



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

An Antiochian Orthodox Parish in the Western Rite Tradition

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THE VERY REVEREND FATHER DONALD DAVID LLOYD, D.D., RECTOR EMERITUS

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

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. The Solemn Mass begins at 10:00 o'clock. All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments after the Liturgies.

The *SOYO Teens* offer a fund-raiser *Pie Sale*, today. Thanks to our Young Teens that met at St. Mark's yesterday to bake up the many PRE-ORDERS that they received from the faithful last week. (They made a few extra pumpkin & pecan pies that will be available for those who would like to purchase ones today.) Thanks to Kathryn Reeves and her granddaughters for their valuable help with the preparations. The proceeds from the Sale will go to the Teen's many worthy causes. Please make your check payable to the *St. Mark's SOYO Teens*. Prices of the pies will be posted on the small Display Board in the kitchen. If you have any questions, please see Emily H. or Sarah G.

The *Altar Flowers* are given in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Kim and Ann Herrell by the Herrell family.

Thanks to *Edie Stout, Adam Surber, Dana & Emily Huft, and Carol McCabe* for the delicious social hour refreshments today, and thanks to *Dottie Eklund, Laura Graham, and Stuart Steffen* for last week snacks. Those St. Mark's parishioners who will be celebrating *November Birthdays* are Dottie Eklund, Michel Heneen, Emily Huft, Bill Matsch, Subdn. Kent Prose, Tracy, Luke & Russell Ryan, Stuart Steffen, Edie Stout, Adam Surber, and Andrew Woolley...many years!

Thanks to all the nice folks who plan to sign up to bring refreshments for the social hour on any open Sunday during the month of November and December. Also, if those folks as well as anyone else who has a few extra minutes, that could help with the clean up in the aftermath of both the social hours, it would be most appreciated. We have openings for snacks next week.

The *St. Mark's Vestry* would like to remind the faithful to return their 2009 pledge cards via the offertory plate or by U.S. Mail.

THERE WILL BE A *THANKSGIVING MASS* ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 9:00 A.M. OF THIS WEEK.

We need children to participate in the *St. Nicholas pageant* which will be on Sunday, December 7th. They maybe rehearsing in the Sanctuary after the 10:00 Mass today. It should be a lot of fun and it is one of the highlights of the Advent season! Mrs. Tamara McCrossen will be in charge of the production if you have any questions.

Thanks to the many ladies who attended the St. Mark's Churchwomen's meeting last week. They discussed their new Christmas service project, "*Fleece Navidad*" and their *December Bake Sale* among other important topics. Thanks to Kathryn Reeves for volunteering to host the Bake Sale. It would be helpful if we had a few more hostess. They have sign up sheets in the parish hall for hostess, and for those to bring bake goods (cookies, brownies, breads, cakes, pies, jams, etc.) for the Sale on December 21st.

The "*Fleece Navidad*" is a service project of the Churchwomen to supply a nursing home with several fleece wear sets for their needy residents. Look for the hanging tags on the small Christmas tree in the parish hall for the sizes that they will need. If you have any questions, please see Dana.

Thanks to *Carol McCabe* for baking the "bread of hospitality" and thanks to *Laurie Baker* and *Kathryn Reeves* for baking the Altar Bread last week.

Thanks to *Kit Brown* for being our contact person for the Women's Bean Soup Project. They have delicious soups and an assortment of other tasty foods that make nice hostess gift. She has catalogs and order forms in the parish hall. Place your order with Kit by December 14th, and she will have your order filled by Sunday, December 21...just in time for Christmas!

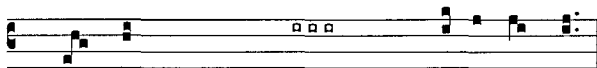
Thanks to the many parishioners who pre-ordered fresh Evergreens from the Churchwomen. The shipment will arrive at the beginning of December. If you have any questions, please see Susan Mahan.

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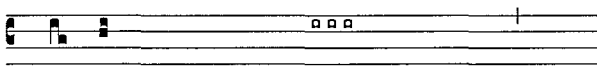
THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

THE INTROIT

Dicit Dominus. Jeremiah xxix. 11, 12, 14. Tone VII.



