

## St Innocent Orthodox Church

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January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Sunday of Zacchæus. Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). St. Lavrentii (Lawrence), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Turov (Near Caves – 12th c.). Ss. Gerásim (1441-1467), Pitirím (1445) and Jonah (1470), Bishops of Perm. Martyrs Romanus, Jacob (James), Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian, and Paregonius, at Samosata (297).**

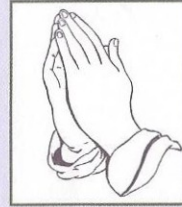


**“COME TO ME,  
ALL YOU WHO LABOR”**



## LABORING FOR THE LORD

**W**e have all heard of a good deed or kind action described as a “labor of love.” If we would carefully study that alliterative phrase, we might be tempted to question the grouping of the words “labor” and “love” together. When we labor, we often struggle greatly. Love, on the other hand, is a virtue that is supposed to flow freely and easily.



In reality, love and its corresponding fruits require a great deal of effort on our part. Raising a family in a world where Christian family values are scorned and ridiculed is a “labor of love.” Being faithful to a spouse in a society that condones, and even encourages, infidelity is a “labor of love.” Remaining loyal to our Faith when others around us have few spiritual ties is a “labor of love.”

As is the case with manual labor, “labors of love” can cause us to feel tired and worn out. We may even wonder if our efforts really matter. It is at times like this that we must remind ourselves of the greatest “labor of love” that the world has ever seen: Christ’s Incarnation and subsequent Crucifixion and Resurrection. Bringing us the gift of salvation was no easy task for our Lord. His labors on our behalf were matched by His love for us.

Psalm 104 tells us that “. . . man goes out to work and to labor until evening.” God expects all of us to live productive lives. Let us never forget, however that He also desires that we live “loving” lives as well.

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### SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

**Matins Gospel:** John 21: 15 - 25 (*11<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel*)

**This Week’s Epistle:** 1 Timothy 4:9-15 **Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10 (*Zacchæus*)

**Reader:** James

<b>Today</b>	9:30 am Liturgy
Wednesday	<b>6:30 pm Vigil, Meeting of the Lord</b>
Thursday	<b>9:00 am Liturgy Meeting of the Lord</b>
Saturday	5:30 pm Vespers
Sunday	9:30 am Liturgy

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

**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.

### 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

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

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

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

**Sunday of Zacchæus. Next week the Triodion opens.** (The Triodion is the Liturgical book for Pre-Lent, Great Lent, & Holy Week.) Great Lent begins on February 27.

**Feast of the Meeting of the Lord** on Thursday, please note the schedule, Liturgy at 9:00 am. Blessing of Candles next Sunday.

**Memorial today.** 40<sup>th</sup> day of Emmanuel Hormuzd Rassam. Luncheon provided by the Rassam family and Manya.

**Friends of St Barbara Monastery** will NOT take place today due to illness in the monastic community, please pray for the the health of the sisterhood.

**2023 Wall Calendars** are here at the Candle stand. Requested donation this year, \$8.00. There is now no limit on calendar purchases.

**A House blessing** request may be obtained from Fr Yousuf.

**Adult Education** will not take place because of the feast day.

**Coffee Hour** please consider signing up in the New Year.

**Lectionary.** The Church Lectionary is reading 1 & 2 Timothy & Luke on Sundays; on weekdays: 1 & 2 Peter & Mark.

**Coffee Hour, This Week:** Manya, Rassam family **Next Week:** -

Fr Yousuf & family thank everyone for their prayers and kindness

#### 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>.

**Recommended Reading for Lent:** (in order), 1 **Great Lent: A School of Repentance**, a pamphlet/booklet by Fr Alexander Schmemmann. 2 **Great Lent: The Journey to Pascha**, a full book by Fr Alexander Schmemmann, 3 The introductory material in “**The Lenten Triodion**” by Met Kallistos Ware, 4 “**The Lenten Spring**” readings for every day of Lent by Fr Thomas Hopko. 5 Reading as much as possible from the Triodion itself.

