

St Innocent Orthodox Church

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November 20th, 2022

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Forefeast of the Entry Into the Temple of the Most-holy Theotokos. Ven. Gregory the Decapolite (816). St. Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446-447). Ven. Diodorus, Abbot of Yuregórsk (1633). Martyr Dasius of Dorostorum (3rd c.). Martyrs Eustace, Thespesius, and Anatolius of Nicea (312). Hieromartyrs Nerses and Joseph; John, Saverius, Isaac, and Hypatius, Bishops of Persia; Martyrs Azades the Eunuch, Savonius, Thecla, Anna, and many other men and women who suffered in Persia (343).



A LESSON IN BEING BOTH
HOLY and OBEDIENT



A PROMISE FULFILLED



Long before the birth of the Theotokos, her saintly parents, Joachim and Anna, made a solemn vow to the Lord. If He would bless them with a child in their advanced years, they would, in turn, give that child back to Him and to the service of the Temple.

The prayers of Joachim and Anna were answered with the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When their daughter reached the age of three, they obediently kept the promise they had made to God. Joachim and Anna dressed the Theotokos in her finest clothes, and took her in procession to the Temple. They placed her on the first step and, according to Sacred Tradition, Mary climbed the fifteen steps to the entrance of this holy place, where she was met by the high priest, Zacharias. She was led by him to the “Holy of Holies,” an area where only the high priest could go! This was taken to be a sign that this child was destined for a SPECIAL MISSION by God.

What message does the Feast Day of the Entrance of the Mother of God convey to us? Symbolically, we are reminded that the Blessed Virgin is, in reality, the ALL-PURE TEMPLE of the Saviour. This holy day also speaks of the joyful SACRIFICE of Joachim and Anna, who offered their child to the service of the Lord. Most importantly, this day, considered one of the twelve major feasts of our Holy Church, addresses the need for HOLINESS and OBEDIENCE in the lives of all of us. Mary’s life in the Temple was one of prayer, fasting and study. She was “consecrated” to the Lord. May Her example inspire us to a greater commitment to our Saviour and assist us in fulfilling a promise that WE made on our day of baptism: TO LOVE AND SERVE CHRIST.

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SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 28: 16 - 20 (*1st Matins Gospel*)

This Week’s Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 **Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21

Reader:

Today 9:30 am Liturgy

Wednesday 6:00 pm Moleben of Thanksgiving w/ Akathist “Glory to God for All Things”

Thursday 9:00 am Liturgy, Thanksgiving & Leave-taking of the Entry

Saturday 5:30 pm Vigil **St Innocent of Irkutsk**

Sunday 9:30 am Liturgy & Procession **St Innocent of Irkutsk**

Next Week’s Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 **Gospel:** Luke 13:10-17

(*St Innocent*) Hebrews 7: 26 - 8: 2 John 10: 9 - 16

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.

Troparion, Resurrection - Tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord who didst rise from the dead: 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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Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos, Monday. Vigil, Sunday Evening at 5:30 pm, Liturgy Monday, 9:00 am. Fish, wine, & oil are allowed for the feast.

Nativity Fast continues. Prepare well for Thanksgiving and the Nativity of Christ! The Nativity Fast continues through December 24th. Thanksgiving may be observed.

Our Parish Feast of St Innocent of Irkutsk, will be observed with Vigil and Liturgy with procession next weekend. (transferred from Saturday, Nov 26.)

Wednesday evening Moleben has moved to 6:30.

Adult Education will not be held this week for Thanksgiving.

Coffee Hour please consider signing up.

Lectionary. The Church Lectionary is reading Ephesians and Luke. Weekday epistle readings are from 1 Thessalonians.

Coffee Hour, This Week: - Next Week: Temple Feast

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>.

Thanksgiving Resources

<https://stioctca.orthodoxws.com/thanksgivingresources.html>

Troparion, Forefeast of the Entry – Tone 4

Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of sorrow, / by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin. / In fulfillment of her vow, / today with joy she brings to the temple of the Lord // the true temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

Kontakion, Resurrection – Tone 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion, Forefeast of the Entry – Tone 4

Today the universe is filled with joy / at the glorious feast of the Mother of God, // and cries out: “She is the heavenly tabernacle.”

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

sister Oksana McGovern & family

Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev

Lubov

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, 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

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

Emmanual 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; 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

For the Health and Salvation of the servants of God:

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 Oleg	Mirnyy family
Newly Departed Stanislava Mihich	daughter Milena Mihich; family
Newly Departed Rasima Askarovna Khamitova	Yuliya
Newly Departed Barbara Johnson	daughter Nancy Smollen
Newly Departed Olga Stephanenko +Oct 29, 2022	Larissa & Tatiana & family
Newly Departed Vsevolod Gutsevich +Oct 18, 2022	daughter Valeriya Chipenko & family
Newly Departed Angela	Gay Butu
Newly Departed Dorothy	cousin Subdcn Polycarp
Newly Departed Klara (Klavdia) Khalilova	daughter Dilara (Darya) Khalilova
Newly Departed Boris	
Newly Departed Sergey	
Newly Departed Tamara	Elena
+Nov 20: Priest Basil Shishkin, 1899; Priest John Olshevsky, 1924; Archpriest Panteleimon Bozhik, 1944;	
Matka. Maria Kaminsky, 1946; Matka. Natalija Vieglais, 1982	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 Stephanenko	Olga, 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
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
Newly Departed Priest Anatoly + Sep 9.	
Rebecca Svetlana (Photini) Gushard	son Wade Aiden Greer, Fr Yousuf

Troparion, Ven Gregory & St Proclus – Tone 4

O God of our Fathers, / take not away Thy mercy from us / but ever act towards us according to Thy kindness, / and by the prayers of Thy Saints // guide our lives in peace.

Another Troparion, Ven Gregory & St Proclus – Tone 4

The twofold lamps of divine gifts, / Proclus, shepherd of New Rome, and Gregory, scion of Decapolis, / guide us by the light of grace as divinely-inspired fathers. / Let us draw near and eagerly beseech them, // that we may receive forgiveness and salvation of our souls!

Kontakion, Ven Gregory – Tone 3

The Church knows thee to be a brilliant sun / enlightening all with the rays of healing and the beauty of virtue. / Therefore, as we celebrate thine honored memory, / We glorify thy struggles, // ever-blest and all-wise Father Gregory.