

E- Bulletin St Innocent Orthodox Church

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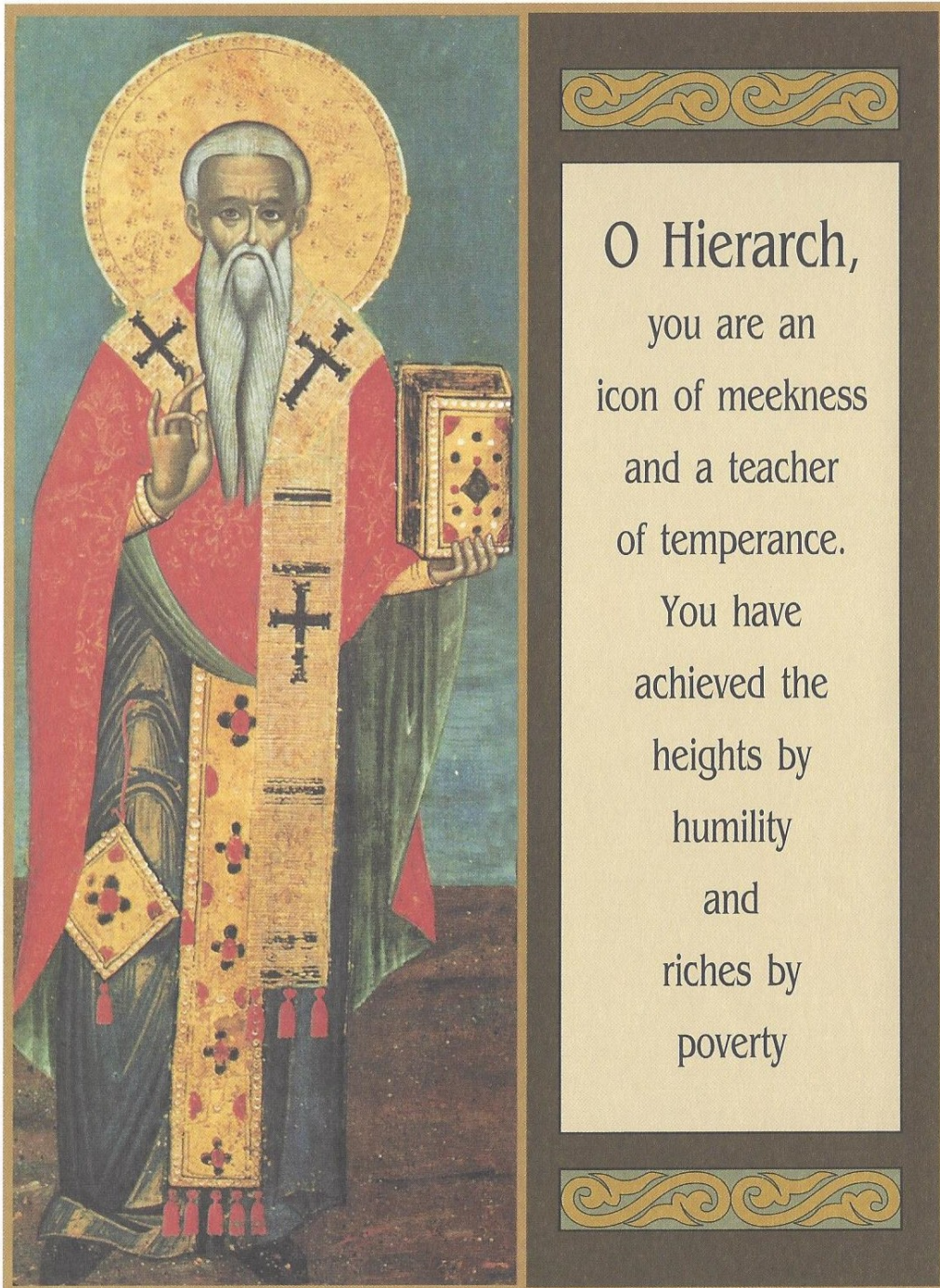
Fr. Yousuf Rassam

January 1st, 2023

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (379). Sunday before Theophany. Martyr Basil of Ancyra (ca. 362).



O Hierarchy,
you are an
icon of meekness
and a teacher
of temperance.
You have
achieved the
heights by
humility
and
riches by
poverty

Saint Sylvester of Rome – Commemorated on January 2.

