



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

An Antiochian Orthodox Parish in the Western Rite Tradition

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Quinquagesima 2008

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 Liturgies.

Please, pick up a copy of our March *Lion* newsletter and a copy of the quarterly *Ember Tidings* in the narthex, today. We have extra copies for our visitors.

The Vestry will meet in the library at 11:35 this morning.

The Churchwomen plan to have a brief meeting at 11:45 today to discuss the St. Patrick's Fund-Raiser Luncheon (March 16th) and the Holy Pascha Potluck Luncheon. (April 27)

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Albert and Doreen Bale by Matushka Elizabeth.

This is the last Sunday when we will have Altar flowers until Easter. The Altar Guild will begin to take donations for Easter flowers today. (7-Day candles will be available as well)

March is Antiochian Women's Month where we recognize the faithful service of the women of the Parish. Our Churchwomen have done an excellent job serving God by their charitable works both in the Church and in the wider community.

Next Sunday, the Churchwomen are planning a *St. Patrick's Day fund-raiser luncheon*. 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 cost of the meal is Adults \$7, Teens \$4, Children \$2, and Tots \$1.50. Please, make your checks payable to the St. Mark's Churchwomen. Thanks to the many ladies who have signed up to bring something.

Thanks to Penny Price for preparing the minutes from the last Churchwomen's meeting. Copies are available in the parish hall.

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 Subdn. James & Judith for their generous donation last Sunday.

The Churchwomen would like to host a Pot-luck luncheon on Easter Day, April 27th at 11:30. Do we have a couple of volunteers to chair this Church Family Event?

We will have King Sooper Gift Cards available for the faithful following the 10 o'clock Mass 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 Jane 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 Bebe Greenlee for baking the bread of hospitality and to Judith Tochihara for nursery duties, today.

Thanks to Matushka Elizabeth 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. We have openings on March 23rd and March 30th.

The brand new OLD and NEW TESTAMENT ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE published by Conciliar Press is on sale for the Introductory price of \$46.00 from the St. Mark's Bookstore. A new shipment of Russian Icons and a few of our most requested Icons are also available, too.

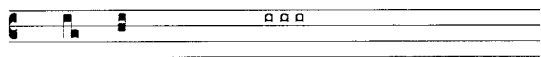
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QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY THE INTROIT.

Esto mihi. Psalm xxxi. 3-4. Tone VII.



∇ *Be thou my strong rock and
house of defence that thou • may-est save me:*

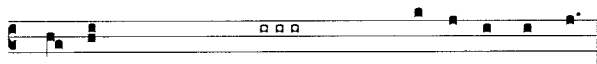


℞ for thou art my strong rock and my castle,

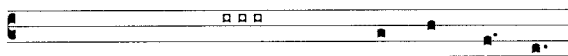


℞ be thou also my guide
and lead me • for thy Name's sake.

§ *Psalm. ibid. 1.*



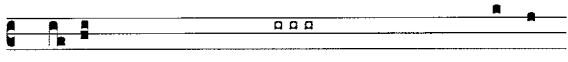
∇ *In thee, O Lord, have I put
my trust; let me never be • put to con-fu-sion:*



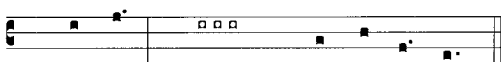
℞ deliver me in thy righteous•ness and save me.



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



℞ As it was in the beginning is now and • ever



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

Cantor and Choir repeat from top to §.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

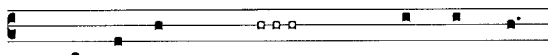
O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Who. Amen.

THE LESSON: *1 Corinthians xiii. 1-13.*

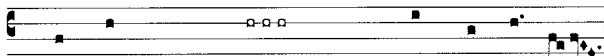
BRETHREN: Though I speak with the tongues of men and

of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

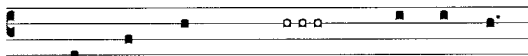
THE GRADUAL. *Psalm lxxvii. 15-16. Tone V.*



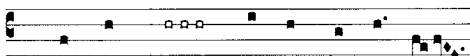
∇ *Thou art the God, that only do•eth won-ders:*



℞ and hast declared thy power a•mong the peo-ple.

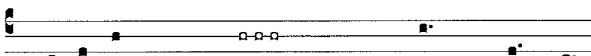


∇ *Thou hast mightily delivered • thy peo-ple:*

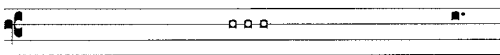


℞ even the sons of • Ja-cob and Jo-seph.

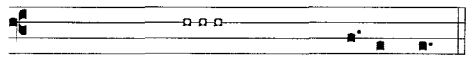
THE TRACT. *Psalm c. 1-2. Tone VIII.*



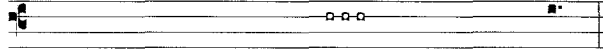
∇ *O be joyful in the Lord, all ye • lands:
serve the Lord with • glad-ness.*



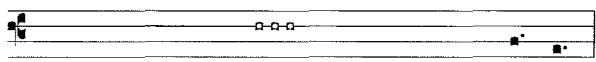
℞ Come be-fore his presence with a • song:



℞ be ye sure that the Lord, • he is God.



