

St Innocent Orthodox Church

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The Orthodox Church in America (OCA)

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March 22nd, 2026

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 8. St. John Climacus (of *The Ladder*). Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra (362-363). Martyr Drosis, daughter of Emperor Trajan (1st-2nd c.). Ven. Isaac, the Confessor Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (4th c.). Monastic Martyr Euthymius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos – 1814).

SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: John 20: 11 – 18 (*8th Matins Gospel*)

Next Week's Epistle: Hebrews 6: 13 – 20 **Gospel:** Mark 9: 17 – 31

(*St John Climacus*) Ephesians 5: 9 – 19 Matthew 4: 25 – 5: 12

Reader: James

Sunday

9:30 am Liturgy of St Basil

Monday

6:30 pm Matins with the Great Canon and life of Mary of Egypt

Tuesday

10:00am Hours, & Great Vespers for Annunciation with Presanctified

6:30 pm Vigil for Annunciation

Wednesday

9:30 am Hours, Typika, Akathist, Annunciation

6:00 pm Vespers with the Akathist Hymn

Friday

6:30 pm Matins with the Akathist Hymn

Saturday

5:30 pm Vespers

Sunday

9:30 am Liturgy of St Basil

Next Week's Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11 – 14 **Gospel:** Mark 10: 32 – 45

(*St Mary of Egypt*) Galatians 3: 23 – 29

Luke 7: 36 – 50

Reader: Andrew

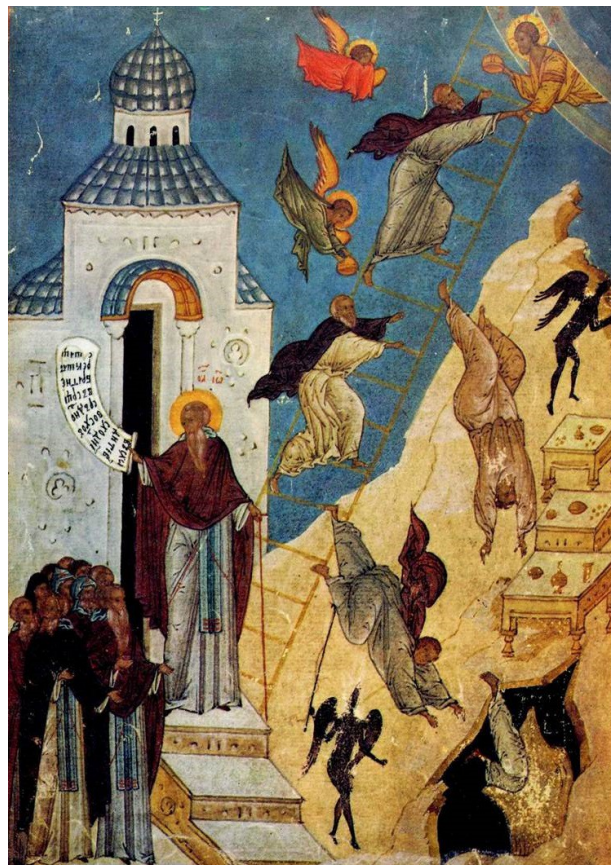
Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon. **Confessions:** After Saturday Vespers and by appointment.

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 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!



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.	

4th Sunday of Great Lent. This week is a 5th Lenten Week, which has its own schedule: The Great Canon Matins is moved to Monday from Wednesday evening because of Annunciation, and the Akathist Matins on Friday Evening. Pascha is April 12.

Great Feast of the Annunciation will be celebrated Tuesday. Vigil, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Vespers Liturgy, Wednesday 6:00 pm. The feast of the Annunciation is a fish, wine, & oil day. March 26 is a wine & oil day for the Archangel Gabriel and leavetaking of the feast.

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

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

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

Parish Cleaning, Saturday, March 28, 10 am to 5 pm.

Next week: Friends of the monastery meeting

Lectioary. 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>.

Troparion, St John Climacus – Tone 1

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, / thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. / Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer, / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. / Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! / Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! // Glory to Him Who through thee grants healing to all!

