



EXCEPTIONAL EXHIBIT OF CHRIST'S HOLY TUNIC

MARCH 25TH – APRIL 10TH, 2016
BASILICA OF ARGENTEUIL

Year 33, Jerusalem,
Golgotha



When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, a share for each soldier.

They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled [that says]: "They divided my clothes among them and for my garment they cast lots."



John
19: 23-24

> HISTORY CHRIST'S TUNIC

Christ's Tunic is the piece of clothing worn by Jesus during the last hours preceding his death.

It was also worn during the Last Supper, the agony of Gethsemane, the arrest at the Mount of Olives, the appearance before the Sanhedrin and before Pilate and finally during the path to Calvary. Weaved in one piece from top to bottom, Christ's Tunic is seamless. The Tunic collected the blood from his wounds during Christ's Road to Calvary.

Early Christian communities considered it as a relic of great importance and it was kept in the Orient for several centuries.

> THE PLACE IN ARGENTEUIL FOR 1200 YEARS...

In the beginning of the 9th century, according to tradition, the Tunic was offered by Irene, Empress of Constantinople, to Charlemagne, Emperor of the Occident. He entrusted it to the monastery of Argenteuil where his daughter Théodrade was the Abbess.

The Holy Tunic survived through centuries and French history without ever leaving Argenteuil. It has been continuously revered by clerks of the church, monarchs and the people.

The Tunic is normally kept rolled up in a reliquary in the Basilica of St. Denys of Argenteuil. Traditionally, it is unfolded and shown only twice a century, during a formal exhibit. The last two were held in 1934 and 1984.



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> THE EVENT

WHAT CAN WE DO TO THE EXHIBIT?

Attending the exhibit at the Basilica of St. Denys of Argenteuil, you will have the opportunity to venerate Christ's Holy Tunic, which is only on exhibit twice a century. He wore it during his Way of the Cross.

For this, a spiritual itinerary will be offered on site: **walk through the Holy Door of Mercy, bow down and pray before the Holy Tunic**, which will be exhibited in a large reliquary showcase, **confession** will be available, **take time for a personal prayer in the Basilica**.

To help you, a pilgrim booklet will be available, as well as live music and meditation times at the basilica. You also have the opportunity to participate in the Way of the Cross through the streets of Argenteuil on Good Friday, March 25th, and attend one of the 16 masses planned during the exhibit.



PROGRAM

EXHIBIT TIME: EVERY DAY FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM
(except during services) from March 25th to April 10th 2016

MASS EVERY DAY

Weekday (Monday – Friday): 7 pm
March 28 (Easter Monday): Noon
April 2, 9 (Saturdays): Noon
April 3, 10 (Sundays): 11 am

REGULAR CONFESSION

IMPORTANT DATES

- > **Good Friday, March 25, 2016:**
Stations of the Cross (3pm) followed by the Exhibit Opening, and The Office of the Passion (8:30 pm)
- > **Saturday, April 2 and 9, 2016:**
Torchlight procession, vigil and night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (the Basilica will be open all night)
- > **Sunday, April 3, 2016: Divine Mercy Sunday**
- > **Monday, April 4, 2016: Feast of Annunciation,**
Mass at 7pm followed by a vigil prayer to Mary

HOW TO GET HERE

Train (recommended):

Line **J** from Paris St. Lazare to Argenteuil SNCF station (10 minutes)

Car and bus:

A15/A86,
Exit: Argenteuil Centre



Group information and registration

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