

St Innocent Orthodox Church

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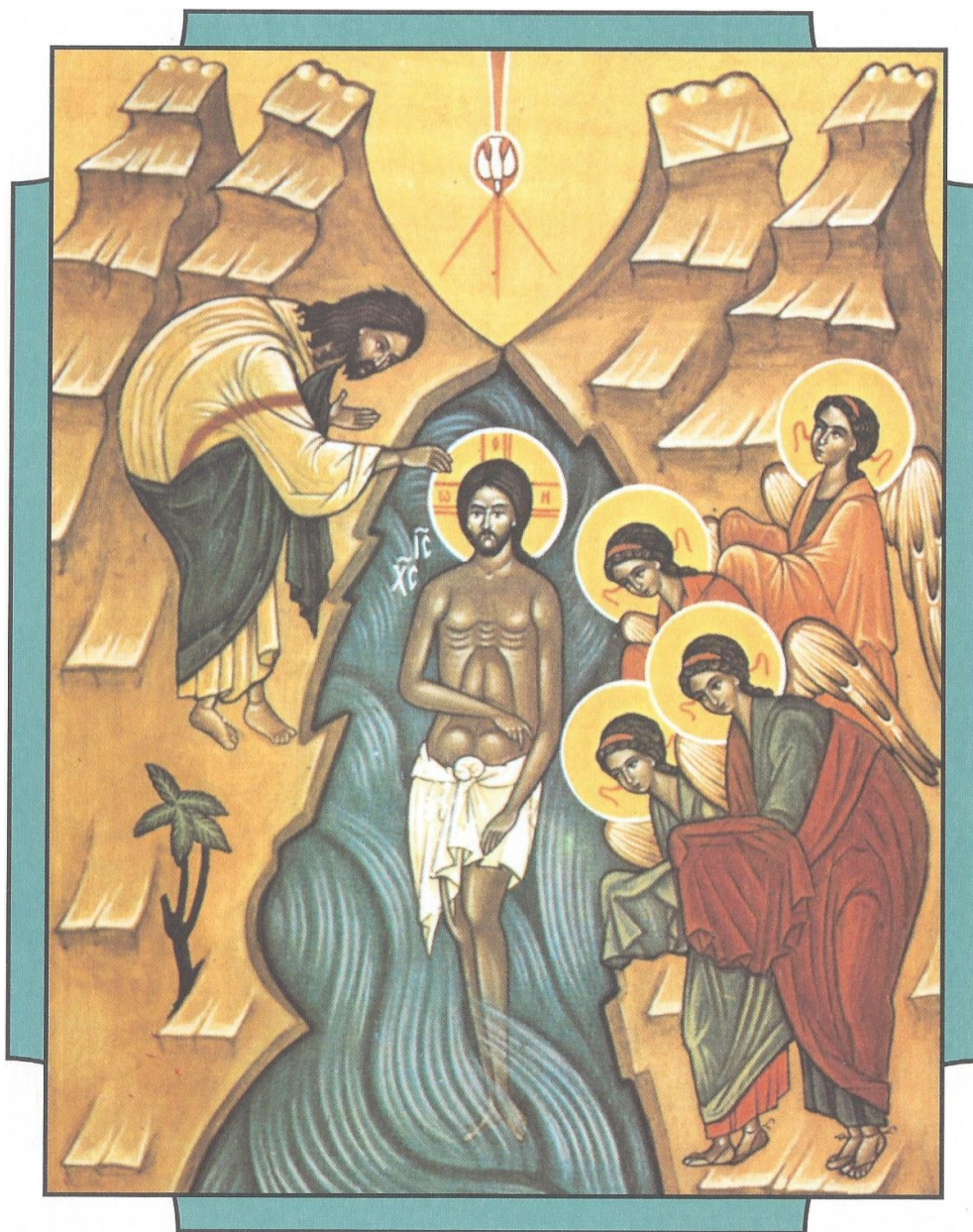
Fr. Yousuf Rassam

January 8th, 2023

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany.