Thus saith the Lord, I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction:

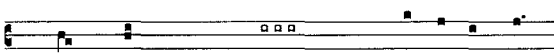


ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you, and will

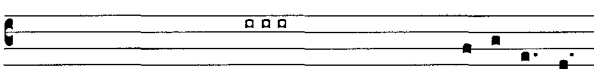


bring again your captivity from all places.

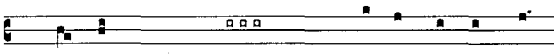
Psalm lxxxv. 1.



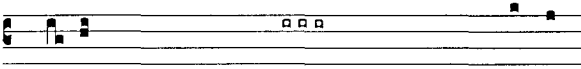
Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land:



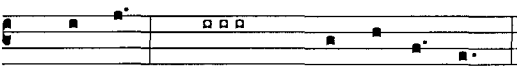
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.



Glorify be Father, Son and to the Holy Ghost:



As it was in the beginning is now and ever



shall be, world without end Amen.

Cantor and Choir repeat from top to §.

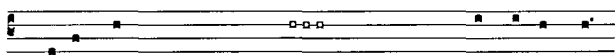
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people: that they, plentifully bringing forth the fruit of good works; may of thee be plentifully rewarded. Who.

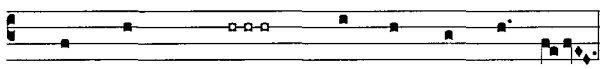
THE LESSON. Jeremiah xxiii. 5-8.

In those days; Jeremiah the Prophet spake, saying: Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

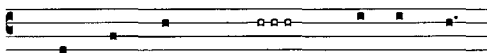
THE GRADUAL Psalm xlv. 8-9. Tone V.



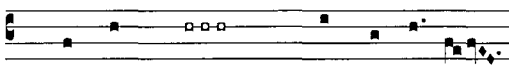
It is thou, O Lord, that savest us from our enemies:



and puttest them to confusion that hate us.



We make our boast of God all day long:

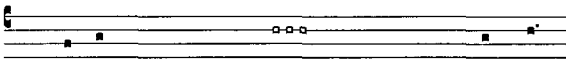


and will praise thy Name for ever.

THE ALLELUIA. Psalm cxxx. 1-2. Tone VI.



Alleluia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord:



Lord, hear my voice.



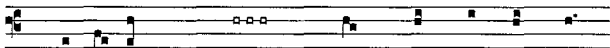
Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. John vi. 5-14*

At that time: Jesus saw a great company come unto him, and he saith unto Philip: Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him: Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

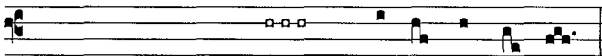
Creed.

THE OFFERTORY. *Psalm cxxx. 1. Tone II*



∇ *Out of the deep have*

I call-ed unto thee, O Lord: Lord hear my pray'r:



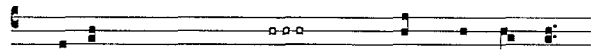
℞ *Out of the deep*

have I call-ed • un-to thee, O Lord:

THE SECRET

We beseech thee, O Lord, to have compassion on our supplications, and to accept the prayers and oblations of thy people: that the hearts of all men being turned unto thee, we may be delivered from the desire of things temporal, and follow stedfastly after things eternal. Through.

THE COMMUNION. *St. Mark xi. 24. Tone I.*



∇ *Ve-ri-ly I say unto you,*

What things soever ye de•sire when ye pray:



℞ *be-lieve that ye receive them,*

and it shall • be done un-to you.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, that the effectual healing of this Sacrament which we have received may deliver us from all the diseases of our souls. Through.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn	1940 - 564
The Introit	<i>Bulletin</i>
Collect for Purity	<i>BCP. 67</i>
Kyrie eleison:	1940 - 702
Gloria:	1940 - 707
Collect of the Day	<i>Bulletin</i>
The Lesson	<i>Bulletin</i>
The Gradual & 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:	"De Profundis" - Mozart
Doxology:	1940 - 139
The Secret	
Prayer for the Church	<i>BCP. 74</i>
The Invitation & The Preface	<i>BCP. 75-76</i>
Sanctus / Benedictus:	1940 - 796
Canon	<i>BCP. 80-81.</i>
Our Father:	1940 - 722
Agnus Dei:	1940 - 706
Prayer of Humble Access	<i>BCP. 82</i>
The Communion	<i>Bulletin</i>
Communion Hymns:	1940 - 329, 351, 205, 192
Post Communion Prayers	<i>Bulletin</i>
Thanksgiving Collect	<i>BCP. 83</i>
Dismissal & Blessing	
Closing Hymn:	1940 - 562

Thanks to *Tanya Diederich* for teaching the Elementary Sunday School Class and thanks to ? for teaching the "Good Shepherd" Atrium class this morning.

