

## E- Bulletin - St Innocent Orthodox Church

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December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Sunday of the Forefathers. St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (ca. 348). Saint Mardarije (Uskoković) 1935. Ven. Ferapónt (Therapont), Abbot of Monza (16th c.). Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Jerusalem (251). Martyr Synthesis (Razumnik) of Rome (270-275).



*Ss Abraham Isaac & Jacob, fresco in the Vladimior cathedral by St Andrew (Rublev)*

### Sunday of the Forefathers

The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

### 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, Forefathers - Tone 2**

Through faith Thou didst justified the Forefathers, / betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. / These saints exult in glory, / for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: / she who bore Thee without seed. // So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

### **Kontakion, Forefathers - Tone 6**

Ye did not worship the graven image, / O thrice-blessed ones, / but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, / you were glorified in a trial by fire. / From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: / "Hasten, O compassionate One! / Speedily come to our aid, // for Thou are merciful and able to do as Thou dost will!"

### **SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.**

**Matins Gospel:** Mark 16: 9 - 20 (*3<sup>rd</sup> Matins Gospel*)

**Next Week's Epistle:** Colossians 3:4-11 **Gospel:** Luke 14:16-24 (*Forefathers*)

**Reader:** Kenneth

<b>Today</b>	9:30 am Liturgy
Monday	9:30 am Liturgy, St Herman
Wednesday	6:00 pm Moleben w/ Alphabetical pre-feast hymn of Ven Romanus
Friday	9:30 am Typika, Three Holy Youths
Saturday	5:30 pm Vespers
Sunday	9:30 am Liturgy

**Next Week's Epistle:** Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 **Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25 (*Fathers*)

**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.

### 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)

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Vigil – Golgotha I (\$7.00 /wk)

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Vigil – Golgotha II (\$7.00 /wk)

Caratās family

Vigil – Prothesis (\$7.00 /wk)

Caratās family

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

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

**Nativity Fast** continues. Prepare well for the Nativity of Christ! The Nativity Fast continues through December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Memorial today**, one year anniversary of Sultana Caratās, luncheon provided in her memory.

**Feast of St Herman**, Liturgy Monday at 9:30 am.

**Turkeys Gift Cards** for the needy. Instead of trying to store frozen turkeys and hams, this year we will gather grocery store gift cards, or one may donate towards the purchase of the same.

**Holiday decorating** today after coffee hour.

**Adult Education** will resumes after the Wednesday evening service.

**Nativity Fast Confessions.** Confessions will be heard after Vespers and, during the day after Typika services, or by appointment. Those needing to confess before Christmas should make confession *before* Christmas Eve. The blessing for phone confessions has not been rescinded.

**Lectionary.** The Church Lectionary is reading Ephesians and Luke. Weekday Epistle readings will be from 1 Timothy.

**Coffee Hour, This Week:** Caratās family **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 the Forefathers Vespers Apostikha, on “Glory ...” Tone 3

Come, ye lovers of the feasts of the Church, / and with psalms let us praise the assembly of the forefathers: / Adam, the forefather of us all, / Enoch, Noah, Melchizedek, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; / and, after the Law, Moses and Aaron, Joshua, Samuel and David, / and, with them, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and the twelve prophets, / together with Elijah, Elisha and all the rest, / Zechariah and the Forerunner; / who all preached Christ, // the Life and Resurrection of our race.

### Sunday of the Forefathers Vespers on “Lord, I Call ...”,

- **Tone 8, Podoben:** “*The Paradise of Eden ...*”

Celebrating the memory of the forefathers today, / O faithful, / let us hymn as mighty and powerful Christ the Deliverer, / Who exalted them among all nations, / the Lord Who has faithfully wrought most glorious miracles, / and Who has, through them, shown us a staff of power, the pure Mary, / the divine Maiden, who alone knew not man, / from whom Christ came forth as a blossom, / He that for all has put forth life, // the inexhaustible food and eternal salvation.

O Master, Who delivered the holy youths from the fire, / and Daniel from the lions' mouths, / Who blessed Abraham, and Isaac Thy servant, and Jacob his son, / Whose good will it was to become like unto us through their seed: / our forefathers, that had fallen in the past, / hast Thou saved by Thy Cross and Resurrection; / and, having broken the bonds of death, / with Thyself Thou hast raised all among them, dead of ages past, // that worshipped Thee, O Christ, King of the ages.

Rejoicing in the dew of the Spirit, / the godly youths walked in the midst of the flame / as in a light rain, / mystically imaging forth therein the Trinity / and the incarnation of Christ, / and, as they were wise, they quenched the power of the fire with faith; / and the righteous Daniel / was shown to be a restrainer of lions. / By their prayers be Thou entreated, O Savior, Who lovest mankind; / deliver us from the unquenchable fire of eternity, // and vouchsafe us Thy kingdom, O Lord.