THE IDEAL TIME FOR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

It took over three hundred years before Christianity became the official religion of the civilized world. Many lives were lost and many struggles were recorded. One guiding light during this critical point in Church history was SAINT SYLVESTER.

Sylvester was ordained Bishop of Rome at the age of 30. By his wise teachings and pious example, he led his flock to the pastures of salvation. Sylvester is remembered for the reformation of certain Christian customs. Among them, he is credited with abolishing fasting on Saturday. He decreed that only Holy Saturday and those Saturdays falling within fasting periods be observed.

Saint Sylvester's service occurred during the reign of Constantine the Great. The Emperor was not a Christian yet, but a pagan. Unlike the rulers before him, Constantine did not condone the brutal persecution of our Lord's followers. As time went on, he increased his interest in the Christian faith. Following a vision of Christ holding a banner with a cross and inscription reading, "In this sign conquer," Constantine was victorious in battle. It was Sylvester who was instrumental in the CONVERSION and BAPTISM of the Emperor and his mother, Helen.

Sylvester peacefully entered into the Heavenly Kingdom in the year 335. This was just 11 years after the founding of the Byzantine Empire. Thankfully, the triumph of our holy Faith was witnessed by this God-fearing servant.

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SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: John 20: 1 - 10 (*7th Matins Gospel*)

This Week's Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 **Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8 (*Sunday before Theophany*)
Colossians 2:8-12 Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 (*Circumcision*)

Reader: Matthew

Today	9:30 am Liturgy of St Basil 1:00 pm New Year's Moleben
Wednesday	9:30 am Royal Hours (anticipated) 5:30 pm Vespers & Compline
Thursday	9:30 am Vespertal Liturgy, 1 st blessing of waters 6:30 pm Vigil Theophany, blessing of waters
Friday	9:30 am Liturgy, Theophany, Great blessing 7:30 pm Moleben (Slavonic) Рождественский молебен
Saturday	9:30 am Typika St John the Baptist / Рождественский молебен 5:30 pm Vespers
Sunday	9:30 am Liturgy 1:30 pm blessing of the river

Next Week's Epistle: Ephesians 4: 7 - 13 **Gospel:** Matthew 4: 12 - 17 (*Sunday after Theophany*)

Reader: James

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon. **Confessions:** After Saturday Vespers and by appointment.

Receiving Holy Communion: We should draw near to our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, and receive Holy Communion often. Orthodox Christians, who have prepared themselves through prayer and fasting, and are at peace with all men, and have attended the Divine Liturgy from the beginning, (or, at the very least, have not missed the Gospel), and have made a recent Confession, should draw near. Others should diligently seek to be properly disposed and prepared as soon as possible.

Announcements:

Our Bulletins (\$60.00)

Our Altar Wine (\$40.00)

Our Altar Candles (\$40.00)

Our Altar Incense (\$20.00)

Vigil – Golgotha I (\$7.00 /wk)

Vigil – Golgotha II (\$7.00 /wk)

Vigil – Prothesis (\$7.00 /wk)

- Broncă: Gabriela, Robert, & Carmen Iuliana. Good health, & help in need. Repose: Tasie.

- Sogokon: for the health of Zoya, Vladimir, Irina, Anastasia, Vladimir, Vladimir.

Alla Slobodskaya

Izolda (Zoya) & Vladimir Sogokon

Gabriela Broncă & family good health & help in our needs.

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Happy & Blessed New Year!

New Year's Moleben today at 1:00 pm today

Fast Free period continues this week through Wednesday, January 4. Thursday, January 5th is a strict fast day to prepare for Theophany (the only fast day this week). **Prefeast of Theophany**

Great Feast of Theophany – blessing of Waters this week. Next Sunday blessing the river. This Friday is *not* a fast day.

Adult Education is on Winter break.

Coffee Hour please consider signing up in the New Year.

Рождественский молебен: Пятница 5:30 Вечера. Суббота 10:00 Утром

Lectionary. The Church Lectionary is reading for the Nativity-Theophany cycle. Weekday epistles are from Hebrews & Luke.

Coffee Hour, This Week: New Years Next Week: -

Fr Yousuf & family thank everyone for their prayers and kindness

USEFUL INFORMATION

Donations We now have a [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) page to make donating to the parish easy. Just click this link: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1324837>. Thank you and God bless!

Streamed serices can be viewed at our website <https://stinnocenttarzana.org/livestream> or <https://stinnocenttarzana.org/facebook>, the streamed services are also uploaded here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCehqUqTl5kDekOrPPERcy5g>.

