

E-Bulletin – St Innocent Orthodox Church

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February 1st, 2026

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – Tone 1. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.

Forefeast of the Meeting. Martyr Tryphon of Lampsacus near Apamea in Syria (250). Martyrs Perpetua, a woman of Carthage, and the Catechumens: Saturus, Revocatus, Saturninus, Secundulus and Felicitas (202-203). Ven. Peter Galata, Hermit, near Antioch in Syria (429). Ven. Vendemianus (Bendemianus), Hermit, of Bithynia (ca. 512). Ven. Bridget (Brigid) of Ireland (523).

SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

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

Next Week's Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10 – 15 **Gospel:** Luke 18: 10 – 14 (*Publican and Pharisee*)

Reader: James

Today

9:30 am Liturgy

5:30 pm Vigil, Meeting of the Lord

Monday

9:00 am Liturgy Meeting of the Lord

Wednesday

6:30 pm Moleben w Kontakion of the Meeting

Saturday

5:30 pm Vespers

Sunday

9:30 am Liturgy

Next Week's Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12 – 20 **Gospel:** Luke 15: 11 – 32 (*Prodigal Son*)

Reader: Andrew

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.

Resources for the Feast of the Meeting:



To study the feast through the Biblical readings and selected hymns, and notable sermons:

[Meeting of the Lord: Readings & Hymns](#)

Especially if one can not attend Liturgy on February 2nd, then we read Typika:

[February 2: Meeting of the Lord Typika](#)

Resources for this Sunday

[Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee Readings & Hymns](#)

[The Great Fast: To See Christ as He Is, by Archbishop Dmitri](#)

[Great Lent: A School of Repentance by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann](#)

For next Sunday:

[Sunday of the Prodigal Son Readings & Hymns](#)

Kontakion, Triodion, Publican and Pharisee - Tone 4

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! / Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! / Let us cry to our Savior: / "Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!"



Stikhera of Repentance - Tone 8 *Sung from the Triodion on the Sundays of Pre-Lent and Great Lent.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Open to me the gates of repentance, O Giver of Life, / For my spirit rises early to pray towards thy holy temple. / Bearing the temple of my body all defiled; / But in Thy compassion, // purify me by the loving kindness of Thy mercy.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lead me on the paths of salvation, O Mother of God, / For I have profaned my soul with shameful sins, / and have wasted my life in laziness. / But by thine intercessions, // deliver me from all impurity.

Tone 6 Have mercy on me, O God, / according to Thy great mercy; / according to Thine abundant mercy, // blot out my transgression!

When I think of the many evil things I have done, / wretch that I am, / I tremble at the fearful day of judgement. / But trusting in Thy living kindness, / like David I cry to Thee: / Have mercy on me, O God, // according to Thy great mercy.

Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee, at Vigil:

Lord, I call ... Tone 1 Brethren, let us not pray as the Pharisee: / for he who exalts himself shall be humbled. / Let us humble ourselves before God, / and with fasting cry aloud as the Publican: // God be merciful to us sinners. *Luke 18: 10-14.*

A Pharisee, overcome with vainglory, / and a Publican, bowed down in repentance, / came to Thee the only Master. / The one boasted and was deprived of blessings, / while the other kept silent and was counted worthy of gifts. / Confirm me, O Christ our God, in these his cries of sorrow, // for Thou lovest mankind.

"Glory ..." **Tone 8** Almighty Lord, I know how great is the power of tears. / For they led up Hezekiah from the gates of death; / they delivered the sinful woman from the transgressions of many years; / they justified the Publican above the Pharisee, / And with them I also pray: // Have mercy upon me. 4 [2] *Kgs. 20: 1-6; Luke 7: 36-50.*

Litiya - TONE 3 Understanding, O my soul, the difference between the Publican and the Pharisee, hate the proud words of the one, and eagerly imitate the contrite prayer of the other, crying aloud: God be merciful to me a sinner and have pity on me.

The Apostikha "Glory ..." - **Tone 5** Mine eyes are weighed down by my transgressions, / and I cannot lift them up and see the height of heaven. / But receive me, Savior, in repentance as the Publican // and have mercy on me. *cf Prayer of Manasses.*

Exapostilarion Let us flee from the wicked boasting of the Pharisee and let us learn the noble humility of the Publican, that we may be exalted and cry aloud with him to God: Be merciful unto Thy servants, Christ our Saviour, born of a Virgin, who hast of Thine own will endured the Cross and with Thyself raised up the world by Thy divine power.

On the Praises - TONE 3 O ye faithful, let us hate the boastful words of the Pharisee and emulate the contrite prayer of the Publican. Let us not think proud thoughts, but humbling ourselves in contrition let us cry: God be merciful to our sins.

On the Praises, on "Glory ..." - **TONE 8** O Lord, Thou hast condemned the Pharisee who justified himself by boasting of his works, and Thou hast justified the Publican who humbled himself and with cries of sorrow begged for mercy. For Thou dost reject proudminded thoughts, but Thou dost not despise a contrite heart. Therefore in abasement we fall down before Thee who hast suffered for our sake: grant us forgiveness and great mercy.