#### Troparion, St Ignatius – Tone 4

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, / thou didst become a successor to their throne. / Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; / by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. // O Hieromartyr Ignatius, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

**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  
Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev

sister Oksana McGovern & family

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

Archbishop Benjamin, Bishop Tikhon;  
Archpriests Nicolas Boldireff, Paul Waisanen, George Gray, Michael Regan, Andrew Jacobs; Moses Berry; John Armstrong.  
Abbess Susanna; Protodcn Nicholas Jannakos;  
Matushki Alexandra Safchuk, Elizabeth Powell, Clara Mancantelli, Suzanne Senyo; Maria Vallens, Priscilla Shipley, Jean Moore;  
Monk John. Deacon Mark Story, Robert 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;  
Bill & Linda Phillips; Ed Salm; Raphael; Magdalena Elizabeth; Ludmilla, Anna, Margarita Maximova, Gayle Anne, Our Parish  
Nick Davidovich.  
Basil Rosiczka  
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  
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  
Ruben Richard & Yolanda Durham  
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 Anne McHargue Witz & family

**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: Dalen, Kelly, & Jamie, & Timothy Muster; Cameron; Melanie.  
newly Illumined Basil Bryce ;  
New born Orion Igor & Luda  
newly Illumined Nikolina Jovanna & Ilja  
Zlata Okunev, Artemi & Erica  
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 Slobdskaya  
Elena, Marisa, Dimitrios (Jimmy), Nicholas, Alexander, Dimitrios, Dionisius. + Lola Macrina  
Sherri, Nathanael, & Christopher, Amelia Marie.  
Aiden Frederick Parrish, Micah Parrish, new born Chloe Alyssa & Cyprian Parrish  
New born Thomas John Martin Lawman. Verity Annabelle Mary; Constance Alexandra. Alicia & Joshua Lawman  
Newly illumined Matthew; Nicholas Damiano, Magdalena Elizabeth. Stephen & Marisa Thompson  
Elijah, parents Aika & Dmitri Goudkov  
new born Rowan. Galina. Yelena, Anna, Wolfgang  
Margarita, Christopher, John, Lauren, Ekaterina. Margarita Maximova  
Catalina, Sofia, Florentina, Doina. Calugaru family

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

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

**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Newly Departed Bishop Tikhon +Jan 22, 2023

DoW

Newly Departed Mary

Gay Butu

Newly Departed Mark

Diane Elizabeth Rhodes

Newly Departed Don Williams +Dec 30, 22; Janette Williams + Jan 1, 23.

Newly Departed Irina Lototskaya

Oksana

Newly Departed Hormuzd (Emmanuel) Rassam, + Dec 21, 2022. wife Kaye Rassam, son Fr Yousuf Rassam, daughter Najma Fowner & family

Newly Departed Grigory

Irina

Newly Departed Andrew Korpita, +Nov. 13, 2022

Andrea Korpita & family

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

+Jan 29: Archpriest Alexander Seniavsky, 1981; Proteasa Tatiana Prisacarou, 2009; Matushka Juliana Schmemann, 2017.

OCA

anniversary, Valery, +Jan 21, 2022; Tatiana, +Jan 22, 2022; Aleksandr, +Jan 2, 2022.

Mirny family

Germogen & Olga Stephanenko

Larissa, Tatiana

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

Barbara Johnson

daughter Nancy Smollen

Stanislava Mihich

daughter Milena Mihich; family

Nun Seraphima (Anna Kremenetskaya)

Konstantin, Taissia, Vladmir, 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, Matushka Mariamna Soot, 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 Slobdoskaya

Anne Lewandowski

+ Raissa Dulian

Marina, Alexandra, Petr, Boris, Tatiana.

Margarita Maximova

Priest Anatoly + Sep 9.

Rebecca Svetlana (Photini) Gushard

son Wade Aiden Greer, Fr Yousuf

### **Kontakion, Resurrection - Tone 8**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

### **Kontakion, St Ignatius - Tone 4**

Today thou didst rise from the east, / enlightening all of creation with thy teachings, // and thou art crowned with martyrdom, O Godbearing Ignatius.