

St Innocent Orthodox Church

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The Orthodox Church in America (OCA)

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March 1st, 2026

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 5. Sunday of Orthodoxy. Martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis (ca. 160-170). Ven. Martyrii (Martyrius) of Zelenétsk (Pskov – 1603). Martyrs Nestor, Tribimius, and those with them (3rd c.). Martyr Antonina of Nicæa in Bithynia (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Marcellus and Anthony. Saint Domnina the Younger of Syria (ca. 450-460). Ven. Agapius of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos).

SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: Luke 24: 1 - 12 (*4th Matins Gospel*)

Next Week's Epistle: Hebrews 11: 24 - 26, 32 - 12: 2 **Gospel:** John 1: 43 - 51 (*Orthodoxy*)

Reader: James

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| Sunday | 9:30 am Liturgy, procession with icons |
| Tuesday | 12:00 noon Lenten Hours & Typika |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm Pre-Sanctified |
| Friday | 6:30 pm Pre-Sanctified, followed by adult ed. |
| Saturday | 5:30 pm Vespers |
| Sunday | 9:30 am Liturgy of St Basil |

Next Sunday's Epistle: Hebrews 1: 10 - 2: 3 **Gospel:** Mark 2: 1 - 12

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

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.

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.

About Lent

The Great Fast: To See Christ as He Is, by Archbishop Dmitri

Great Lent: A School of Repentance by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

This Sunday:

1st Sunday of Lent, Sunday of Orthodoxy: Readings, Hymns, & Sermons

look ahead to next Sunday:

2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Gregory Palamas): Readings, Hymns & Sermons

Announcements:

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| 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: Tasié. |
| - Sogokon: for the health of Zoya, Vladimir, Irina, Anastasia, Vladimir, Vladimir. | |

This Sunday is the Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. There will be a procession with icons after Liturgy. **Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, Sunday March 1st, 2026, 6:00 pm, at St Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral; 2300 W 3rd St, Los Angeles, CA 90057.** Our own Bishop Vasily will preach the homily.

Confessions before Presanctified, after Hours on Tuesday, after Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment.

Adult Education during Great Lent follows the Friday Presanctified. On the Church.

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

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

Coffee Hour, This Week: - 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>.

Sunday of Orthodoxy hymns:

Troparion, Sunday of Orthodoxy, from the Triodion - Tone 2

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. / Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the cross in the flesh / and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. / Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: / "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, // for Thou didst come to save the world."

Kontakion, Sunday of Orthodoxy, from the Triodion - Tone 8

No one could describe the Word of the Father; / but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, / and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. // We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

On "Lord, I Call" Tone 6 The prophets, inspired by Thy Spirit, O Lord, foretold that Thou, whom nothing can contain or grasp, and who hast shone forth in eternity before the morning star from the immaterial and bodiless womb of the Father, wast to become a child, taking flesh from the Virgin, being joined to men and seen by those on earth. Through the prayers of these Thy prophets, in Thy compassion count us worthy of Thy light, // for we sing the praises of Thine ineffable and holy Resurrection.¹

The divinely-inspired prophets preached Thee in word and honoured Thee in works, and they received as their reward life without end. For they steadfastly refused, O Master, to worship the creation instead of Thee, the Creator; they renounced the whole world for the Gospel's sake, and in their suffering they were conformed to Thy Passion which they had foretold. Through their intercessions, count us worthy to pass through the period of the Fast without offence, // for Thou alone art rich in mercy.²

O Master, who art boundless in Thy divine nature, Thou wast pleased in the last times to take flesh and be bounded; and in assuming flesh, Thou hast also taken on Thyself all its distinctive properties. Therefore we depict the likeness of Thine outward form, venerating it with an honor that is relative. So we are exalted to the love of Thee, and following the holy traditions handed down by the apostles, // from Thine icon we receive the grace of healing.

As a precious adornment the Church of Christ has received the venerable and holy icons of the Savior Christ, of God's Mother and of all the saints. Celebrating now their triumphant restoration, she is made bright with grace and splendor, and drives away all heretics. With great rejoicing she gives glory unto God who loves mankind, // and who for her sake has endured His voluntary Passion.

1 Ps. 109 [110]: 3.

2 Rom. 1: 25; Phil. 3: 10.

Tone 2. *Glory...* The grace of truth has shone forth upon us; the mysteries darkly prefigured in the times of old have now been openly fulfilled. For behold, the Church is clothed in a beauty that surpasses all things earthly, through the ikon of the incarnate Christ that was fore-shadowed by the ark of testimony.³ This is the safeguard of the Orthodox faith; for if we hold fast to the ikon of the Savior whom we worship, we shall not go astray. Let all who do not share this faith be covered with shame; but we shall glory in the ikon of the Word made flesh, which we venerate but worship not as an idol. So let us kiss it, and with all the faithful cry aloud: O God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Apostikha, Tone 2. *Glory ...* Advancing from ungodliness to the true faith, and illumined with the light of knowledge, let us clap our hands and sing aloud, offering praise and thanksgiving to God; and with due honour let us venerate the holy ikons of Christ, of the all-pure Virgin and the saints, whether depicted on walls, on wooden panels or on holy vessels, rejecting the impious teaching of the heretics. For, as Basil says, the honour shown to the ikon passes to the prototype it represents.⁴ Through the prayers of Thine undefiled Mother and of all the saints, we beseech Thee, Christ our God, to bestow upon us Thy great mercy.