∇ *It is he that hath made us and not we our • selves:*



℞ we are his people and the sheep of his • pas-ture.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *St. Luke xviii. 31-43.*

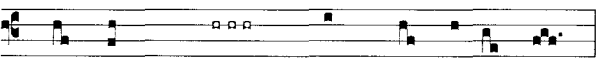
At that time: Jesus took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: and they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken. And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

Creed chanted.

THE OFFERTORY *Psalm cxix. 12-13. Tone II*



∇ *Bless-ed art thou, O Lord,
O • teach me thy sta-tutes:*



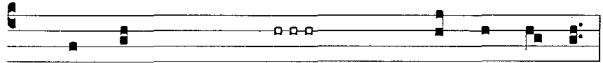
℞ with my lips have I
been telling of all the • judge-ments of thy mouth.

THE SECRET

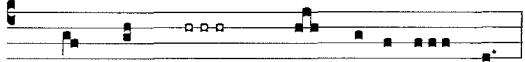
We beseech thee, O Lord, that this oblation may cleanse us from our sins: and sanctify thy servants, both in body and soul for the celebration of this sacrifice. Through.

THE COMMUNION.

Psalm lxxviii. 29-30. Tone I.



∇ *They did eat and were well filled,
for the Lord gave them • their own de-sire:*



℞ they were not disap•point-ed of their lust.

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Opening Hymn *St. A - 293*
- The Introit
- The Summary of the Law **BCP. 69**
- Kyrie eleison: *Harris Mass*
- Collect of the Day
- The Lesson
- The Gradual and Alleluia
- The Holy Gospel
- Nicene Creed: *St. A - 370*
- Blessings, Notices, Sermon
- The Offertory
- Offertory: *"Only Begotten" - Lovelace*
- Doxology: *1940 - 277*
- The Secret
- Prayer for the Church **BCP. 74**
- The Invitation, Confession,
- Absolution. **BCP. 75**
- The Preface **BCP. 76**
- Sanctus / Benedictus: *Harris Mass*
- Canon, **BCP. 80-81.**
- Our Father: *1940 - 722*
- Agnus Dei: *Harris Mass*
- Prayer of Humble Access **BCP. 82**
- The Communion
- Communion Hymns: *St. A - 149, 152, 159*
- Post Communion Prayers
- Thanksgiving Collect **BCP. 83**
- Dismissal & Blessing
- Closing Hymn: *St. A - 291, verses 1-4.*

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 pre conciliar Latin Rite Mass. The book is priced attractively at \$15.

Fr. John and Matushka Deborah are moving to 3066 South Sherman Street, Englewood, CO 80113. 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. Lord have mercy! With February Vestry reports due, publishing the *Lion* newsletter, blessing a couple of homes, and turning over the guardianship of Maryalice and John Western to an out of town family member this last week there wasn't much time to pack!

The *SOYO Teens* are planning several wholesome activities in the next few months. They would like to offer a Mothers' Day Out, a Sunday Fund-raiser Luncheon, 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. Also, the Teens may be meeting today???

The Wednesday Evening Class will meet this week at 7:45 PM. They will continue with Chapter 4 of *The Orthodox Way* by Bishop Ware.

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.

Holy Lent begins this week. There will be three Masses with the Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, and at 7 p.m. We hope the members of the choir and the Guild of St. Vincent will help at the 7 PM service.

During Lent, we invite all to participate in the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM every Friday. This is a wonderful devotion to *Our Lord's Passion*. The Lenten suppers are provided by the faithful at 6 PM. Those who would like to host one of the Friday suppers will need to provide a Vegetarian meal (for example, soup and salad) for about 18 people. A sign up sheet has been posted in the parish hall. If you plan to come, please let us know.

This Lent, area parishes will be hosting Vespers services for the greater Orthodox Christian community. The schedule for the Pan-Orthodox Vespers will start with Sunday of Orthodoxy at the Assumption Greek Orthodox on March 16th at 5 PM followed by a lovely Reception. Their address is 4610 E. Alameda Avenue, Denver. (303-388-9314)

The next Pan-Orthodox Vespers will be at Transfiguration Cathedral on 3/23, St. Catherine's Church on 3/30, Sts. Peter & Paul Church on 4/6, and at St. Herman's Church on 4/13.

The Lenten Food Drive and the Lenten Mite box program will begin next Sunday.

There may be a Benedictine (Oblates) retreat at St. Columba's Church at 10 am on Saturday, March 29th.

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 from our parish plan to attend!

The same week-end there will be a Lenten Retreat with Fr. Chad Hatfield, Dean of St. Vladimir Seminary here in the Metro-Denver area.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY : MATINS 7 AM, MASS 7:30 AM, MASS 12 NOON, EVENSONG 5 PM, MASS 7 PM, THEOLOGY 7:45 PM ALL MASSES WILL INCLUDE IMPOSITION OF ASHES.

THURSDAY: MATINS 7AM, MASS 7:30AM, EVENSONG 5PM

FRIDAY : MATINS 7 AM, MASS 7:30 AM, EVENSONG 5 PM, LENTEN SUPPER 6PM, STATIONS 7 PM

SATURDAY : 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. CONFESSIONS 3-5 PM, EVENSONG 5 PM