by the end of this week. It is a wonderful way to learn more about our members and their lovely families. We really do need an individual or a family to profile this week!

If you were Chrismated in the last few months, you will need to check your Chrismation Forms to see if the typed information is correct before we can send them off to the Archdiocese. Thanks to Rdr. Cuthbert and Matushka Deborah for their help in recording this important information.

The Wednesday Evening Class will meet this week at 6:30 PM. They will continue with Chapter 3 of *The Orthodox Way* by Bishop Ware. The cost of the book is \$13 and is available from the St. Mark's Bookstore.

The Saturday morning book study will resume this week with a new book *Greek East and the Latin West* by Rev'd Dr. Andrew Louth at 10 a.m. The book is available from the St. Mark's Bookstore and costs \$20.

There will be a St. Mark's Vestry meeting next Sunday.

The Orthodox Home School Students would like to host a luncheon for our Senior's. They plan to provide the lunch and a short program. Please, let Matushka Deborah know if you are interested?

Clean Monday begins March 10, Ash Wednesday, March 12, Lenten Suppers / Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 14, Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 16, and Holy Pascha is on Sunday April 27th. Next Sunday, we will provide more information about these important dates and events.

There will be a Men's Lenten Retreat "The Life & Teachings of St. John of Kronstadt" with His Grace, Bishop Basil in Victoria, KS on April 4-6. So far, five men are planning to go!

The St. Mark's Churchwomen are planning a Women's Lenten Retreat on "*Holy Icons*" presented by Mary Gay Coit soon. Look for the time and date in the weeks to come.

The Antiochian Parish Life Conference will be held at the Hilton Dallas Hotel and sponsored by Sts. Constantine and Helen Church on June 18 - 22. Please, look for your packets in the mail or go to www.dowamapl.org web-site for more information. We have a Conference Schedule posted in our Parish hall as well as a Sign up sheet for those who would like to attend. We have scholarships available to cover the conference registration fees. See Carol McCabe for more information.

If you are interested in visiting or calling on our parish shut-ins, then you may want to join the *St. Elizabeth's Guild*. See or call Susan Mahan at 303-816-2392 if you would like to be involved in this service.

If you would like to receive *Holy Communion* at your home, please call the Church Office at 303-722-0707 to schedule a visit from Fr. John.

If you want to learn more about St. Raphael Church Camp, you may want to go on line to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese's website or contact Tamara McCrossen. Thanks to Prof. Ed and Jody Oppermann for their recent donation.

The Faithful may notice four new *burial caskets in the Parish Hall*. They are from the Trappist Monastery in Iowa and are made of pine, oak, and walnut. The monks make 'shaped' caskets which are rare in the US. Surprise your loved ones on their birthday with a down payment on a casket and a tomb! We are offering the best deal on a plot for your mortal remains with a casket deal, a cemetery deal, and a heavenly Sung Requiem Mass... so sign up today!

WEDNESDAY: MATINS 7 AM, MASS 7:30 AM, MASS 12 NOON, EVENSONG 5 PM, /THEOLOGY 6:30 PM
THURSDAY: MATINS 7AM, MASS 7:30AM, EVENSONG 5PM
FRIDAY: MATINS 7 AM, MASS 7:30, EVENSONG 5 PM
SATURDAY: MATINS ROSARY 8 AM, MATINS 8:30 AM, LATIN MASS 9:00 AM, AND OUR NEW BOOK STUDY, GREEK EAST AND LATIN WEST AT 10 AM. EVENSONG 5 PM