Thanks to ? for serving in the nursery this morning. The nursery is located downstairs in the North East corner of the parish hall. We need more volunteers to help.

Thanks to *Natasha Alder* and *Oliver Brainerd* for representing the St. Mark's SOYO Teens at the Youth Conference in Oklahoma City last week-end.

Congratulations to *Mandi Baker* and her "Sweet Adelines" singing group who came in 4th in the International voice competition that was held in Hawaii two weeks ago... well done!

Thanks to Deacon Vladimir McDonald, Ron Lickteig, Ann Pinfield, Bill Banta, the St. Mark's Choir, the Color Guard, our Visitors, and the Faithful who joined us last Sunday to honor our fallen comrades who have served so bravely in the U.S. and Allied Armed Forces.

Thanks to *Matushka Martha* for sending us nice Vestments and Holy posters from the Estate of her late husband, *Fr. David Charles Lynch*. May his memory be eternal.

Guy Huft and *Fred Fowler* are planning a winter excursion in the mountains sometime in January. They will be going in the back country and would like to know if there are others at St. Mark's who would like to join them. They will use snowshoes or cross country skis to traverse the terrain. It should be an interesting experience for all!

Has anyone changed their e-mails or anything else in the last two months? Please, send any new information to Mat. Deborah at matushka.deborah@gmail.com or call her at 303-753-6548 and leave a message. Thanks!

Matushka Deborah types up the social news each week for the Sunday bulletin. The editing and the political comments are done by upper management. If you have a notice for this upcoming week, please get them in by Friday at Noon. You are welcome to call or e-mail Matushka Deborah with your ideas.

Please, pick up the November *Lion* newsletter in the narthex. We have extra copies for our visitors.

We still need a volunteer to plant two large plants in the front garden and someone to cut back the Vines that are hanging off the fence on the Piazza. See Matushka Deborah for more details. Thanks to *Ron and Natalie* for volunteering to apply a coat of sealer to our wood bench.

Orthodox *Christmas cards* are on order. They will be

available next Sunday for the faithful.

We would like to know if anyone is interested in purchasing an *Orthodox Study Bible*. They come in Hard-cover (\$46.00) and Leather-Bond (\$62.00) copies. Please, sign the sheet on the bookstore door if this is something you would like us to order. Payments will be due upon their arrival.

As Christians, we believe that God is the Giver of all good things. As stewards of God's gifts, we return to him a portion of our time, service and money for Christ's work on earth through his Church. The Christian Stewardship program of Church support is an opportunity to respond to Christ's love by perpetuating our Church's mission. Stewardship places the responsibility to support the Church exactly where it belongs, on us. Thanks so much for your continual support of our growing parish.

Fr. Lester Bundy, Professor Emeritus at Regis College and Rector emeritus of St. Columba's Church, is offering a new class called "Christ and the Eternal Tao" on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. There will be two more talks given at St. Mark's through December 2nd. This is an interesting lecture series especially for those who have sons and daughters who have studied in China.

Several of the faithful have asked about the SAINTS above the Altar. They are Left to Right: St. John Chrysostom, St. Cecilia, St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Gregory the Great, St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Augustine of Hippo, Blessed Virgin Mary, JESUS CHRIST, St. John the Baptist, St. Basil, Sts. Stephen and Laurence, St. Athanasius, St. Benedict, St. Agnes, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and St. Nicholas. Ora pro nobis or Pray for us.

TUESDAY: CHRIST AND THE ETERNAL TAO BY FR.
LESTER MICHAEL BUNDY 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: MATINS 7:00 AM, MASS 7:30 AM AND
MASS 12:00 NOON & EVENSONG 5:00 PM

THURSDAY THANKSGIVING DAY: MATINS 8:30 AM,
MASS 9 AM

FRIDAY: MATINS 7 AM, MASS 7:30 AM, & EVENSONG
5:00 PM

SATURDAY: ROSARY 8:00 AM, MATINS 8:30, LATIN
MASS 9:00 AM, & EVENSONG 5PM