Kontakion, St John Climacus – Tone 4

The Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence, / to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, // O our father and teacher John.

Reading for Lent

[The Great Fast: To See Christ as He Is, by Archbishop Dmitri](#)
[Great Lent: A School of Repentance by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann](#)

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[4th Sunday of Lent \(St. John of the Ladder\) Readings, Hymns, Sermon](#), and excerpts
from "The Ladder"

5th Saturday of Great Lent: the Akathist Hymn.

[Text of the Akathist with notes on the text and on the observance of the fifth Saturday](#)

look ahead to next Sunday:

[5th Sunday of Lent \(St. Mary of Egypt\) Readings, Hymns, sermons, and the life of St. Mary](#)

from the Triodion, for St John Climacus, on "Lord, I Call ..." Tone 8, Podoben: "O Most Glorious Wonder ..."

O holy father John, / truly hast thou ever carried / on thy lips the praises of the Lord, / and with great wisdom / hast thou studied the words of Holy Scripture / that teach us how to practice the ascetic life. / So hast thou gained the riches of grace, / and thou hast become blessed, // overthrowing all the purposes of the ungodly.

Most glorious father John, / with the fountain of thy tears thou hast cleansed thy soul, / and by keeping vigils through the night / thou hast gained God's mercy. / Thou wast raised on wings, O blessed one, / to the love of Him and of His beauty; / and as is right thou dwellest now in His unending joy, / with thy fellow soldiers in the spiritual fight, // O holy saint of God.

O holy father John, / through faith thou hast lifted up / thy mind on wings to God; / hating the restless confusion of this world, / thou hast taken up thy Cross; / and, following Him who sees all things, / thou hast subjected thy rebellious body / to His guidance through ascetic discipline, // by the power of the Holy Spirit.

from the Triodion, for St John Climacus, "Glory ..." on "Lord, I call ..." Tone 5

O holy father, / hearing the voice of the Gospel of the Lord, / thou hast forsaken the world, / counting as naught its riches and its glory; / and so thou hast cried out to all: / 'Love God, and ye shall find eternal grace. / Set nothing higher than His love, / that, when He comes in glory, / ye may find rest with all the saints.' // Through their prayers, O Christ, guard and save our souls.

from the Triodion, for St John Climacus. "Glory ..." on the Apostikha. Tone 2

Let us honor John, / angel upon earth and man of God in heaven, / adornment of the world, joy of the good and virtuous, / glory of ascetics. / For planted in the house of God he has blossomed with the flower of holiness, / and spread abroad like a cedar in the desert, // causing the sheep of Christ's spiritual flock to increase in sanctity and righteousness.

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

March 22nd, 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.

The Sick and those in need of health:

Archbishop Benjamin,

Archpriests Thaddeus Wojcik; 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

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.

Danks family

Walter

Irina

Larry & Emma

Abbe Kulhanek

Anna

Elena

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

Herbert, Eric, Nicholas, Habib, Jerry, Nicholas, Lance, Jamie, Marcello, Kay.

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

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:

March 22nd, 2026

Newly departed Catholicos Patriarch Ilya II of Georgia. +March 17, 2026.
Newly departed Tengo Zambakhidze. +March 15, 2026.
Newly departed Anatoly, +March 12, 2026. Zhanna
Newly departed Dianna Bowen. +March 11, 2026. Danks family
Newly departed Joseph, +March 2, 2026. Thaddeus Wojcik
Newly departed Yury, Andrey
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 Pearl Ruggiero, March 19, 2026. Griselda Leon. + March 2024 Diane Rhodes
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 18: Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko, 2015. +March 19: Mitred Archpriest Anthony Karbo, 2024 .
+March 22: Priest Martin LeBrecht, 2013; Archpriest Kiril Antonoff, 2013. 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 Manya & 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)
Igor
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, Matushka Mariamna Soot, DoW, Fr Stephen Soot family, Mark & Olga Soot family
Igor, 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