

St Innocent Orthodox Church

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April 21st, 2024

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 5. St Mary of Egypt. Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions: Festus, Proculus, and Sosius – Deacons, Desiderius – Reader, and Euty chius and Acutius – laymen, at Pozzuoli (ca. 305). Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Philippa, and Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, and Dionysius (2nd c.). Martyrs Isaac, Apollos, and Quadratus, of Nicomedia (303). St. Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople (434). The Recovery of the Relics of Saint Theodore of Sanaxar (1791).



*My House shall be called a House of Prayer,
but you have made it a Den of Thieves.*

~:~ WHAT MAKES GOD ANGRY? ~:~

What was Jesus like? The Gospels portray Him as someone with incredible patience and control. Even in the face of senseless questioning, ridicule and verbal abuse, Christ projected a calm and level demeanor.

There was one incident, however, where Jesus reacted with anger and righteous indignation. While visiting the Temple in Jerusalem during a Passover celebration, our Lord was scandalized to see merchants and vendors doing business on sacred ground. Quickly fashioning a whip of some cords, Jesus overturned their tables and angrily drove them out of the Temple, proclaiming: ***“Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s House a house of merchandise!”*** (John 2:16)

This event gives us some insight into what God DOES NOT want to see in our behavior. Greed and avarice are definitely not Christian qualities and characteristics! Christ’s confrontation with the money changers is one of many times that He expressed His disapproval of those who were driven by material profit and monetary gain. On the contrary, Jesus constantly reminded His followers that it would be meaningless to ***“gain the whole world and still suffer the loss of their own soul.”***

From this Temple incident, we also may draw the conclusion that we incur the wrath of our Heavenly Father when we lose sight of the true purpose and direction the Church should be taking. The Church as a BUILDING must be a place of PRAYER. The Church as an INSTITUTION must always reflect an attitude of prayerful holiness and sanctity as she leads her membership on a spiritual journey. Our ultimate destination is of course, the Kingdom of Heaven.

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SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: Mark 16: 1 – 8 (*2nd Matins Gospel*)

Today’s Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11 – 14 **Gospel:** Mark 10: 32 – 45

(*St Mary of Egypt*) Galatians 3: 23 – 29 Luke 7: 36 – 50

Reader: James

Today Liturgy of St Basil
Wednesday 6:30 pm Pre-Sanctified
Friday 6:30 pm Pre-Sanctified
Saturday 9:30 am Liturgy, **Lazarus Saturday**
5:30 pm Vigil, Palm Sunday
Sunday **9:30 am Liturgy, Palm Sunday**

Next Week’s Epistle: Philippians 4: 4 – 9 **Gospel:** John 12: 1 – 18 (*Palm Sunday*)

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, St Mary of Egypt - Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O mother, / for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. / By so doing, thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul since it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion, St Mary of Egypt - Tone 3

Having been a sinful woman, / thou didst become a Bride of Christ. / Having attained angelic life, / thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross! / Therefore, O most glorious Mary, // thou art a Bride of the Kingdom!

Reading for this Sunday

[5th Sunday of Lent \(St. Mary of Egypt\) Readings, Hymns, sermons, and the life of St. Mary](#)

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Prepare for Lazarus Saturday & Palm Sunday:

[The Feast of Palms by Fr. Paul Lazor](#)

[Palm Sunday readings](#)

Prepare for Holy Week:

[A Liturgical Explanation of Holy Week by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann](#)

Hymns for St Mary of Egypt from the Triodion,

On "Lord, I Call ..." **Tone 6** Podoben: "*Having set all your hope on the things of heaven . . .*"

The pollution of past sins / prevented thee from entering the church / to see the elevation of the Holy Cross; / but then thy conscience and the awareness of thine actions / turned thee, O wise in God, / to a better way of life. / And, having looked upon the ikon of the blessed Maid of God, / thou hast condemned all thy previous transgressions, / O Mother worthy of all praise, // and so hast gone with boldness to venerate the precious Cross.

Having worshiped at the holy places with great joy, / thou hast received saving grace for the journey of virtue, / and with all haste thou hast set out upon the good path thou hast chosen. / Crossing the stream of Jordan, / with eagerness thou hast gone to live in the dwelling-place of the Baptist. / Thou hast tamed the savagery of the passions / through thine ascetic way of life, / and boldly thou hast broken the rebelliousness of the flesh, // O Mother ever-glorious.