The daily readings and saints may be found here: <https://stinnocenttarzana.org/dailyreadings>.

Troparion, Resurrection – Tone 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord / learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the Apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion, Circumcision, – Tone 1

Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Thy Divine Spirit, / O Jesus, Thou didst will to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, thy Mother. / Therefore Thou wast circumcised as an eight-day-old Child. / Glory to Thy most gracious counsel; / glory to Thy dispensation; // glory to Thy condescension, O only Lover of mankind!

Troparion, St Basil – Tone 1

Thy proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / which was divinely taught by hearing thy voice. / Thou didst expound the nature of creatures / and didst ennoble the manners of men. / O holy father of royal priesthood, // entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion Resurrection – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:January 1st, 2023**Special Intentions:**

Christians of Syria, Egypt; Met. Paul, Abp. John, in captivity.
 Natalya & Alla in Donetsk
 Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev

sister Oksana McGovern & family

The Sick and those in need of health:

Archbishop Benjamin;
 Archpriests Paul Waisanen, George Gray, Michael Regan, Andrew Jacobs; Moses Berry; John Armstrong.
 Abbess Susanna; Protodcn Nicholas Jannakos;
 Matushki Alexandra Safchuk, Elizabeth Powell, Clara Mancantelli, Suzanne Senyo; Maria Vallens, Priscilla Shipley, Jean Moore;
 Monk John. Deacon Mark Story, Robert Peterson, Marios Perez, Barbara Anderson, Monika Cleenewerck, Marea Kuolt. OCA-DOW
 Manya Prybyla, Gregory Theophan Hoffberg; Virginia, Levon; Edmund Roschak, Darka Raicevich; Karen Olds;
 Alla Miller, Mike Shinkarik, Andrew Sturmer; Bridget Merridy Strand, Assia Alexander, Scott T. Karen T., Dmitri G., Kyra;
 Bill & Linda Phillips; Ed Salm; Raphael; Magdalena Elizabeth; Ludmilla, Anna, Margarita Maximova, Gayle Anne, Our Parish
 Nick Davidovich.
 Basil Rosiczka
 Lea Ann (Leah) Bochnak Laura Bochnak
 Vladimir Anya
 Laura, Eladia Manya Prybyla
 Matthew, Alison. Thaddeus Wojcik
 Mildred Sturmer, Susan Sturmer family
 Patricia Hungerford, Barbara Johnson + Raissa Dulian
 Martha Yarbrough Yarbrough family
 Margaret Banescu, Vona Leslee Christie, Hope Peacock and family. Banescu family
 Euphemia Marie Cox John Ambrose Cox
 George. Mihai Maria Caratás
 Mary, George Laurentiu, cancer treatment. Florentina
 Barbara, Steve Scott & the Thompson family
 Angela Apostal Constantine Apostol
 Yekaterina Lydia
 Lydia Manya Prybyla
 Hieromonk Ambrose (Young), Nicholas Juried & Amy. Archriest Michael Carney, Fr. Yousuf
 Matushka Sophia Haloulakos Protodeacon George Haloulakos
 Christina Dudchenko, Dcn. Sergius Miller, Kevin, Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu. Deacon Nicholas Denysenko & family
 Michael Rogozik
 Yulia.
 Lya, Marie, Yvonne Gay Butu
 Timofey Dilaria
 Kristina DeBree Kevin Patrick DeBree
 Reader John, Catherine, Dianna Bowen. Danks family
 Ruben Richard & Yolanda Durham
 Walter Irina
 Larry & Emma Abbe Kulhanek
 Anna Elena
 Pearl Ruggiero. Sheena Wickens, Veronica Clarkson, Anna Cruz, Anna Rossiter; Ward; Griselda Leon. Diane Rhodes
 Bruce Anderson, Audrey Anderson. Subdeacon Polycarp Anderson & family
 Larry McHargue; Laura; Robert; Kenny Anne McHargue Witz & family

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Peter, Elijah Hoffberg, Ronnie (Barnabas) Austin, Basil, Shae, Ian & Henry.

For the Health and Salvation of the servants of God:

Catechumen: Dalen, Kelly, & Jamie, & Timothy Muster; Bryce; Cameron; Melanie; Dean.

