



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

An Antiochian Orthodox Parish in the Western Rite Tradition

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THE VERY REVEREND FATHER JOHN CHARLES CONNELLY, RECTOR

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

Sunday in the Christmas Octave

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.

Thanks to the Altar Guild workers and the Parish volunteers for decorating the Church for Christmas last Sunday. Thanks to the faithful for donating the lovely poinsettias and the red candles. Many thanks to Charlotte Stephenson, Jim & Gretchen, and Tamara for the beautiful Christmas tree, swags, and greens. Thanks to Matushka Deborah for the soup/sandwiches and to Tanya and Kathryn for the assortment of fruit, cheese/crackers and lunch meat that fortify the volunteers before they began their work. Everything looked beautiful! Thanks also to Stuart and Chris and the choir for singing superbly at the Xmas Masses along with Fr. John and all his pious Deacons, Subdeacons, Readers, and Altar Servers.

Fr. John and Matushka Deborah are so grateful for all the lovely Christmas cards, gifts, and bonuses that they received this year. Thanks to Kim and Ann Herrell, Guy and Dana Huft, Mike and Betsy Huseby, Ken and Carol McCabe, Debbie St. Clair, Subdn. James and Judith Tochiara, and Richard and Jean Woolley for their special Christmas donations at the request of Father John and Matushka Deborah to the Benedictine Fellowship of St. Laurence near Canon City.

Thanks to Sandy Miller and Debbie Vaughn for social hour refreshments today. If you have an upcoming birthday or an anniversary in January, please sign up in the parish hall to bring refreshments on one of the Sundays during the month.

Thanks to Paula Perron for baking the bread of hospitality this week. If you would like to help bake this bread, the recipes are available on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Thanks to Leah Stokes for nursery duties today.

There will be a Mass at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1st in observance of the Circumcision of our Lord.

Next Sunday, there will be a fund-raiser Lasagne luncheon to benefit St. Raphael Camp and the Young Campers of St. Mark's on Epiphany Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Tamara and our Parish Youth will host the event. The cost for the luncheon is \$6. Adults, Teens \$3. and Children \$2. or the Family rate \$22. (The cost for families who live under the same roof)

We are excited that our SOYO teens and Young adults will sing at the 10 o'clock Epiphany Mass next Sunday. They will be rehearsing today at 1:00 p.m.

There will be a SOYO Winter retreat with Fr. Anthony at Snow Mountain Ranch on Jan. 11 - 13. The cost for the weekend is \$160. See Katie Huft for more information.

Next Sunday, the Churchwomen will be offering King Sooper "Gift Cards" in place of the old "gift certificates." Jane will purchase the new cards in the same amount that you have previously purchased your gift certificates. They will be available at both the social hours next week.

Looking ahead: The Churchwomen will be having a meeting on Sunday, January 20th to elect new officers. Please, let Judith T. know if you would be interested in serving.

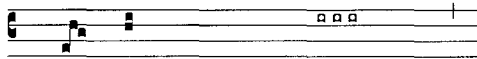
Has everyone updated our Parish Directory? Please indicate with a Check mark if your information such as your address, birthday, e-mail, wedding anniversary, etc. is correct on the parish directory. (Many folks have not included the date/year of their wedding anniversary) If you still need your picture taken please ask either Matushka Jean or Matushka Deborah to take your photo. Look for the Parish Directory in the Parish hall.

There is a new 2007 Altar Flower Calendar posted in the Parish hall.

We would appreciate it if you could turn in your pledge card today so that we can plan our 2008 Church Budget.

THE SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY
THE INTROIT.

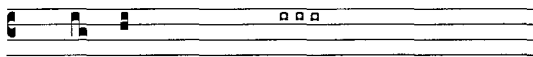
Dum medium. Wisdom xviii. 14-15. Tone VII.



∇ *While all things were in quiet silence,*



∇ *and night was in the • midst of her swift course:*

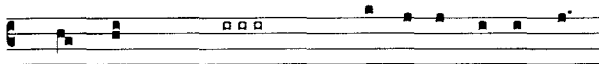


℞ *Thine Al-mighty Word, O Lord, leaped down*

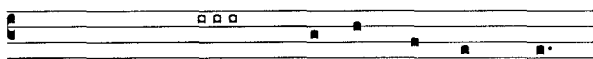


℞ *from heaven out of • thy roy-al throne.*

Psalm xciii. 1.