Financial reports (tithes and donations ONLY) (we need to average around \$29,000 per month)		
Jun. 2025: \$16,823	Aug. 2025: \$9,273	Oct. 2025: \$13,465
Jul. 2025: \$20,468	Sept. 2025: \$11,868	Nov. 2025: \$14,940

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)	Stere & Maria Caratăs
Vigil – Golgotha II (\$7.00 /wk)	Stere & Maria Caratăs
Vigil – Prothesis (\$7.00 /wk)	Stere & Maria Caratăs
- Broncă: Gabriela, Robert, & Carmen Iuliana.	Good health, & help in need. Repose: Tasiae.
- Sogokon: for the health of Zoya, Vladimir, Irina, Anastasia, Vladimir, Vladimir.	

Today is the Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee, the Triodion opens. **There is no fasting this coming week!** Forgiveness Sunday is February 22. Everyone who considers this their home parish should attend the Forgiveness Vespers, following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, on that date. Great Lent begins on Monday, February 23. Pascha is April 12.

Feast of the Meeting of the Lord on Monday, please note the schedule, Liturgy at 9:00 am. Blessing of Candles next Sunday.

Adult Education will take place this Wednesday after the Moleben.

Gift Cards: donations, which can be given to the needy are still welcome.

2026 Wall Calendars are here!

Thanks to God for all who helped prepare the Church for the temple feast and for the holiday decorations.

Lectionary. The Church Lectionary is reading PreLenten readings. For weekdays, we are reading 2 Peter & Mark.

Coffee Hour, This Week: Jacqui **Next Week:** Darka

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 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who Lovest mankind!”

Troparion, Forefeast of the Meeting – Tone 1

The celestial choir of heavenly angels / bends down to the earth / and sees the First-born of all creation / being carried into the Temple as a babe / by a Mother who has not known man, // and in amazement sings with us a pre-festal hymn.

Kontakion, Triodion, Publican and Pharisee – Tone 4

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! / Let us learn humility from the Publican’s tears! / Let us cry to our Savior: / “Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!”

Kontakion, Forefeast of the Meeting – Tone 6

The Word, unseen with the Father, / now is seen in the flesh, ineffably born of the Virgin, / and is given into the arms of the priest and Elder. // Let us worship Him, our True God.

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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.

Sophia Fortas

St Symeon Mission

The Sick and those in need of health:

Archbishop Benjamin,

Archpriests Paul Waisanen, George Gray, Michael Regan, Andrew Jacobs; John Armstrong, Matthew Tate; James Jorgensen.

Abbess Victoria; Abbess Susanna;

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

Robert David 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; Linda Phillips;

Ed Salm; Raphael; Magdalena Elizabeth; Ludmilla, Anna, George Arglen, Mircea, Gayle Anne; Lana.

Our Parish

Jelica, Zharko, Milanka

Darka, Ilija & Jovanna

Lea Ann (Leah) Bochnak

Laura Bochnak

Gary Andrew Hart

Pia

sister Julia Azrael

Yevgeniya

Irina

Stefka

Vesselina, Daniel

Vladimir

Anya

Victoria Wilson

+Bernie Wilson

Laura, Eladia; Lydia

Manya Prybyla

Marie; Archpriest Jonathan Proctor (Holy Trinity, St. Paul, MN) (cancer).

Thaddeus Wojcik

Mildred Sturmer, Susan

Sturmer family

Margaret Banescu, Vona Leslee Christie, Hope Peacock; Wendell & Linda; 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

Constantine Apostol

Yekaterina

Lydia

Hieromonk Ambrose (Young), Amy Juried. Archpriest Michael Carney,

Fr. Yousuf

Matushka Sophia Haloulakos

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Archpriest Nicholas Denysenko & family

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Yulia.

Lya, Marie, Yvonne

Gay Butu

Timofey

Dilaria

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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; Zachary; Jacqueline; Garreth, Hannah, Monte, James

Antonio, Cassandra, Vivienne, Josephine; Herbert, Eric, Nicholas, Habib, Jerry

Matthew newly illumined

Navya Theodora & new born Rahman, James

Orion, Kristina

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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:

February 1st, 2026

Newly departed Igor Slobodsky, + 30 Jan 2026
Newly departed Alex.
Newly departed Yuriy, + 10 Jan 2026
Newly departed Nikolai, + 11 Jan 2026
Newly departed Suzanne
Newly departed Salvatore, +Dec 17, 25; Anna, Dec 19, 25.
Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, +Sep 1, 2021, Matushka Gerry (Evgenia) Glagolev. +May 23, 2022.
Archpriest Nicolas Boldireff, +May 22, 2024.; Matushka Anisia Boldireff +Sep 1, 2021
+ Jan 29: Proteasa Tatiana Prisacarou, 2009; Matka. Juliana Schmemann, 2017. +Feb 1: Priest Elias Barna, 1970;
Matka. Suzanne DuBovik, 1986; Archpriest Christo Costa, 1992; Archpriest Vitaly Voshchullo, 2004; Walter Palchik, 2014.
Lyudmilla Malakhova, +Oct 26, 25.
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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;
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Manya & family
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Tamara, Christina, Michael, Anne & family
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