

The Feast of St John of San Francisco
Father of Western Rite Orthodoxy

July 19



The Introit **Psalm 37:30-31/Psalm 37:1**



Antiphon: The mouth of the righteous man utters wis-dom, *
and his tongue speaks what is right.

Psalm. Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

Gloria Patri. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spir-it, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon:**

The Kyrie or Litany

The Gloria in Excelsis Deo

The Collect:

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who has raised up Your servant and bishop John of Shanghai and San Francisco as a witness to the Word of Your Truth: Grant that we, who now remember the righteous deeds and miracles You procured through him, may be helped by his prayers, as we seek to do Your Will: Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. Amen

The First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10

Brethren: The wise man seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients, and is concerned with prophecies; he preserves the sayings of the famous and penetrates the subtleties of parables; he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs and is at home with the obscurities of parables. He serves among the great and appears before rulers; he travels in foreign lands and learns what is good and evil in the human lot. He sets his heart on rising early to seek the Lord who made him, and to petition the Most High; he opens his mouth in prayer and asks pardon for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding; it will never be blotted out. His memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations. Nations will speak of his wisdom, and the congregation will proclaim his praise.

The Gradual **Psalm 103:1, 2-6**



Bless the Lord, O my soul! * Blessed are You, O Lord!

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and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul! * And forget not all His benefits!

Who forgives all your iniquity, *

who heals all your diseases!

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, *

long suffering and of great goodness!

Bless the Lord, O my soul! * Blessed are You, O Lord!

The Epistle: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the letter of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.

Brethren: May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him

to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Alleluia

Benedictus vir

Tone Laudate



Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, *
who takes great delight in His commands.



The Gospel: John 5:24-27

At that time...Jesus said: Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of man.

The Nicene Creed

Offertory:

In hoc signo



By the sign of the holy cross, defend, O Lord, *
your people from all the snares of our enemies;
that the service which we render may be pleasing to you, *
and our sacrifice acceptable in your sight, alleluia.

The Prayer over the gifts:

Almighty God, we beseech You, accept these gifts we offer and grant us the grace to continue in True Faith of You, so we may at last come to dwell in Your Kingdom, where Your servant and bishop John of Shanghai and San Francisco and all Your saints eternally chant the praises of our risen Lord: Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. Amen.

Preface of the Saints

For the wonderful grace and virtue of your servant John,
who has been the chosen vessel of your grace;
in showing forth the light of the world in his generation...

Communion:

Hosea 14:6



The righteous man shall blossom like the lily,*
and flourish forever before the Lord

The Postcommunion Collect:

Almighty God, grant to us, who have been nourished with these Holy Mysteries of Christ, the grace to always live, teach and defend the Orthodox Faith as Your servant and bishop John of Shanghai and San Francisco did in his time, so we may come to behold the full image of Your glory: Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. Amen (ecw+)

The Blessing:

May Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and May the blessing of God Almighty, ✠the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*