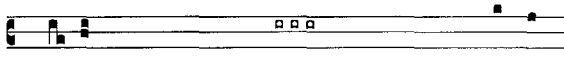
∇ *The Lord is King,
and hath put on • glo-ri-ous ap-pa-rel:*



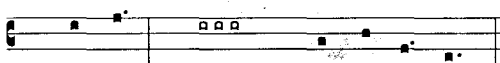
℞ *the Lord hath put on
his apparel, and gird•ed him-self with strength.*



∇ *Glo-ry be to the Father
and to the Son and • 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 §.

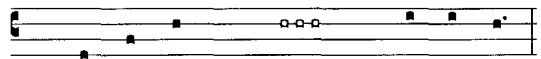
COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to govern us in all our doings in the way of thy good pleasure: that we, serving thee in the Name of thy well-beloved Son, may worthily abound in all good works through him. Who liveth, &c. Amen.

THE LESSON: *Galatians iv. 1-7.*

BRETHREN, So long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

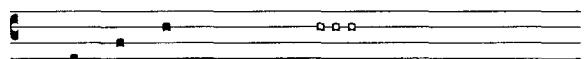
THE GRADUAL. *Psalm xlv. 3, 2. Tone V.*



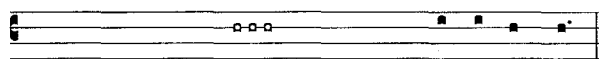
∇ *Thou art fair-er than the chil•dren of men:*



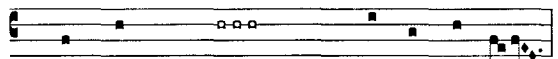
℞ *full of • grace are thy lips.*



∇ *My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak*



∇ *of the things which I have made • un-to the king:*



℞ *My tongue is the pen of a • rea-dy wri-ter.*

THE ALLELUIA. *Psalm xciii. 1. Tone VI.*



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



∇ *The Lord is King,*

and hath put on his glorious ap•pa-rel:



℞ *the Lord hath put on*

his apparel † and gird•ed him-self with strength.

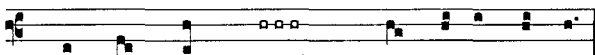


℞ Al - le - lu - ia.

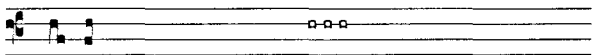
THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Matthew i. 18-23.

THE birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. *Creed chanted.*

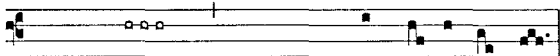
THE OFFERTORY Psalm xciii. 1-2. Tone II



℣ *God hath made the round world so sure that it • can-not be mov-ed;*



℞ ev-er since the world began hath thy seat, O God,

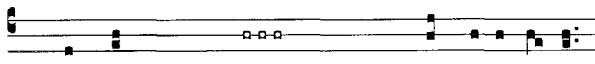


℞ been prepar-ed: thou art • from ev-er-last-ing.

THE SECRET

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the gifts which we here offer in the sight of thy majesty, may obtain for us grace to serve thee with all godliness, and bring us in the end to everlasting felicity. Through.

THE COMMUNION. St. Matthew ii. 20. Tone I.



℣ *Take the young Child and his Mother, and go into the • land of Is-ra-el:*



℞ for they are dead which • sought the young Child's life.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, that by the operation of these thy mysteries we may be cleansed from all our sins and obtain that which we have asked according to thy will.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn	St. A - 45
The Introit	
The Summary of the Law	BCP. 69
Kyrie eleison:	1940 - 710
Gloria:	1940 - 713
Collect of the Day	
The Lesson	
The Gradual and Alleluia	
The Holy Gospel	
Nicene Creed:	St. A - 370
Blessings, Notices, Sermon	
The Offertory Verse	
Offertory:	"TBA" - Stuart
Doxology:	St. A - 284, verse 3
The Secret	
Prayer for the Church	BCP. 74
The Invitation, Confession,	
Absolution.	BCP. 75
The Preface	BCP. 76
Sanctus / Benedictus:	1940 - 797
Canon,	BCP. 80-81.
Our Father:	1940 - 722
Agnus Dei:	1940 - 712
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP. 82
The Communion Verse	
Communion Hymns:	St. A - 47, 48, 56
Post Communion Prayers	
Thanksgiving Collect	BCP. 83
Dismissal & Blessing	
Closing Hymn:	St. A - 46

There will be a Parish Meeting at the end of January or early February. Heads up to all those parishioners who will need to submit their annual reports.

