

E-Bulletin – St Innocent Orthodox Church

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February 25th, 2024

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – Tone 5. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806).



❖❖❖❖❖ ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER? ❖❖❖❖❖

At one time or another, we are all guilty of having “selective hearing.” Children approach their parents, eager to share an experience or seek advice. A husband comes home and tries to relate to his wife some difficulty he encountered at work that day. A friend calls another, looking for a sympathetic ear. In cases like this, and in far too many of life’s situations, it seems that we humans have this unfortunate ability to “tune out” those with whom we are speaking. We “HEAR” them, but aren’t really “LISTENING.”

Our Lord said on numerous occasions: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” (Matt 11:15) One could argue that what He really meant was “He who has ears to hear, let him LISTEN,” for Christ goes on to tell us: “Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Mark 4:24) It is imperative then for a good Christian to be a GOOD LISTENER. To do so, our Savior gives us words of guidance: “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.” (Matt 7:12) When we have problems & difficulties - when we have questions to ask or burdens to be lessened - don’t we expect the undivided attention of the person to whom we are speaking? Of course, we do! Others expect the same of us as well. A good listener must be patient, sincere & compassionate. It must be said as well that being a good listener also means knowing when to remain silent! Those who seek our ear do not always need our advice - they merely want our silent reassurance that all will be well. Countless lives have been saved from suicide & numerous scarred souls have been healed through the simple act of COMPASSIONATE LISTENING. Rest assured, hearing is not nearly enough!

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SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: Luke 24: 12 – 35 (*5th Matins Gospel*)

This Week’s Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10 – 15 **Gospel:** Luke 18: 10 – 14 (*Publican & Pharisee*)

Reader: Matthew

Today	9:30 am Liturgy
Tuesday	9:30 am Typika, St Raphael of Brooklyn
Thursday	6:30 pm Moleben, Canon of the Publican & Pharisee.
Saturday	5:30 pm Great 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.

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](#)

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)	-
Vigil – Golgotha II (\$7.00 /wk)	-
Vigil – Prothesis (\$7.00 /wk)	-
- Broncă: Gabriela, Robert, & Carmen Iuliana. Good health, & help in need. Repose: Tasie.	
- Sogokon: for the health of Zoya, Vladimir, Irina, Anastasia, Vladimir, Vladimir.	

Today is the Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee, the Triodion opens. **There is no fasting this coming week!** Forgiveness Sunday is February 18. 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 18. Pascha is May 5.

Fr. Yousuf will need to leave quickly after Liturgy to attend, on behalf of our diocese, a reception for the new Antiochian Metropolitan Saba (Esper).

Friends of the Monastery of St Barbara canceled today due to mudslide closing the road to the monastery.

2024 Wall Calendars are here at the Candle stand. Requested donation this year, \$8.00.

Weekly Moleben & Adult Education will take place this week on Thursday.

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

Coffee Hour, This Week: Zoia & Vlad **Next Week:** SOSI Elena

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 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.

Kontakion Resurrection – Tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

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!”

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.*

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. The faithful of the Transfiguration Cathedral in Odessa, destroyed by shelling.

The Sick and those in need of health:

Archbishop Benjamin,

Archpriests Anthony Karbo, Nicolas Boldireff, Paul Waisanen, George Gray, Michael Regan, Andrew Jacobs; John Armstrong.

Abbess Susanna;

Matushki Alexandra Safchuk, Elizabeth Powell, Clara Mancantelli, Suzanne Senyo; Maria Vallens, Jean Moore;

OCA-DOW

Deacon Mark Story, Robert Peterson, Marios Perez, Barbara Anderson, Monika Cleenewerck, Marea Kuolt.

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, Margarita Maximova,

Gayle Anne; Lana,

Our Parish

Jelica, Zharko

Darka, Ilija & Jovanna

Lea Ann (Leah) Bochnak

Laura Bochnak

Pia

sister Julia Azrael

Vladimir

Anyia

Victoria Wilson

+Bernie Wilson

Laura, Eladia; Lydia

Manya Prybyla

Matthew, Alison.

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 Caratäs

Mary, George Laurentiu, cancer treatment.

Florentina

Barbara, Steve

Scott & the Thompson family

Angela Apostol

Constantine Apostol

Yekaterina

Lydia

Hieromonk Ambrose (Young), Nicholas Juried & Amy. Archriest 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.

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:

Catechumen: Dalen, Kelly, & Jamie, & Timothy Muster; Emma.

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

Margarita, 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:

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Gay Butu

Newly Departed Velentine

Newly Departed Aleksei

Newly Departed Matushka Mariamna Soot

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

Newly Departed Ludmilla

Newly Departed Mariya

Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, +Sep 1, 2021, Matushka Gerry (Evgenia) Glagolev. +May 23, 2022.

Christia, Marina, John & family

Matushka Anisia Boldireff +Sep 1, 2021

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

Matushka Tresja Denysenko

Deacon Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family

+ Feb 25: Archpriest Elias Klopotovskiy, 1950; Matka. Anastasia Ostapkevich, 1959; Archpriest Paul deMett, 1961;

Archimandrite Daniel (Maxim), 1978.

OCA

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

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

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

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

Alla Slobdorskaya

Anne Lewandowski

+ Raissa Dulan

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

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.