Thy faithful and holy youths, / that walked amid the fiery flame as in dew, / mystically prefigured Thy coming forth from the Virgin, / which has showed forth upon us without consuming us; / and the righteous Daniel, wondrous among the prophets, / manifestly revealing beforehand Thy divine Second Coming, / says "I have beheld the thrones set up, and the Judge seated, / and the river of fire flowing." // By their prayers may we be delivered therefrom, O Master Christ.

**Sunday of the Forefathers Vespers on "Glory ..." on "Lord, I Call ...", by Anatolius - Tone 6**

O ye faithful, let us praise today / all the fathers of the old Law: / Abraham, the beloved of God, and Isaac, who was born according to the promise, / and Jacob and the twelve patriarchs, / the most meek David, and Daniel, the prophet of desires, / glorifying with them the three youths that transformed the furnace into dew, / and who ask remission of Christ God, // Who is glorified in His saints!

**Of our charity, remember in your prayers:**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**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 Sick and those in need of health:**

Archbishop Benjamin; Matka. Gerry Glagolev, Archpriests Paul Waisanen, George Gray, Michael Regan, Andrew Jacobs; Moses Berry;

Priest John Armstrong, Abbess Susanna; Protodcn Nicholas Jannakos;

Matushki Alexandra Safchuk, Elizabeth Powell, Clara Mancantelli, Suzanne Senyo; Maria Vallens, Priscilla Shipley;

Monk John. Deacon Mark Story, Robert Peterson, Marios Perez, Barbara Anderson, Monika Cleenewerck.

OCA-DOW

Manya Prybyla, Gregory Theophan Hoffberg; Olga Stephanenko; Virginia, Levon; Edmund Roschak, Darka Raicevich; Karen Olds;

Alla Miller, Mike Shinkarik, Andrew Sturmer, Stanislava; Bridget Merridy Strand, Assia Alexander, Scott T. Karen T., Andrew,

Kyra, Bill & Linda Phillips; Ed Salm; Raphael; Magdalena Elizabeth; Ludmilla, Anna, Margarita Maximova, Gayle Anne.

Our Parish

Lea Ann (Leah) Bochnak

Laura Bochnak

Vladimir

Anya

Laura, Eladia

Manya Prybyla

Matthew, Alison.

Thaddeus Wojcik

Mildred Sturmer, Susan

Sturmer family

Patricia Hungerford, Barbara Johnson

+ Raissa Dulian

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

Lydia

Manya Prybyla

Emmanuel Hormuzd Rassam. Hieromonk Ambrose (Young), Nicholas Juried & Amy. Priest 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

Jennifer, (Covid).

cousin Gayle Anne

Ruben

Richard & Yolanda Durham

Walter

Irina

Larry & Emma

Abbe Kulhanek

Anna

Elena

Maryann Meredith. Pearl Ruggiero. Sheena Wickens, Veronica Clarkson, Anna Cruz, Anna Rossiter; Ward;

Leona Wolfkill; Griselda Leon.

Diane Rhodes

Luke Norton

Alexander Norton

Bruce Anderson, Audrey Anderson.

Subdeacon Polycarp Anderson & family

Larry McHargue; Laura; Robert; Kenny

Anne McHargue Witz & family

**Diocese of the West COVID list:** Michael; Priest Joseph & Matka. Katherine Sharman & family; Helena, Mary, Jamie, Josiah, George, Andrew; Larissa, mother of Dn Alexander Ivkin of Holy Apostles Mission in Vancouver, WA.

**Other COVID sick:** Recovered: Abp. Jerome of Athens, Greece. Abp. Anastasi of Albania; Metropolitan Athanasius of Limmasol; Archbishop

Michael (Dahulich) of New York & New Jersey; Metropolitan Dionysiy (Porubai), the abbot of NovoSpassky (New Savior) Monastery; Bishop Foma

(Mosolov) of Pavlovo-Posadsk; Bishop Paramon (Golubka), abbot of the St. Sergius Lavra; Archimandrite Ephraim of Vatopedi; Priest John Peck &

family. Archpriest Alexander (Shargunov), Priest Dionisy Lobov. Erwin & his family. Abbot Seraphim & the brethren of the Monastery of the Holy

Cross.

**Those Serving in the Armed Forces**

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

**For the Health and Salvation of the servants of God:**

Catechumen Jack Keoseyan; Dalen, Kelly Jamie Muster; Marilyn

newly Illumined Eva Maria, sponsors Alexandra, parents Marian & Oana

newly Illumined Wyeth Alexander, sponsors James & Maria

newly Illumined Zlata Okunev, Artemi & Erica

New born Ava Adria Vizireanu

New born Chelsea Claire Nordstrom

Matthew & Chloe Nordstrom

Sebastian James Siskos

Presvytera Wiborada Vickie Hoffberg Siskos & Priest Christian Siskos

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 Slobdoskaya

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

+ Lola Macrina

Sherri, Nathanael, & Christopher, Amelia Marie.

