

E-Bulletin St Innocent Orthodox Church

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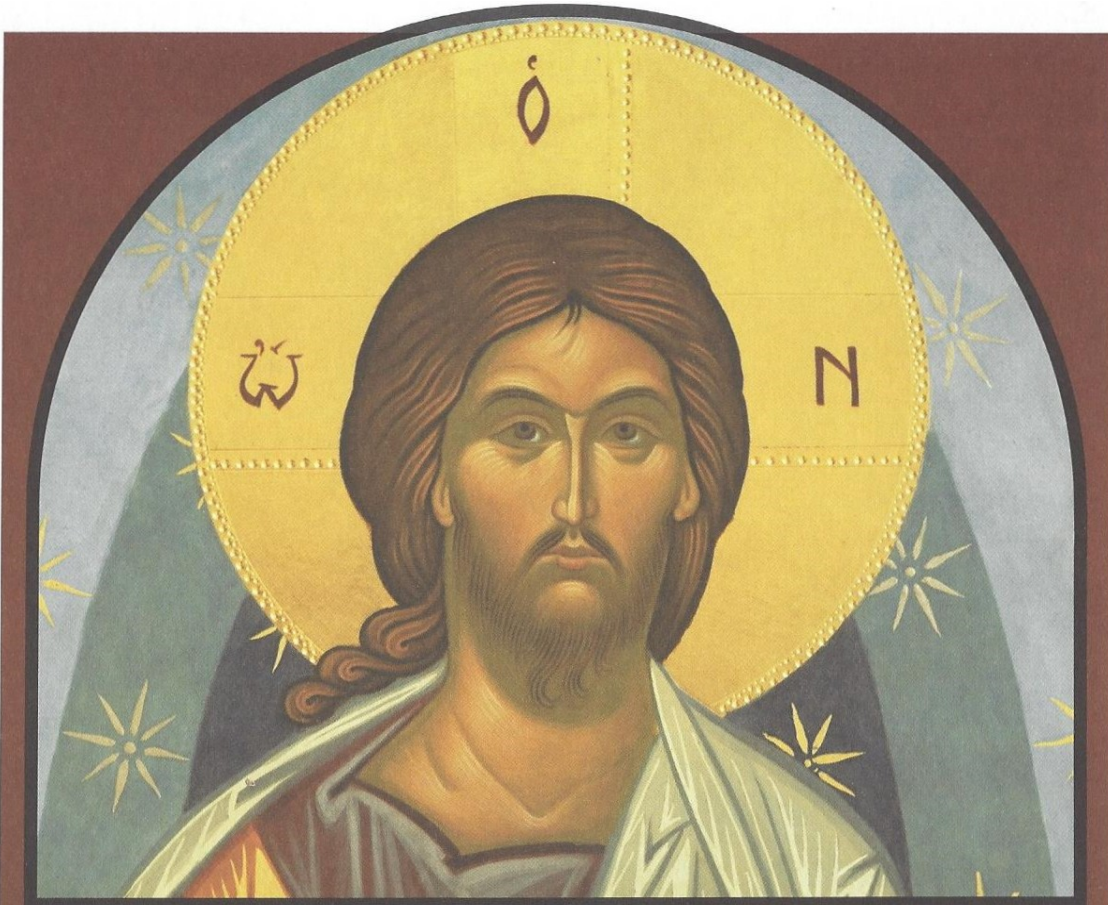
Fr. Yousuf Rassam

August 14, 2022

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Forefeast of the Dormition. Prophet Micah (8th c. B.C.).

Translation of the Relics of Ven. Theodosius of the Kiev Caves (1091). Ven. Arcadius of Novotorzhk (11th c.). Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Apamea (ca. 389).



➤ ➤ BUILDING A LIFE ➤ ➤

Christ was known for telling parables. He used ordinary illustrations to clearly explain many eternal truths. Today we examine the time He showed that building a LIFE is something like building a HOUSE. You can either build it on a ROCK or on SAND.

The Lord said: "He who hears My teachings and does them is like a wise man who built his house upon a ROCK. The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon the house; but it did not fall, for it was founded upon a ROCK." The Lord then said: "And everyone who hears these sayings of mine and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, who built his house upon SAND. The rains descended, the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon the house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

We realize that Jesus was not speaking about the construction business even though He had learned the carpentry trade. Jesus was TEACHING. He was not telling people how to build houses but how to build their lives.

In the land where Jesus lived, there were two general kinds of places to build a house. One of these places were in the wide, dry river beds. Maybe, only once in a generation, would the streams be dangerous as they rushed along. There on the SAND it was easy to build and convenient to live. On the other hand, to build upon ROCK was difficult. It meant excavation, grading, carrying materials up the hill. Even living there was harder. But it was the best place to build, because when the storms came, it would be safe.

Every person is building his or her life. The thoughts we think, what we learn, the words we speak, the things we do or leave un-done, our loves and hates . . . everything we do contributes to the building of our lives. What kind of foundation should we have for life? Building our lives on Christ's teachings and principles is building on ROCK. This may not be easy, but it is the best.