Having gone to dwell in the wilderness, / thou hast blotted out from thy soul the images of thy sensual passions, / and hast marked upon it the God-given imprint of holiness. / Thou hast attained such glory, blessed Mother, / as to walk upon the surface of the waters, / and in thy prayers to God thou wast raised up from the earth. / And now, all-glorious Mary, / standing before Christ with boldness, // entreat Him for our souls.

On "Glory ..." **Tone 4**

The power of Thy Cross, O Christ, / has worked wonders, / for even the woman who was once a harlot / chose to follow the ascetic way. / Casting aside her weakness, bravely she opposed the devil; / and having gained the prize of victory, // she intercedes for our souls.

Announcements:

Our Bulletins (\$60.00)	Alla Slobodskaya
	Izolda (Zoya) & Vladimir Sogokon
Our Altar Wine (\$40.00)	Gabriela Broncă & family good health & help in our needs.
Our Altar Candles (\$40.00)	Gabriela Broncă & family good health & help in our needs.
Our Altar Incense (\$20.00)	Gabriela Broncă & family good health & help in our needs.
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: Tasia.	
- Sogokon: for the health of Zoya, Vladimir, Irina, Anastasia, Vladimir, Vladimir.	

Today is the 5th Sunday of Great Lent. The next week, the 6th week, is the last week of Lent proper and prepares us for Lazarus Saturday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Pascha is May 5.

Confessions before Presanctified, after Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment. *Please* try to make your confession *before* Holy Thursday.

Memorial today for Atanas Djaninov, at the request of his family, and for Margarita.

+**Margarita Maximova** has reposed in the Lord. Funeral services to be announced.

Pascha Flowers – collection is at the door, if using checks, please mark for Pascha flowers.

Flower Petals for the processions. Do you have any in your garden?

Church Cleaning for Pascha will begin this Saturday after Liturgy & Breakfast.

Begin thinking of reading at the Tomb, on Holy Saturday, the book of Acts, and Paschal Gospel, and Easter Egg hunt.

The Lenten Charity for the Diocese of the West is Diocese of Mexico.

The Tuesday Hours services this week have had to be canceled.

2024 Wall Calendars are here at the Candle stand. Requested donation this year, \$10.00.

Lectionary. During Lent, we read (mostly), Mark & Hebrews on Weekends, and Isaiah, Genesis, and Proverbs on weekdays.

Holy Unction, Unction *for the sick* in our deanery, Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral, 650 Micheltorena St. Service in English with some Slavonic, Thursday April 25, 7:00 pm. Those wishing to receive Unction should have made their Confession during Lent before hand. A very brief form will be available for those *sick* who couldn't go to the Cathedral on Holy Wednesday evening.

Coffee Hour, This Week: Veska **Next Week:** SOSI

USEFUL INFORMATION

Donations We now have a [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly/give?c=1324837) 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

sister Oksana McGovern & family

Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev, the brotherhoods of the Kiev Caves Lavra, the Pochayiv Lavra, & Svyatohirsk Lavra. The faithful of the Transfiguration Cathedral in Odessa, destroyed by shelling.

The Sick and those in need of health:

Archbishop Benjamin,

Archpriests Nicolas Boldireff, Paul Waisanen, George Gray, Michael Regan, Andrew Jacobs; John Armstrong.

Abbess Susanna;

Matushki Alexandra Safchuk, Elizabeth Powell, Clara Mancantelli, Suzanne Senyo; Maria Vallens, Jean Moore;

OCA-DOW

Deacon Mark Story, Robert Peterson, Marios Perez, Barbara Anderson, Monika Cleenewerck, Marea Kuolt.

Manya Prybyla, Gregory Theophan Hoffberg; Leontina Himber; 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; Linda Phillips; Ed Salm; Raphael; Magdalena Elizabeth; Ludmilla, Anna, Margarita Maximova,

Gayle Anne; Lana,

Our Parish

Jelica, Zharko

Darka, Ilija & Jovanna

Lea Ann (Leah) Bochnak

Laura Bochnak

Pia

sister Julia Azrael

Gary Andrew Hart

Vladimir

Anya

Victoria Wilson

+Bernie Wilson

Laura, Eladia; Lydia

Manya Prybyla

Matthew, Alison.

Thaddeus Wojcik

Mildred Sturmer, Susan

Sturmer family

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

Hieromonk Ambrose (Young), Nicholas Juried & Amy. Archpriest 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

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; Bill & Sara Love

Anne McHargue Witz & family

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

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

For the Health and Salvation of the servants of God:

Catechumens: Dalen, Kelly, & Jamie, & Timothy Muster; Emma; Paulina; Louis; Navya; Alexander; Katherine.

