

St Innocent Orthodox Church

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November 28th, 2021

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. St Innocent, first bishop of Irkutsk, patron of our temple +1731 (moved from November 26). Monastic Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius, Martyrs Basil, Stephen, two Gregories, John, Andrew, Peter, Anna, and many others (767). Martyr Irenarchus and Seven Women Martyrs at Sebaste (303). St. Theodore, Archbishop of Rostov (1394). Martyrs Timothy and Theodore – Bishops; Peter, John, Sergius, Theodore, and Nikēphóros – Presbyters; Basil and Thomas – Deacons; Hierotheus, David, Chariton, Socrates, Comasius, and Eusebius – Monks; and Etymasius, at Tiberiopolis (8th c.).



Icon of St Innocent of Irkutsk by Nun Juliana (Sokolova 1899–1981)

Saint Innocent, first Bishop of Irkutsk

Commemorated on November 26

Saint Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk, (in the world John) was descended from the noble Kulchitsky family. His parents moved from Volhynia to the Chernigov region in the mid-seventeenth century. The saint was born in about the year 1680, and educated at the Kiev Spiritual Academy. He accepted monastic tonsure in 1710 and was appointed an instructor at the Moscow Slavonic-Greek-Latin Academy as prefect and professor of theology.

In 1719 Saint Innocent transferred to the Saint Peterburg Alexander Nevsky Lavra, and was appointed chief naval chaplain. In 1720 he served as vice-regent of the Alexander Nevsky Lavra.

On February 14, 1721, hieromonk Innocent was consecrated as Bishop of Pereyaslavl and appointed to the Peking Spiritual Mission in China. But the Chinese government refused to allow him to enter the country, because the Senate Commission on External Affairs had indiscretely characterized him as “a spiritual personage, a great lord.” The saint was compelled to spend three years at Selingin on the Chinese border, suffering much deprivation because of the uncertainty of his position, and grief from the disarray of the civil government in Siberia. Diplomatic blunders of the Russian Mission in China by Graf Raguzinsky, and intrigues by the Irkutsk archimandrite Anthony Platkovsky led to the appointment of Archimandrite Anthony in China. By decree of the Most Holy Synod Saint Innocent was named in 1727 to be Bishop of Irkutsk and Nerchinsk. And so he entered into the governance of the newly-formed dioceses.

The proximity of the Chinese border, the expanse and sparsely-settled dioceses, the great number of diverse nationalities (Buryat, Mongol, and others), mostly unenlightened by the Christian Faith, the lack of roads and the poverty—all this made Saint Innocent’s pastoral work burdensome and his life full of deprivations. Through a strange oversight of the Senate, he did not receive any money until the time of his death, and he endured extreme want. In these difficult conditions of scant funds, the Irkutsk Ascension monastery still maintained two schools opened under him, one Mongol and the other Russian. The constant concern of the saint was directed towards the schools: the selection of worthy teachers, and providing the necessary books, clothing and other provisions for students.

The saint toiled tirelessly at organizing the diocese, and strengthening its spiritual life. His many sermons, pastoral letters and directives bear witness to this. In his work and deprivations Saint Innocent found spiritual strength, humility, and insight.

In the spring of 1728, the Baikal region began to suffer a drought. Famine from a poor grain harvest had threatened the diocese already back in 1727. With the blessing of the holy hierarch, in May within the churches of Irkutsk and the Irkutsk region they began to include a Molieben for an end to the drought at each Liturgy. On Saturdays they sang an Akathist to the Mother of God, and on Sundays they served a Molieben. “The supplications,” said the saint, “should end on the Feast of Saint Elias” (July 20). Indeed, on that very day a storm raged at Irkutsk with such strong rains, that in the streets of the city water stood up to people’s knees, and thus the drought ended.

Through the efforts of Saint Innocent, construction was started on a stone church to replace the wooden one at the Ascension monastery, and the boundaries of the diocese were expanded to include not only Selingin, but also the Yakutsk and Ilimsk surroundings.

The saint, not noted for robust health, and under the influence of the severe climate and his afflictions, departed to the Lord at a rather young age (51). He reposed on the morning of November 27, 1731.

In the year 1764, the body of the saint was discovered incorrupt during restoration work on the monastery’s Tikhvin church. Many miracles occurred not only at Irkutsk, but also in remote places of Siberia, for those who flocked to the saint with prayer. This moved the Most Holy Synod to uncover the relics and to glorify the saint in the year 1800.

In the year 1804, a feastday was established to celebrate his memory throughout all Russia on November 26, since the Sign Icon of the Mother of God is commemorated on the actual day of his repose (November 27). Saint Innocent is also remembered on February 9.

In 1921, the relics of Saint Innocent were taken from their shrine and placed in a Soviet anti-religious museum. They were moved to another museum in Yaroslavl in 1939, and were exhibited as “mummified remains of an unknown man.” In 1990, they were brought to the newly-reopened Tolga Monastery in the Yaroslavl diocese. In September of 1990, the holy relics arrived in Irkutsk and were placed in the cathedral, to the joy of all the faithful.

SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

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

Next Week's Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 **Gospel:** Luke 13:10-17

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

Reader: Matthew

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

Tuesday 10:00 am Typika, St Andrew

6:00 pm Moleben w/ Akathist St Andrew

Saturday 5:30 pm Vespers

Sunday 9:30 am Liturgy

Next Week's Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 **Gospel:** Luke 17:12-19

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!

Troparion, St Innocent of Irkutsk – Tone 3

O most radiant beacon of the Church, / who hast illumined this land with the rays of thy good works, / and hast glorified God by many healings of them that have recourse to thy reliquary with faith, / O holy hierarch Innocent, our father, // we entreat thee: protect this city from all misfortune and grief.

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, St Innocent Bp of Irkutsk – Tone 4

Ye faithful, let us all praise with love / the pastor whose name signifies innocence, / the preacher of the Faith among the pagans of Mongolia, / the glory and adornment of the flock of Irkutsk; // for he is the protector of this land and an intercessor for our souls.

Another Troparion, St. Innocent – Tone 3

Holy Teacher of the Church, / thy work has blessed this nation. / We come as thy parish, / bringing our praise to God. / Holy Father Innocent, / pray for us and guide us, // and help us in trouble and tribulation.

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: Tasiu.

- 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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Nativity Fast continues. Prepare well for the Nativity of Christ! The Nativity Fast continues through December 24th.

Our Parish Feast of St Innocent of Irkutsk, is observed today, There will be the procession after Liturgy and a festal luncheon in the hall. (transferred from Friday, Nov 26.)

Adult Education will resume after the Wednesday evening service.

Welcome to Reader Brendan Murphy who takes over today as choir director and also office assistant this week.

Lectionary. The Church Lectionary is reading Ephesians and Luke. Weekday Epistle readings will be from 1 Thessalonians.

Coffee Hour, This Week: Festal luncheon **Next Week:**

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>.

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

sister Oksana McGovern & family

The Sick and those in need of health:

Archbishop Benjamin; Matka. Gerry Glagolev, Archpriests Paul Waisanen, George Gray, Michael Regan, Andrew Jacobs; Moses Berry;
Priest John Armstrong, Abbess Susanna; Protodcn Nicholas Jannakos;

Matushki Alexandra Safchuk, Elizabeth Powell, Clara Mancantelli, Suzanne Senyo; Maria Vallens, Priscilla Shipley;
Monk John. Deacon Mark Story, Robert Peterson, Marios Perez, Barbara Anderson, Monika Cleenewerck.

OCA-DOW

Manya Prybyla, Gregory Theophan Hoffberg; Olga Stephanenko; Virginia, Levon; Edmund Roschak, Darka Raicevich;
Alla Miller, Mike Shinkarik, Andrew Sturmer, Stanislava; Bridget Merridy Strand, Assia Alexander, Scott T. Karen T., Andrew,
Kyra, Bill & Linda Phillips; Ed Salm; Raphael; Magdalena Elizabeth; Ludmilla, Anna, Margarita Maximova, Gayle Anne.

Our Parish

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. Priest 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

Jennifer, (Covid).

cousin Gayle Anne

Ruben

Richard & Yolanda Durham

Walter

Irina

Larry & Emma

Abbe Kulhanek

Anna

Elena

Maryann Meredith. Pearl Ruggiero. Sheena Wickens, Veronica Clarkson, Anna Cruz, Anna Rossiter; Ward;

Leona Wolfkill; Griselda Leon.

Diane Rhodes

Bruce Anderson, Audrey Anderson.

Subdeacon Polycarp Anderson & family

Larry McHargue; Laura; Robert; Kenny

Anne McHargue Witz & family

Diocese of the West COVID list: Michael; Priest Joseph & Matka. Katherine Sharman & family; Helena, Mary, Jamie, Josiah, George, Andrew;
Larissa, mother of Dn Alexander Ivkin of Holy Apostles Mission in Vancouver, WA.

Other COVID sick: Recovered: Abp. Jerome of Athens, Greece. Abp. Anastasi of Albania; Metropolitan Athanasios of Limmasol; Archbishop Michael (Dahulich) of New York & New Jersey; Metropolitan Dionysiy (Porubai), the abbot of NovoSpassky (New Savior) Monastery; Bishop Foma (Mosolov) of Pavlovo-Posadsk; Bishop Paramon (Golubka), abbot of the St. Sergius Lavra; Archimandrite Ephraim of Vatopedi; Priest John Peck & family. Archpriest Alexander (Shargunov), Priest Dionisy Lobov. Erwin & his family. Abbot Seraphim & the brethren of the Monastery of the Holy Cross.