On the other hand, it is easy to say, "it really doesn't matter" anymore in our society. Everybody gets away with what he can; everybody steals, everybody drinks, everybody sins. But that's building a life on SAND. We must remember that testing will come. Testing comes to all . . . a crisis of some sort, a death to a loved one, sickness, a loss of a job, an injustice . . . there are as many different storms in life as there are in Nature.

Whether we will be able to stand under the assaults of these storms depends upon the foundation of our lives. Our faith and trust in Christ will hold us firm, like a house built on ROCK. Where are YOU building your house?

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SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: John 20: 19 – 31 (*9th Matins Gospel*)

Next Week's Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 **Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-34

Reader: James

Today 9:30 am Liturgy

5:30 pm Vigil, Dormition

Monday 9:30 am Liturgy, Dormition

Tuesday 9:30 am Typika, Icon made without hands

Wednesday 6:00 pm Moleben with Lamentations at the tomb of the Theotokos

Saturday 5:30 pm Vespers

Sunday 9:30 am Liturgy

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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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Theotokos Fast continues today, August 14. Wine & oil are allowed on Saturday & Sunday.

Feast of the Dormition Tomorrow. Vigil this evening at 5:30, Divine Liturgy tomorrow at 9:30. The fast ends after Liturgy. The After feast will continue through Tuesday, August 23.

Adult Education is in summer break.

Celebration Sunday today. Lenten potluck for August. Please give your August birthdays, name days, anniversaries etc. to Father.

Coffee Hour please consider signing up.

Parish Council Meeting today at 12:30 pm

Have you ever become a full Member? Fill out the form available. Prayerfully consider your pledge for 2022. You may speak with a parish council member about membership and pledging.

Lectionary. The Church Lectionary is reading 1 Corinthians and Matthew.

Coffee Hour, This Week: Celebration Sunday Next Week: Vladimir & Zoya

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 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

Troparion, Forefeast of the Dormition– Tone 4

Dance with joy, O peoples! / Clap your hands with gladness! / Gather today with fervor and jubilation; / sing with exultation! / The Mother of God is about to rise in glory, / ascending from earth to heaven. // We ceaselessly praise her in song as truly Theotokos.

Kontakion, Resurrection – Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion, Forefeast of the Dormition– Tone 4

Today the universe dances with joy at thy glorious memorial, / and cries out to thee, O Mother of God: // “Rejoice, O Virgin, pride of Christians!”

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

August 14th, 2022

Special Intentions:

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

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; Olga Stephanenko; Virginia, Levon; Edmund Roschak, Darka Raicevich; Karen Olds;
Alla Miller, Mike Shinkarik, Andrew Sturmer, Stanislava; 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
Judith daughter Julia Azrael
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
Emmanuel Hormuzd Rassam. 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.

New born Orion Igor & Luda
newly Illumined Nikolina Jovanna & Ilja
newly Illumined John (Jack) Keoseyan, sponsor James
newly Illumined Marilyn, sponsor Mother Markella
Zlata Okunev, Artemi & Erica
New born Ava Adria Vizireanu
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, new born Micah Parrish 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 Archpriest Alexei Poliakov +June 24, 2022. Matushka & family, Holy Transfiguration Cathedral parish

Newly Departed Matushka Anna Hopko, +Aug. 4, 2022.

Newly Departed Oleksy Trofimenko. Andrei Trofimenko

Newly Departed Mikhail Lyutikov Jenny, Zhanna

Newly Departed Luke Norton Alexander Norton

Newly Departed Aleksandra, +July 21, 2022. god-daughter Mariya

Newly Departed Alla Klachina, +Aug 3, 2022. Anna

Newly Departed Valentina, + June 20, 2022. Tatiana

Newly Departed Panagiotis Synodis. +June 29, 2022. Rosa Mendes

+ Aug 14: Archpriest Sotir Toilkuchi, 1954; Archpriest Gregory Pelesh, 1964; Priest Michael Hurley, 1969;
Deacon Theodore Stashkevetch Jr, 1995; Archpriest Basil Stroyen, 2002; Archimandrite Hilary (Madison) 2005;
Archpriest Dimitry Konstantinow, 2006; Margaret Haskell, 2014; Protodeacon Edward Reta, 2014. 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

Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky OCA

Matushka Tresja Denysenko Deacon Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family

Matushka Ioanna Bonnie Jean Robinson Priest John K. Robinson & family; Saint Herman Church, Oxnard; DoW

Germogen Stephanenko Olga, Larissa, Tatiana

Vinka Raičević Elayal Elayal & Raičević families

Paul Prybyla Manya Prybyla & family

Valentina Irina Jackson

Cor Brevet Delabruinene Natalya Slusar Nosa & family

Vadim

Rodney Lake + May 20, 2021. son-in-law & daughter Thaddeus & Jacqui Wojcik

Nun Seraphima (Anna Kremenetskaya) Konstantin, Taissia, Vladmir, 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

Rebecca Svetlana (Photini) Gushard son Wade Aiden Greer, Fr Yousuf