Aiden Frederick Parrish, new born Micah Parrish

Alyssa & Cyprian Parrish

New born Thomas John Martin Lawman. Verity Annabelle Mary; Constance Alexandra.

Alicia & Joshua Lawman

**For the Health and Salvation of the servants of God:**

New born Matthew, Nicholas Damiano. Magdalena Elizabeth.  
Elijah, parents Aika & Dmitri Goudkov  
new born Rowan. Galina.  
Margarita, Christopher, John, Lauren, Ekaterina.  
Catalina, Sofia, Florentina, Doina.

Stephen & Marisa Thompson

Yelena, Anna, Wolfgang  
Margarita Maximova  
Calugaru family

**Of our charity, remember in your prayers:**

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

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Newly Departed Nikolai

Nina Kaplan

Newly Departed Victor

Newly Departed Ioan +Nov 3, 2021

Newly Departed Mari

Sebastian

Newly Departed Tamara, Michail, Michail, Natalia; Galina, Lubov, Victor.

Newly Departed Alexandra

Ioanna

+ Dec. 12: Hieromonk Niphont (Rommanovsky), 1945; Abp Phillip (Stavitzky), 1952; Priest Vasile Pășcău, 1960;

Archpriest Evdokim Polievoy, 1961; Archpriest John Matechin, 1979; Proteasa Elisabeta Mihaescu, 1986;

Matka.Natalie Boldireff, 2005. + Dec. 13, Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemann

OCA

Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, +Sep 1, 2021

Matka Gerry, Christia, Marina, John & family

Matushka Anisia Boldireff +Sep 1, 2021

Archpriest Nicholas, Nathalie, Tamara, Marina, Michael & family

Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky

OCA

Matushka Tresja Denysenko

Deacon Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family

Matushka Ioanna Bonnie Jean Robinson

Priest John K. Robinson & family; Saint Herman Church, Oxnard; DoW

Germogen Stephanenko

Olga, Larissa, Tatiana

Cor Brevet Delabruinene

Natalya Slusar Nosa & family

Rodney Lake + May 20, 2021.

son-in-law & daughter Thaddeus & Jacqui Wojcik

Nun Seraphima (Anna Kremenetskaya)

Konstantin, Taissia, Vladmir, Ioann Kremenetsky

Lola Macrina

Edward Michael & Joan Sutyak

Tamara, Christina, Michael, Anne & family

Leon & Claudine Snyder

daughters Laura & Carol, & family

Dmitri

Boris

David

Mitred Archpriest Ian & Matka. Nina MacKinnon, DOW

Deacon Hennok Soot

DoW, Matushka Mariamna Soot, Fr Stephen Soot family, Mark & Olga Soot family

Aleksandr, Nataliya, Galina, Emma

Arina & Kamila

Evdokiya, Anatoliy, Domnikiy, Semen, Feodosiy, Ella, Grigoriy, Nadejda, Konstantin, Svetlana,

Valentina, Anna, infant Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Peter.

Alla Slobdorskaya

Anne Lewandowski

+ Raissa Dulian

Marina, Alexandra, Petr, Boris, Tatiana.

Margarita Maximova

**other COVID departed,** Patriarch Irinej, Abp of Peć, Met of Belgrade and Karlovci, and Serbian Patriarch, Nov 22, 2020. Met. Iov (Tyvonyuk) retired of Chelyabinsk & Zlatoust; Met. Theophan of Kazan, 20 November, 2020. Met. Amfilohie, +Oct. 30, 2020. Bp. Lazarus of Borjomi in Georgia, Nov. 20, 2020. Bishop Atanasije (Jevtić) Schemabishop Petr (Karpusyuk) of Dyatlov in Belarus, June 6, 2020; Bishop Milutin of Valjevo, +March 30, 2020; Bishop Venyamin of Zheleznogorsk and Lgov, +Apr 26; Archbishop Luke al-Khoury, assistant to the Pat. of Antioch.  
Archimandrite Mefody (Petrov) of Valaam, +July 22, 21. Mitred Archpriest Giorgiy Breyev, + Apr 29; Archpriest Alexander Ageikin, + Apr 21; Priest Gennady Butko, Minsk, + Apr 29; Deacon Alexander Gousev, Reno, Apr. 9; Archdeacon Evgeny Trofimov, Apr 25, Mikhail Petrukhno, + Apr 28, Trinity-St Sergius Lavra: Igumen Tikhon (Barsukov), Archimandrite Ilian (Plemenyyuk), Archimandrite Lavrenty (Postnikov), and Hierodeacon Kallist (Kosulin), Hieromonk Modest (Panchenko +May 14). Archpriest Joseph Irvin +Jan 13, 21.