³ Exod. 25: 22.

⁴ St. Basil the Great, On the Holy Spirit, §xviii (45).

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

March 1st, 2026

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;

OCA-DOW

Robert David Peterson, Marios Perez, Barbara Anderson, Monika Cleenewerck, Marea Kuolt.

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

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 Caratäs

Mary, George Laurentiu, cancer treatment.

Florentina

Barbara, Steve

Scott & the Thompson family

Angela Apostal, Constantine Apostol

Constantine Apostol

Yekaterina

Lydia

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

Fr. Yousuf

Matushka Sophia Haloulakos

Protodeacon George Haloulakos

Christina Dudchenko, Dcn. Sergius Miller, Kevin, Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu.

Archpriest 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

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Pearl Ruggiero. Sheena Wickens, Veronica Clarkson, Anna Cruz, Anna Rossiter; Ward; Griselda Leon; Allan Elmaleh.

Diane Rhodes

Marquelle Anderson. Bruce Anderson, Suzanne.

Subdeacon Polycarp Anderson & family

Larry McHargue; Laura; Robert; Kenny; Bill & Sara Love

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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; Jacquiline; Garreth, Hannah, Monte, James

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

Matthew newly illumined

Navya Theodora & new born Rahman John, James

Orion, Kristina

Igor & +Luda

Nikolina, Dimitrije

Jovanna & Ilja

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Tikhvin icon donors

Alla, Dmitriy Jr., Dmitriy, Elena, Juliya, Tamara, Fredi.

Alla Slobdskaya

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

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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:

March 1st, 2026

Newly departed Ilonna, Leonid
 Newly departed Majida Khouri. +Feb 21, 26. Katherine Khouri
 Newly departed Ruslan Ptashnyuk. +Feb 18, 26. wife Nadezhda, daughters Dominika, Diana
 Newly departed Raisa, Reader Vitaly Yefimenkov
 Newly departed Stefka, + Feb 12, 2026 Vesselina, Daniel
 Newly departed Bishop Seraphim (Sigrist) retired Bp. of Sendai in Japan, + Feb 7, 2026 OCA
 Newly departed Lydia Trestman, + Feb 6 2026 Arkady Trestman & family
 Newly departed Igor Slobodsky, + 30 Jan 2026 mother Alla Slobodskaya
 Newly departed Fructuosa Luz Iniguez Oropeza, +20 Jan 2026 Martin Lugo & family
 Newly departed Alex. Julia Azrael
 Newly departed Yuriy, + 10 Jan 2026
 Newly departed Nikolai, + 11 Jan 2026 Yuri Yena
 Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, +Sep 1, 2021, Matushka Gerry (Evgenia) Glagolev. +May 23, 2022. Christia, Marina, John & family
 Archpriest Nicolas Boldireff, +May 22, 2024; Matushka Anisia Boldireff +Sep 1, 2021 Nathalie, Tamara, Marina, Michael & family
 + March 1: Priest Sylvester Hrivniak, 1958; Archpriest Alexey Rubanovsky, 1981; Archpriest Michael Ugrin, 1986;
 Matka. Narcissa Kasperski, 1986; Stephen J. Platko, Choir Director, 2016; Priest Christopher Williamson, 2018;
 Matka. Mary Ann Kompkof, 2018. OCA
 Lyudmilla Malakhova, +Oct 26, 25. Igor, Kristina, Orion & family
 Leontina Himber. Eric, Luke, Vaughan; Paula & Dan & family
 Matushka Tresja Denysenko Archpriest Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family
 Edward Pogyor Eleanor Pogyor & family
 Subdeacon Patrick Bernard Wilson Diane, Victoria, Nicholas, & Stephen Wilson & family
 Germogen & Olga Stephanenko Larissa, Tatiana
 Matushka Priscilla Shipley +Sep 10, 2023 Fr Ian Shipley & family, DoW
 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 Many & family
 Nicholas Vasiliev Davidovich, +October 12, 2022
 Barbara Johnson daughter Nancy Smollen
 Stanislava daughter Milena; family
 Hormuzd (Emmanuel) Rassam, + Dec 21, 2022. wife Kaye Rassam, son Fr Yousuf Rassam, daughter Najma Fowner & family
 Nun Seraphima (Anna Kremenetskaya) Konstantin, Taissia, Vladimir, Ioann Kremenetsky
 Nun Nonna (Verna Harrison)
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 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
 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 son Wade Aiden Greer, Fr Yousuf
 Basil Rosiczka

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

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