



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

An Antiochian Orthodox Parish in the Western Rite Tradition

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Nativity St John Baptist 2007

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 a new Matins booklet on the back table of the sanctuary. The Mass begins at 10:00 o'clock. All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments after each of the services.

Thanks to Bill Banta, Senior Warden, for the delicious donuts he brought for social hour today, and thanks again to Diana & Abbie, Mary Lou & Dick, Cuthbert, and Matushka Deborah for last week's assortment of tasty dishes. If you have a birthday or an anniversary in July, please Sign up in the parish hall to bring refreshments on one of the Sundays during the month...we are counting on you to participate!

Adam Edward Surber and Jin Elisabeth Cho plan to be married at St. Mark's this afternoon. Thanks to the many people who have and will help with the preparations for their Holy Matrimony. We need a few volunteers to help put up the tent in front of the fountain today. Since we will have to clean and decorate the church and parish hall, we are asking that our parishioners leave around 12:00 noon. Perhaps many folks would enjoy going over to the Cathedral for the Greek Festival for lunch...it should be a lot of fun!

Assumption Cathedral at 4610 E. Alameda Ave. will be hosting their *Annual Greek Festival* today. There will be wonderful food, dancing, and the not to be missed beautiful Church Icon tours. Admission is only one dollar for Adults and Seniors and kids get in free!

Last week, Adam Edward Surber and Jin Elisabeth Cho were Chrismated into the One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church. Thanks to Capt. Andrew and Tanya Diederich for being their Orthodox sponsors. Welcome Home!

The Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for our Wedding by Adam and Jin Surber...many years!

The Adult Sunday School class may feature Deacon Mark Douglas and Matushka Jean offering a review of the Alaska churches and sites of interest today.

We are offering a new line of beautiful Icons for our parishioners at the Introductory price of \$20.⁰⁰ Please, make checks payable to L. A. Press The original Icons were written by Mary Gay Sullivan Coit here at St. Mark's. We have them on display in the parish hall. Mary Gay has gone to New York City for a workshop on making color paints for Icons...she will be back in a few days.

Thanks to Jennifer for the bread of hospitality.

The rest of the demo work on the ceiling in the Parish Hall was completed. The workers partially installed the new electrical system and some of our new light fixtures. They also removed the old staircase, restored the floor trusses, removed the 'smokers' exhaust fan and gave us more space and light. Thanks to Guy Huft, Ron Lickteig, and Fr. John for all their hard work last week and thanks to Sister Sophia and Matushka Deborah for clean-up.

Thanks to the choir for accommodating all the extra stuff that came out of the parish hall closet that ended up in their rehearsal room last week. Thanks to them and Bro. Benedict for being such good sports during our renovations for sharing their extra storage space!

The scholars who have taken up *His Life is Mine* by Father Sophrony meets on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. The book is available for \$ 11.⁰⁰ in the Parish Hall.

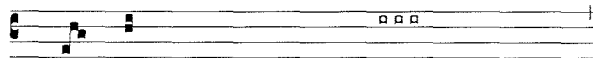
Following this Saturday morning class, there is a new Inquirer's class at 11 o'clock. The book *The Faith* by Carlton will be our text for this study. The book is available from the St. Mark's Bookstore for \$20.⁰⁰ All are welcome.

If you have any notices or photos, you would like to submit for our July "Lion" newsletter, please do so by Wednesday of this week. We are hoping parishioners will share some of their P. L. Conference photos with us.

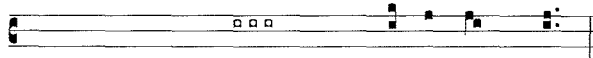
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THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST THE INTROIT.

De ventre Isaiah xlix. 1-2. Tone VII.



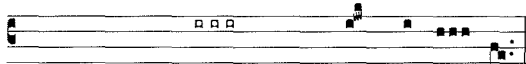
∇ *From the womb of my mother
the Lord hath call-ed me by my name:*



∇ *and hath made my mouth
as it • were a sharp sword:*



℞ *be-neath the shadow of his hand he hid me,*



℞ *and hath made me like a • po-lish'd ar-row.*

§ *Psalm xcii. 1.*

∇ *It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:*



℞ *and to sing praises
unto thy Name, • O Most High-est.*

∇ *Glory be to the Father ... Son and ... Holy 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

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance: make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake. Through.

THE LESSON. *Isaiah xl. 1-11.*

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry onto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said: Cry. And he said: What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah: Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

THE GRADUAL *Jeremiah i. 5,9. Tone V.*

∇ *Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee:*



℞ *and be-fore thou camest
forth out of the womb I • sanc-ti-fi-ed thee.*

∇ *The Lord put forth his hand,*



℞ *and • said un-to me.*

THE ALLELUIA. *Luke i. 76. Tone VI.*



∇ *Al - le - lu - ia.* ℞ *Al - le - lu - ia.*

∇ *Thou, child, shalt be ... the Prophet of the Highest:*



℞ *thou shalt go before
the face of the Lord, • to pre-pare his ways.*



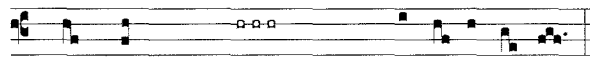
℟. Al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Luke i. 57-68.*

ELISABETH'S full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying: His name is John. And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying: What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel. The Creed is said.

THE OFFERTORY. *Psalm xcii. 13. Tone II*

℣. *The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree;*

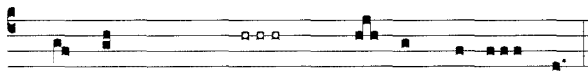


℟. and shall spread abroad

like a ce•dar in Lib-a-nus.