Orion

Igor & Luda

Nikolina

Jovanna & Ilja

Zlata Okunev, Artemi & Erica

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 Slobdorskaya

Elena, Marisa, Dimitrios (Jimmy), Nicholas, Alexander, Dimitrios, Dionisius.

+ Lola Macrina

Elijah, parents Aika & Dmitri Goudkov

Rowan. Galina.

Yelena, Anna, Wolfgang

Margarita, Christopher, John, Lauren, Ekaterina.

Margarita Maximova

Catalina, Sofia, Florentina, Doina.

Calugaru family

Sherri, Nathanael, & Christopher, Amelia Marie.

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

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

April 21st, 2024

Newly Departed Patriarch Neofit, Metropolitan of Sofia, Patriarch of Bulgaria, +March 13, 2024.
Newly Departed Archpriest Anthony Karbo, +March 19.
Newly Departed Margarita Maximova
Newly Departed Mary Hur
Newly Departed Edward Pogyor
Newly Departed Nancy
Newly Departed Aleksandra
Newly Departed Seda Grigoryan
Newly Departed Yuri
Newly Departed Felix Sebacious
Newly Departed Elena + Feb 29, 2024
Newly Departed Nina
Newly Departed Mariya, Mariya
Newly Departed Milton Knox, +Feb 22, 2024.
Newly Departed Russ Manion, +Mar 31, 2024.
Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, +Sep 1, 2021, Matushka Gerry (Evgenia) Glagolev. +May 23, 2022.
Matushka Anisia Boldireff +Sep 1, 2021
Matushka Tresja Denysenko
+April 20: Metropolitan Platon (Rozhdestvensky), 1934. +April 21: Archpriest Andrew Vanyush, 1971;
+ April 26: Deacon Gerasimos Sondergaard, 2020.
Atanas Djaninov
Subdeacon Patrick Bernard Wilson
Germogen & Olga Stephanenko
Matushka Priscilla Shipley +Sep 10, 2023
Valentina
Cor Brevet Delabruinene
Rodney Lake + May 20, 2021.
Paul Prybyla. +Jan, 10, 2021
Nicholas Vasiliev Davidovich, +October 12, 2022
Barbara Johnson
Stanislava
Hormuzd (Emmanuel) Rassam, + Dec 21, 2022.
Nun Seraphima (Anna Kremenetskaya)
Nun Nonna (Verna Harrison)
Igor
Lola Macrina
Edward Michael & Joan Sutyak
Leon & Claudine Snyder
Dmitri
David
Deacon Hennok Soot, Matushka Mariamna Soot,
Evdokiya, Anatoliy, Domnikiy, Semen, Feodosiy, Ella, Grigoriy, Nadejda, Konstantin, Svetlana,
Valentina, Anna, infant Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Peter.
Anne Lewandowski
Marina, Alexandra, Petr, Boris, Tatiana.
Hieromonk Vonifaty, Schemanun Savva, Priest Anatoly + Sep 9, 22; Monk Aristokliy June 1, 22; Andrei Vasilenko, April, 23; Archpriest Nikolay
Palahnyuk, June 13, 23; John Markevich, Oct, 23; Viktor Kotlishyn, Oct 19 23;
Rebecca Svetlana (Photini) Gushard
Basil Rosiczka

OCA-DOW
grandson Christopher
Eleanor Pogyor & family
brother Phil Letzo
Nelli, Katya
sister Izolda
Ksenia Sturmer
daughter-in-law Anna Shcheglova
Diane Rhodes
Christia, Marina, John & family
Archpriest Nicholas, Nathalie, Tamara, Marina, Michael & family
Deacon Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family
OCA
Diane, Victoria, Nicholas, & Stephen Wilson & family
Larissa, Tatiana
Fr Ian Shipley & family, DoW
Irina Jackson
Natalya Slusar Nosa & family
son-in-law & daughter Thaddeus & Jacqui Wojcik
Manya & family
daughter Nancy Smollen
daughter Milena; family
wife Kaye Rassam, son Fr Yousuf Rassam, daughter Najma Fowner & family
Konstantin, Taissia, Vladimir, Ioann Kremenetsky
Tamara, Christina, Michael, Anne & family
daughters Laura & Carol, & family
Boris
Mitred Archpriest Ian & Matka. Nina MacKinnon, DOW
DoW, Fr Stephen Soot family, Mark & Olga Soot family
Alla Slobdoskaya
+ Raissa Dulian
Margarita Maximova
son Wade Aiden Greer, Fr Yousuf