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 Jack Keoseyan; Dalen, Kelly Jamie Muster; Marilyn newly Illumined Eva Maria, sponsors Alexandra, parents Marian & Oana newly Illumined Wyeth Alexander, sponsors James & Maria newly Illumined Tiffany Thompson, sponsor Elizabeth Cindy Banescu. newly Illumined Zlata Okunev, Artemi & Erica
New born Ava Adria Vizireanu
New born Chelsea Claire Nordstrom
Sebastian James Siskos
Charlotte, parents Jonathan & Michaela Durham
Vitaly, Lyubov, Ella, Karen, Oksana, Valentina, Irina, Sofiya, Vladimir, Olga, Natalya, Tatyana, Irina, Elena, Evgeny.
Alla, Dmitriy Jr., Dmitriy, Igor, Elena, Juliya, Tamara, Fredi.
Elena, Marisa, Dimitrios (Jimmy), Nicholas, Alexander, Dimitrios, Dionisius.
Sherri, Nathanael, & Christopher, Amelia Marie.
Aiden Frederick Parrish, new born Micah Parrish
New born Thomas John Martin Lawman. Verity Annabelle Mary; Constance Alexandra.
New born Matthew, Nicholas Damiano. Magdalena Elizabeth.
Elijah, parents Aika & Dmitri Goudkov
new born Rowan. Galina.
Margarita, Christopher, John, Lauren, Ekaterina.
Catalina, Sofia, Florentina, Doina.

Matthew & Chloe Nordstrom

Presvytera Wiborada Vickie Hoffberg Siskos & Priest Christian Siskos

Tikhvin icon donors

Alla Slobdorskaya

+ Lola Macrina

Alyssa & Cyprian Parrish

Alicia & Joshua Lawman

Stephen & Marisa Thompson

Yelena, Anna, Wolfgang

Margarita Maximova

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 Ioan +Nov 3, 2021
Newly Departed Mari
Newly Departed Tamara, Michail, Michail, Natalia; Galina, Lubov, Victor.
Newly Departed Alexandra
Newly Departed Mikhail & Tatiana
Newly Departed Elena
+ Nov. 28: Archpriest Theodore Migdal 1955; Matka. Anastasia Pianovich 1979; Archpriest John Oleynik 1993;
Archpriest Virgil Parvanescu 2001
Archpriest Svetislav Balevich 2003
Matka. Laurice Tinker 2015
Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, +Sep 1, 2021
Matushka Anisia Boldireff +Sep 1, 2021
Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky
Matushka Tresja Denysenko
Matushka Ioanna Bonnie Jean Robinson
Germogen Stephanenko
Cor Brevet Delabruinene
Rodney Lake + May 20, 2021.
Nun Seraphima (Anna Kremenetskaya)
Lola Macrina
Edward Michael & Joan Sutyak
Leon & Claudine Snyder
Dmitri
David
Deacon Hennok Soot
Aleksandr, Nataliya, Galina, Emma
Evdokiya, Anatoliy, Domnikiy, Semen, Feodosiy, Ella, Grigoriy, Nadejda, Konstantin, Svetlana,
Valentina, Anna, infant Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Peter.
Anne Lewandowski
Marina, Alexandra, Petr, Boris, Tatiana.

Sebastian

Ioanna

Reader Vitaly

OCA

Matka Gerry, Christia, Marina, John & family

Archpriest Nicholas, Nathalie, Tamara, Marina, Michael & family

OCA

Deacon Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family

Priest John K. Robinson & family; Saint Herman Church, Oxnard; DoW

Olga, Larissa, Tatiana

Natalya Slusar Nosa & family

son-in-law & daughter Thaddeus & Jacqui Wojcik

Konstantin, Taissia, Vladimir, Ioann Kremenetsky

Tamara, Christina, Michael, Anne & family

daughters Laura & Carol, & family

Boris

Mitred Archpriest Ian & Matka. Nina MacKinnon, DOW

DoW, Matushka Mariamna Soot, Fr Stephen Soot family, Mark & Olga Soot family

Arina & Kamila

Alla Slobdorskaya

+ Raissa Dulian

Margarita Maximova

other COVID departed, Patriarch Irinej, Abp of Peć, Met of Belgrade and Karlovci, and Serbian Patriarch, Nov 22, 2020. Met. Iov (Tyvonyuk) retired of Chelyabinsk & Zlatoust; Met. Theophan of Kazan, 20 November, 2020. Met. Amfilohie, +Oct. 30, 2020. Bp. Lazarus of Borjomi in Georgia, Nov. 20, 2020. Bishop Atanasije (Jevtić) Schemabishop Petr (Karpusyuk) of Dyatlov in Belarus, June 6, 2020; Bishop Milutin of Valjevo, +March 30, 2020; Bishop Venyamin of Zheleznogorsk and Igov, +Apr 26; Archbishop Luke al-Khoury, assistant to the Pat. of Antioch.
Archimandrite Mefody (Petrov) of Valaam, +July 22, 21. Mitred Archpriest Giorgiy Breyev, + Apr 29; Archpriest Alexander Ageikin, + Apr 21; Priest Gennady Butko, Minsk, + Apr 29; Deacon Alexander Gousev, Reno, Apr. 9; Archdeacon Evgeny Trofimov, Apr 25, Mikhail Petrukhnov, + Apr 28, Trinity-St Sergius Lavra; Igumen Tikhon (Barsukov), Archimandrite Ilian (Plemenyuk), Archimandrite Lavrenty (Postnikov), and Hierodeacon Kallist (Kosulin), Hieromonk Modest (Panchenko +May 14). Archpriest Joseph Irvin +Jan 13, 21.