

St Innocent Orthodox Church

The Church St Innocent of Irkutsk is a parish of the Diocese of the West,
The Orthodox Church in America (OCA)

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Fr. Yousuf Rassam

February 8th, 2026

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON – Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates ("the General" – 319). Prophet Zachariah (ca. 520 B.C.). St. Sava II, Archbishop of Serbia (1269).

SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

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

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

Reader: James

Today 9:30 am Liturgy

Wednesday 6:30 pm Moleben w Kontakion of the Meeting

Friday 6:30 pm Vespers with Panikhida, Soul Saturday.

Saturday 5:30 pm Vespers

Sunday 9:30 am Liturgy

Next Week's Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8 – 9: 2 **Gospel:** Matthew 25: 31 – 46 (*Last Judgment*)

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 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: / "O Giver of life, // Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Troparion, Meeting of the Lord – Tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, / thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, // Who grants us the Resurrection!

Kontakion, Triodion, Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Tone 3

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; / and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. / And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: / "I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; / receive me a penitent, // and make me as one of Thy hired servants!"

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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](#)

Resources for this Sunday

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

Psalm 136 [137]

By the waters of Babylon, / there we sat down and wept, / when we remembered
Zion. / **Alleluia!**

On the willows there / we hung up our lyres. / **Alleluia!**

For there our captors / required of us songs, / and our tormentors, mirth, saying, /
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" / **Alleluia!**

How shall we sing the Lord's song / in a foreign land? / **Alleluia!**

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, / let my right hand wither! / **Alleluia!**

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, / if I do not remember thee, / if I do
not set Jerusalem / above my highest joy! / **Alleluia!**

Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites / the day of Jerusalem, / **Alleluia!**

how they said, "Down with it, down with it! / Down to its foundations!" / **Alleluia!**

O daughter of Babylon, thou wretched one! / Blessed shall he be who requites thee /
with what thou hast done to us! / **Alleluia!**

Blessed shall he be who takes thy little ones / and dashes them against the rock! /
Alleluia!

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.

Announcements:

- Our Bulletins (\$60.00) Alla Slobodskaya
- Our Altar Wine (\$40.00) Izolda (Zoya) & Vladimir Sogokon
- 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 Caratäs
- Vigil – Golgotha II (\$7.00 /wk) Stere & Maria Caratäs
- Vigil – Prothesis (\$7.00 /wk) Stere & Maria Caratäs
- 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 Sunday of the Prodigal Son, the second ‘pre-Lent’ Sunday. This is coming week is the last week for eating meat. 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.

After-Feast of the Meeting of the Lord continues through the leave-taking this Monday. In honor of the feast we have the Blessing of Candles this Sunday at the end of the Liturgy. If you would like to have blessed candles, please place them on the table near the front *before* the blessing.

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: Darka **Next Week:** Men’s group

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>.

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

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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.

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

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

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

Elena

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

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; Zachary; Jacqueline; 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

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, Elena, Juliya, Tamara, Fredi.

Alla Slobdoskaya

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+ Lola Macrina

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Yelena, Anna, Wolfgang

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+ 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:

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Newly departed Bishop Seraphim (Sigris) retired Bp. of Sendai in Japan, + Feb 7, 2026
Newly departed Lydia Trestman, + Feb 6 2026
Newly departed Igor Slobodsky, + 30 Jan 2026
Newly departed Fructuosa Luz Iniguez Oropeza, +20 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
+ Feb 6: Nun Olga (Verna Harrison), 2019. + Feb 8: Protodeacon Paul Samoilovich, 1970; Subdeacon Andrew Krochta, 1987;
Matka. Natalia Pokrowsky, 1991; Deacon George Virosteck, 2000; Alexander Kaminski, Choir Director, 2003;
Matka. Suzanne Janos, 2004; Archpriest Theodore Soroka, 2012. + Feb 11: Archpriest John W Anderson, 2020.
+Feb 12: Matka. Betty June Hill 2012.
Lyudmilla Malakhova, +Oct 26, 25.
Leontina Himber.
Matushka Tresja Denysenko
Edward Pogyor
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
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mother Alla Slobodskaya
Martin Lugo & family
Julia Azrael
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Jacqui
Christia, Marina, John & family
Nathalie, Tamara, Marina, Michael & family
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Eric, Luke, Vaughan; Paula & Dan & family
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Eleanor Pogyor & family
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
Boris
Mitred Archpriest Ian & Matka. Nina MacKinnon, DOW
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Alla Slobdskaya
+ Raissa Dulian
+Margarita Maximova
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