THE COMMUNION. *St. Luke i. 76. Tone I.*

℣. *Thou, child, shall be ... Prophet of the Highest:*



℟. for thou shalt go

before the face of the Lord • to pre-pare his ways.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn	1940 - 9
The Introit	<i>Bulletin</i>
Collect for Purity	<i>BCP. 67</i>
Kyrie eleison:	Branson Mass
Gloria:	Branson Mass
Collect of the Day	<i>Bulletin</i>
The Lesson	<i>Bulletin</i>
The Gradual	<i>Bulletin</i>
The Alleluia	<i>Bulletin</i>
The Holy Gospel	<i>Bulletin</i>
Nicene Creed:	<i>St. A - 370</i>
Blessings, Notices, Sermon	
The Offertory	<i>Bulletin</i>
Offertory: "The Souls of the Righteous" - Marchant	
Doxology:	1940 - 732
The Secret	
Prayer for the Church	<i>BCP. 74</i>
The Invitation	<i>BCP. 75</i>
The Preface	<i>BCP. 76</i>
Sanctus / Benedictus:	Branson Mass
Canon	<i>BCP. 80-81.</i>
Our Father:	1940 - 722
Agnus Dei:	Branson Mass
Prayer of Humble Access	<i>BCP. 82</i>
The Communion	<i>Bulletin</i>
Communion Hymns:	1940: 345i, 199ii, 203
Post Communion Prayers	<i>Bulletin</i>
Thanksgiving Collect	<i>BCP. 83</i>
Dismissal & Blessing	
Closing Hymn:	1940 - 312i

If you have any notices for the Sunday bulletin, please notify Matushka Deborah by Friday afternoon. Social hour refreshments like cookies, chips, crackers, cheese, pastries, muffins, fruit, etc. are always welcome and can be added to the bulletin as late as 4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

King Sooper certificates will be available next week.

Could the ladies who have been collecting photos for the Parish Scrapbook project please, bring them in next Sunday, July 1st so we can see how many more photos will be needed for this important project?

Thanks to Jennifer Bierbauer for making a Parish Profile list. This form outlines some basic questions of interest so we can get to know our friends in the parish. If you would like to be part of an upcoming Parish newsletter, please let us know.

Thanks to Lisa Taylor for donating the fancy Krups coffee maker that is in the parish hall. It brews cappuccino, espresso, and cafe Americano. For those interested, you may participate by putting in a \$\$ bid for the in house auction... starting bid is \$25.00.

Our SOYO teens are planning a BBQ for the Antiochian teens on Sunday, July 22nd from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Teens, if you would like to bring a salad, side dish or dessert, please let Emily Huft know. Fr. John and Matushka Deborah will be providing the hot dogs and burgers for the event.

The Colorado Rockies are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Faith Day on Sunday, July 29th at 1:05. Special group tickets for the outfield box are \$15 and \$10 for upper infield box. There will be a post-game concert along with well known speakers. Contact Matt Haddad at www.haddadm@coloradorockies.com.

Although it was a difficult decision, we will be having the Parish Picnic at Washington Park this year... thanks for your thoughtful input. Now, do we want to have the picnic on Aug. 19th, Aug. 26th or Sept. 9th? Remember Bishop Basil will be here on Aug. 4th / 5th. We will need to reserve a nice place in the park...do we have a volunteer?

Sandy Albers is doing better and hopes to be back home in Idaho Springs by late August. She is in therapy at Park View Manor at 3105 W. Arkansas @ Federal Blvd. in Lakewood and would enjoy seeing her friends from St. Mark's. Her cell phone is 720-891-7326 to talk with her. Rose Thomas would like to invite Sandy's friends to her home for a pot-luck luncheon when Sandy is well enough for a get-together...it would be great to see them both again!

The Antiochian Women from the Metro-Denver area will continue collecting new and gently used baby and young children's clothes through the summer months. The clothes and diapers will be distributed by St. Luke's in the Fall to about 300 needy families. Thanks to Natalie Lickteig, and Kit Brown for their generous donations this month, and to Jennifer for making the new "Heart Step" flyers.

Hot temps may induce a relaxed code but please remember that dress in church should always be dignified and modest. Ladies, low cut tops, short miniskirts, tight fitting pants like jeans, and bold patterned clothes that draw undue attention to ourselves should be avoided. Men in jogging attire, shorts, and T-shirts with flip flops are considered attire too casual for Orthodox worship. As we come before the King and Creator of Life, let us show reverence to God and His holy temple by dressing appropriately.

We welcome Acolytes Drue Banta and Andrew Greenlee back from College to Altar service this summer season.

Emily and Natasha have gone to St. Raphael Orthodox Camp this week... God be with them.

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Globeville will be hosting their Annual Church Festival in July.

E-mail updates:

Laurie's new e-mail address is: laurievoigt@comcast.net

Ann & Ed's new e-mail address is: annedle@msn.com

Address updates:

Jason Falcone's new military address is:

BOC Falcone, Jason

Class 505-07 2nd Platoon Echo Company

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7480 Riordon St

Ft. Benning, Georgia 31905

Jason would enjoy hearing from his friends at St. Mark's.

WEDNESDAY : MATINS 7, MASS 7:30, MASS 12 NOON

THURSDAY : MATINS 7, MASS 7:30

FRIDAY : MATINS 7, MASS 7:30

SATURDAY – Rosary 8:00, Matins 8:30, Latin Mass 9:00

His Life is Mine 10 AM, *Catechism* 11, EP 5 pm.