The Inquirers' class will meet *on Wednesday at 6:30 PM*. The Saturday morning book study meets at 10:00 am.

If you would like Fr. John to visit and bless your house, please arrange for an appointment during the Epiphany season by calling the Church office at 303-753-6548.

The 2008 Western Rite Ordos (\$11) and the Western Rite Calendars (\$10) are available from L.A. Press today.

There is No Fasting Rules doing the twelve days of Christmas.

CHRISTMASS CANDLE THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

God's blessings by Debbie St. Clair Family by Sandy Miller Family by Pamela Slettum Anne & Henry by Robin Gray All our blessings by Richard & Jeanne Woolley The beautiful renewal of the Parish Hall done by Ron Lickteig and Guy Huft with thanks from the Vestry, Clergy, and Faithful of St. Mark's Parish

CHRISTMASS CANDLE MEMORIALS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Dr. & Mrs. James H. Campbell by Matushka Deborah
Ralph Roe by Sister Sophia
Sarah Megan by Robin Gray
George Lycas by Mat. Deborah & Fr. John

CHRISTMASS FLOWER THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

Bill Matsch by Peggy
My husband and sons, by Paula Perron
Our marriage, by Ann and Ed Pinfield
Our family & St. Mark's, by Lee and Bill Banta
Continuing health of my wife, Julie, by Alex Zaveral
Kyle and Addi, by S. Riemensnider
My family and St. Mark's, by Kathryn Reeves
Our daughters, by Rick & Margaret Murray
Family and friends, by Arlene and James Kimmett
Donald Taylor, by Lisa Taylor
The Incarnation, by Richard and Jeanne Woolley
Our family, by Jane and Martin Long
My children, by Laurie Baker

Karin, Ian and Anders, by James Jeffrey
Our many blessings, by Ken and Carol McCabe
Our church family, by Joe and Susan Mahan
A loving family, by John and Debbie St. Clair

CHRISTMASS FLOWER MEMORIALS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Susan and Raymond Tripp, by Helen Smith
Henry and Veda Gay Lowe, by Patricia Meeks
Mary Frances Carlson by the Altar Guild
Clara and Nancy and William, by Betsy and Mike Huseby
Bill Huseby, by Evelyn Huseby
Emily Whittaker, by S. Riemensnider
Richard and Beverly Wood, by the Huft family
My brother Phillip and my father Ralph, by Kathryn Reeves
Jo Claire Minister, by Annabelle Walker
Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Cooley, by Kit Brown
Mary and Fred Haykel, by Lisa Taylor
Our grandparents, by Stephen, Nancy, Andrew and Sarah
Howard and Ruth Schultz, by Tanya Diederich
Deceased members of the Zaveral family, by Frank and Stephanie Zaveral
Scott Long, by Jane and Martin Long
Family members, by Laurie and Manda Baker
Jeff Mahan, by Joe and Susan Mahan

THE ALTAR CANDLES IN THANKSGIVING:

for Maryalice and John Western by Cruger and Sue Ragland

THE CHRISTMASS TREE GIVEN BY:

Charlotte Anne Stephenson in thanksgiving for St Mark's Parish and many blessings

TUESDAY CIRCUMCISION : MATINS 9:30, MASS 10:00 AM
WEDNESDAY : MATINS 7:00, MASS 7:30 AM, MASS NOON,
EVENSONG 4:00, CLASS 6:30 PM
THURSDAY : MATINS 7:00, MASS 7:30 AM, EVENSONG 4:00
FRIDAY : MATINS 7:00, MASS 7:30 AM, EVENSONG 4:00
SATURDAY VIGIL OF EPIPHANY : ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
8 O'CLOCK, MATINS 8:30, MASS 9:00, CLASS 10 AM,
EVENSONG 5:00 PM