

St Innocent Orthodox Church

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February 9th, 2025

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Resources for this Sunday

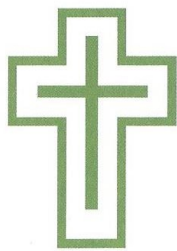
[Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee Readings & Hymns](#)

[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](#)



**HOW
DO
YOU
DEFINE**

SUCCESS ?



HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL ONE?

The years of life seem to follow a similar pattern for all of us. Our youth is spent planning, dreaming and charting a course for the journey that will find us striving to achieve our goals and ambitions. Our “golden years” are often spent reflecting upon all that we originally set out to do. The successes and failures that come our way are found in that period in between.

We all want our lives to be successful; we want to be remembered as being a person who made the world a better place. Unfortunately, many of us use the wrong criteria to gauge our personal accomplishments. Our true motivation must be living a life that is pleasing to God. He does not measure “success” in terms of financial and material gain. No, “fame and fortune” mean little to our Heavenly Father. Many of the Church’s saints had very little, and many whose good works and deeds were known only to God heard the blessed words of the Lord -- “**WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT**” -- when they passed on to their eternal reward.

God does not expect great things from us, but He looks to us to do small things in a great way. In the Parable of the Last Judgment, those who had done all of the charitable acts of mercy were genuinely surprised that the Lord put so much emphasis on such simple gestures of compassion. Still, these are the things that are deemed important in God’s eyes.

Has your life been a successful one? Have you dedicated your life to doing God’s will? If you have, rest assured that a place in God’s Kingdom awaits you. There could be no greater testimony to the ultimate success of your life!

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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – Tone 8. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.

Leavetaking of the Meeting. Martyr Nikephoros of Antioch in Syria (ca. 257). **Uncovering of the Relics of St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk (1805).** Ven. Pankratii (Pancratius) of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th c.). Ven. Nikifor (Nicephorus – 1557) and Gennádii (Gennadius – ca. 1516), of Vazheozérsk. Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Bishop of Sicily, Philagrius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Pancratius, Bishop of Taoromina (1st c.).

SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: John 21: 15 - 25 (*11th Matins Gospel*)

Next Week’s Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 **Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14 (*Publican & Pharisee*)
(*St Innocent*) Hebrews 7: 26 - 8: 2 John 10: 9 - 16

Reader: Andrew

Today 9:30 am Liturgy

Wednesday 6:30 pm Moleben with the Canon of the Publican & Pharisee

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: 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.

Announcements:

Our Bulletins (\$60.00)

Alla Slobodskaya
Izolda (Zoya) & Vladimir Sogokon
Veska

Our Altar Wine (\$40.00)

Gabriela Broncă & family good health & help in our needs.

Our Altar Candles (\$40.00)

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Our Altar Incense (\$20.00)

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Vigil – Golgotha I (\$7.00 /wk)

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Vigil – Golgotha II (\$7.00 /wk)

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Vigil – Prothesis (\$7.00 /wk)

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- Broncă: Gabriela, Robert, & Carmen Iuliana. Good health, & help in need. Repose: Tasia.

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

- for Svetlana, Rossitza, Emil, Veska; Repose: Atanas

Feast of the Meeting of the Lord leavetaking today.

Today is the Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee, the Triodion opens. **There is no fasting this coming week!** Forgiveness Sunday is March 2. 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, March 3. Pascha is April 20.

Today is also the secondary feast of our patron, St Innocent of Irkutsk, observing the uncovering of his relics in 1805, 74 years after his repose.

2025 Wall Calendars are here at the Candle stand. Requested donation this year, \$10.00.

Adult Education is will take place after the Moleben on Wednesday.

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

Coffee Hour, This Week: Milena **Next Week:** Mihaelescu, Caratăs

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 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: 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!

Troparion, St Innocent – Tone 3.

O most radiant beacon of the Church, / who hast illumined thy 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.

February 9th, 2025

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

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. Metropolitan Theodosy and the faithful of St Michael Cathedral in Cherkassy, St Andrew Cathedral in Zoporyzhya

The Sick and those in need of health:

Archbishop Anastasios of Albania

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; 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, George Arglen,

Our Parish

Gayle Anne; Lana,

Darka, Ilija & Jovanna

Jelica, Zharko

Laura Bochnak

Lea Ann (Leah) Bochnak

Gary Andrew Hart

Pia

sister Julia Azrael

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

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

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.

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; Allan Elmaleh.

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; Alexander; Zachary; Jacqueline; Garreth, Hannah, James

Daniel; Antonio Cassandra, Veronica, Josephine

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 Slobdskaya

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

+ Lola Macrina

Elijah, parents Aika & Dmitri Goudkov

Rowan. Galina.

Yelena, Anna, Wolfgang

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:

February 9th, 2025

Newly Departed Archbishop Anastasios of Albania

Newly Departed Matushka Susanne Senyo, + Jan 18, 25.

Newly Departed Veronika Polotaiko

Newly Departed Nicholas Juried + Jan 11, 25.

Newly Departed Parvin, + Jan 15, 25.

Newly Departed Lazaro Medina,

Newly Departed Katherine Turnbull, + Jan 6, 25.

Newly Departed Traian Butu + Dec 20, 24.

Newly Departed Simos Constantine Dimas, +Nov 29, 2024.

Newly Departed Olga, + Nov 15, 2024. Boris, Nikolay, Lidiya, Olga.

Newly Departed Mary Grace Davidson +June 21, 2024; Newly Departed Carl Pagter, Jan 3, 2023; Ken Reed.

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

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

Basil Rosiczka

Archpr. Nazari Polotaiko & family

Amy Juried, Fr Yousuf

grandson James Goodarzy & family

Maggie Medina, Dean Apostol

Gay Butu & family

Julia Azrael

Lyudmilla

Diane Elizabeth Rhodes

Christina, Marina, John & family

Nathalie, Tamara, Marina, Michael & family

Deacon Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family

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

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

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, Meeting of the Lord - Tone 1

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb / and blessed Simeon's hands, O

Christ God. / Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. / Grant peace to all

Orthodox Christians, // O only Lover of mankind!

Kontakion, St Innocent Bp of Irkutsk - Tone 4

O faithful, let us all praise with love / the pastor whose very name means innocence, / the preacher of the faith in Mongolia, / the glory and adornment of the flock of Irkutsk, // for he is the protector of this land and an intercessor for our souls!

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.