Ven. George the Chozebite, Abbot (6th c.). Ven. Domnica of Constantinople (474). St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (9th c.). Ven. Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 1093). Ven. Gregory the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th-14th c.). Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 others at Yuriev (Estonia – 1472). St. Paisius of Uglich (1504). Hieromartyr Carterius of Caesarea in Cappadocia (304). Martyrs Theophilus the Deacon, and Helladius, in Libya (4th c.). Martyrs Julian and his wife, Basilissa, and with them Marcionilla, her son Celsus, Anthony, Anastasius, 7 children and 20 soldiers, at Antinoë in Egypt (313). Ven. Elias the Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Martyr Abo the Perfumer, of Tiflis (Georgia – 790).



“FOR THE FATHER’S VOICE BORE WITNESS TO THEE . . .”



he Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist — an event that is a large part of our celebration of the FEAST DAY OF THEOPHANY — was one of the most dramatic events in the history of mankind. On that awesome day, the Holy Trinity was revealed to the world as the Holy Spirit descended over our Lord in the form of a dove, and the voice of God the Father was heard from heaven, proclaiming: *“This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.”* (Matthew 3:17)

How old was Jesus when He was baptized? The Evangelist Luke tells us: *“Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age.”* (Luke 3:23) Up to this point, He lived in relative obscurity. Aside from the details of His Nativity, all the Gospels tell us about the early years of Christ is an incident when He was taken to Jerusalem by His parents for the celebration of the Passover when He was 12 years old.

According to Jewish tradition, there is great significance attached to the age of 30. This was the age when a man was truly viewed as an adult, having the knowledge and experience to teach others. If Christ were truly to be accepted as the Great Teacher that He was, and to be worthy of being called *“Rabbi”* by the people, He could not have been any younger than this. Yes, in all aspects of His life, our Lord carefully adhered to the religious customs and traditions of His time.

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SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: John 20: 11 – 18 (*8th Matins Gospel*)

This Week’s Epistle: Ephesians 4: 7 – 13 **Gospel:** Matthew 4: 12 – 17 (*Sunday after Theophany*)

Reader: James

Today 9:30 am Liturgy
1:30 pm blessing of the river

Saturday 5:30 pm Vespers

Sunday 9:30 am Liturgy

Next Week’s Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 **Gospel:** Luke 18:18-27

Reader: Matthew

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.

Troparion, Resurrection – Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of Theophany – Tone 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, / and called Thee His beloved Son; / and the Spirit in the form of a dove / confirmed the truthfulness of His word. / O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself // and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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: Tasié.

- 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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Great Feast of Theophany – blessing of the river today. The festal period continues through Saturday.

Memorial today for Lola Macrina, Mariya, and Helen Norman

Adult Education is on Winter break. **No weekday services this week.**

Coffee Hour please consider signing up in the New Year.

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

Coffee Hour, This Week: Krassimira **Next Week:** Manya

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/UCehqUqTI5kDekOrPPERcy5g>.

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

Kontakion Resurrection – Tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion of Theophany – Tone 4

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, / and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. / Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises: / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O unapproachable Light.

Troparion, Ven George – Tone 5 (not in the Menaion)

God-bearing Father George, / you cultivated the word of grace and gathered the splendid fruits of righteousness, / having chosen the way of godliness. / Therefore, you partook of the glory of Christ; / intercede with Him unceasingly / that He may have mercy on our souls.

Kontakion, Ven George – Tone 4

Thou hast appeared as a brilliant light / and hast illumined with divine rays those who cry to thee, O George. / Pray for us to Christ the Master, / Who appeared in the waters // to illumine those born on earth!

OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

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Special Intentions:

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

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 Apostol 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 Slobdskaya
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 Irina Lototskaya Oksana
Newly Departed Hormuzd (Emmanuel) Rassam, + Dec 21, 2022. wife Kaye Rassam, son Fr Yousuf Rassam, daughter Najma Fowner & 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
Lola Macrina, Mariya, and Helen Norman
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 Slobdorskaya
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