New born Orion Igor & Luda
 newly Illumined Nikolina Jovanna & Ilja
 Zlata Okunev, Artemi & Erica
 Chelsea Claire Nordstrom Matthew & Chloe Nordstrom
 Sebastian James Siskos Presvytera Wiborada Vickie Hoffberg Siskos & Priest Christian Siskos
 Charlotte, parents Jonathan & Michaela Durham
 Vitaly, Lyubov, Ella, Karen, Oksana, Valentina, Irina, Sofiya, Vladimir, Olga, Natalya, Tatyana, Irina, Elena, Evgeny. Tikhvin icon donors
 Alla, Dmitriy Jr., Dmitriy, Igor, Elena, Juliya, Tamara, Fredi. Alla Slobdoskaya
 Elena, Marisa, Dimitrios (Jimmy), Nicholas, Alexander, Dimitrios, Dionisius. + Lola Macrina
 Sherri, Nathanael, & Christopher, Amelia Marie.
 Aiden Frederick Parrish, Micah Parrish, new born Chloe Alyssa & Cyprian
 Parrish
 New born Thomas John Martin Lawman. Verity Annabelle Mary; Constance Alexandra. Alicia & Joshua Lawman
 Newly illumined Matthew; Nicholas Damiano, Magdalena Elizabeth. Stephen & Marisa Thompson
 Elijah, parents Aika & Dmitri Goudkov
 new born Rowan. Galina. Yelena, Anna, Wolfgang
 Margarita, Christopher, John, Lauren, Ekaterina. Margarita Maximova
 Catalina, Sofia, Florentina, Doina. Calugaru family

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

For the repose of the souls of the departed servants of God:

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Newly Departed Hormuzd (Emmanuel) Rassam, + Dec 21, 2022. wife Kaye Rassam, son Fr Yousuf Rassam, daughter Najma Fownner & family
Newly Departed Grigory
Irina
Newly Departed Andrew Korpita, +Nov. 13, 2022
Andrea Korpita & family
Newly Departed Nataliya Kvichko, +Nov. 13, 2022
Newly Departed Oleg
Mirnyy family
+Jan 1: Archpriest Isidore Salko, 1929; Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, 2005; Archpriest Michael Romanchak, 2012.
OCA
Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, +Sep 1, 2021, Matushka Gerry (Evgenia) Glagolev. +May 23, 2022.
Christia, Marina, John & family
Matushka Anisia Boldireff +Sep 1, 2021
Archpriest Nicholas, Nathalie, Tamara, Marina, Michael & family
Matushka Tresja Denysenko
Deacon Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family
Germogen & Olga Stephanenko
Larissa, Tatiana
Valentina
Irina Jackson
Cor Brevet Delabruinene
Natalya Slusar Nosa & family
Rodney Lake + May 20, 2021.
son-in-law & daughter Thaddeus & Jacqui Wojcik
Paul Prybyla. +Jan, 10, 2021
Manya & family
Barbara Johnson
daughter Nancy Smollen
Stanislava Mihich
daughter Milena Mihich; family
Nun Seraphima (Anna Kremenetskaya)
Konstantin, Taissia, Vladimir, Ioann Kremenetsky
Nun Nonna (Verna Harrison)
Igor
Lola Macrina
Edward Michael & Joan Sutyak
Tamara, Christina, Michael, Anne & family
Leon & Claudine Snyder
daughters Laura & Carol, & family
Dmitri
Boris
David
Mitred Archpriest Ian & Matka. Nina MacKinnon, DOW
Deacon Hennok Soot
DoW, Matushka Mariamna Soot, Fr Stephen Soot family, Mark & Olga Soot family
Evdokiya, Anatoliy, Domnikiy, Semen, Feodosiy, Ella, Grigoriy, Nadejda, Konstantin, Svetlana,
Valentina, Anna, infant Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Peter.
Alla Slobdoskaya
Anne Lewandowski
+ Raissa Dulian
Marina, Alexandra, Petr, Boris, Tatiana.
Margarita Maximova
Priest Anatoly + Sep 9.
Rebecca Svetlana (Photini) Gushard
son Wade Aiden Greer, Fr Yousuf

Kontakion St Basil - Tone 4

Thou wast revealed as the sure foundation of the Church, / granting all mankind a lordship which cannot be taken away, // sealing it with thy precepts, O venerable Basil, revealer of heaven.

Kontakion, Circumcision, - Tone 3

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised, / thus, as He is good, He excises the sins of mortal men. / Today He grants the world salvation, / while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator, // rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.