

E-Bulletin - St Innocent Orthodox Church

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May 17th, 2026

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 5. **Blind Man.** Icon of the Mother of God "of the Passion". Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia (1st c.). Saint Euphrosynē, Great Princess of Moscow (1407). Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer, and Pamphalon, at Chalcedon (284-305). St. Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople (893).

SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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

This Week's Epistle: Acts 16: 16 - 34 **Gospel:** John 9: 1 - 38 (*Blind Man*)

Today 9:30 am Liturgy

Tuesday 5:15 pm Vespers, Leavetaking of Pascha

Wednesday 9:30 am Typika, Leavetaking of Pascha

Wednesday **6:30 pm Vigil, ASCENSION**

Thursday **9:00 am Liturgy, ASCENSION**

Saturday 5:30 pm Vespers

Sunday 9:30 am Liturgy

Next Week's Epistle: Acts 20: 16 - 18, 28 - 36 **Gospel:** John 17: 1 - 13 (*Holy Fathers*)

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.

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

Sunday of the Blindman. The last Sunday during the 40 days of Pascha. This is the sixth week of Pascha. Leave-taking of Pascha this Wednesday. Mitigated fasting on Wednesday and Friday (wine & oil). Such mitigated fasting applies on all remaining Wednesdays and Fridays until Pentecost. In addition, fish is allowed on the leave-taking of Pascha.

Leavetaking of Pascha will be observed with Vespers at 6:30 on Tuesday evening, and Typika Wednesday at 9:30 am.

The Feast of the Ascension – Vigil Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Liturgy Thursday at 9:00 am.

Memorial today, at the request of the Caratas family; and for Ed Sutyak, and for Leon Snyder.

Adult Education will not take place due to the vigil.

Lectionary. The Church Lectionary during the Paschal period reads Acts and St. John’s Gospel.

Coffee Hour, This Week: Caratäs **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>.

Kontakion, Pascha – Tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming “Rejoice” to the myrrhbearing women, // granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.



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, Sunday of the Blindman - Tone 4

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, / and call to Thee in repentance: // "Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness."

Kontakion, Pascha - Tone 8

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On Lord I Call ... Tone 2

The man born blind reasoned with himself,* "Is it because my parents sinned that I was born without sight?* Or was I born to expose the unbelief of the nations?* I cannot tell night from day.* My feet cannot walk without stumbling.* I cannot see the light of the sun,* nor Him who created me in His image.* But I beseech Thee, O Christ my God,* to look upon me and have mercy on me."

Passing by on His way from the temple,* Jesus found a man blind from birth,* and taking pity on him, anointed his eyes with mud* and said to him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam."* And having washed,* he received his sight and gave thanks to God.* His neighbors, however, said to him,* "Who is it that opened thine eyes,* which until now no one could do?"* And he, crying out, said, "A man called Jesus said to me,* 'Go wash in the pool of Siloam,'* and I received my sight.* He is truly Christ the Messiah* of whom Moses spoke in the Law."* He is the Savior of our souls.

Glory... **Tone 5.**

Passing by on the way, O Lord,* Thou didst find a man blind from birth.* Thy disciples wondered and asked Thee, saying,* "Who sinned, Rabbi, this man or his parents,* that he was born blind?"* O my Savior, Thou didst cry out to them,* "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents,* but that the works of God may be made manifest in him.* I must do the work of Him who sent Me,* which no one may do."* As He said this He spat on the ground* and made clay of the spittle,* anointing the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him,* "Go wash in the pool of Siloam."* So he went and washed and received his sight,* crying out to Thee, "I believe, O Lord,* and I worship Thee!"* Wherefore we also cry:* Have mercy upon us!

The Litiya - Tone 4

The blind man, / who had known only night all his life, / cried out to Thee, "O Lord, Son of David, / open my eyes, so that I may praise Thy might // with all, O our Savior."

At the Apostikha - Tone 8

O Christ our God, spiritual Sun of Righteousness,* by Thy most pure hand Thou didst open the eyes* of him who was deprived of light from the womb.* Having now opened our spiritual eyes,* show us to be children of the day,* that we may cry to Thee in faith:* Great and ineffable is Thy compassion for us,* O Lover of Mankind. Glory to Thee!

First Exapostilarion

Enlighten the eyes of my mind, blinded by the darkness of sin, O Lord. Instill humility in them, O Compassionate One, and wash them with tears of repentance.

Ikos

O Christ, grant me a stream of ineffable wisdom and understanding from on high, O Light of those in darkness and Guide of those who have gone astray, that wretched as I am, I may speak of Thy wonders, which the divine book of the Gospels has taught the world in the miracle of the blind man. For though blind from birth, he received both physical and spiritual vision, crying out in faith, "Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!"

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

May 17th, 2026

Special Intentions:

Christians of Syria, Egypt; Met. Paul, Abp. John, in captivity.

Natalya & Alla in Donetsk

sister Oksana McGovern & family

Daniel Garrteth & Hannah

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 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

Darka, Ilija & Jovanna

Lea Ann (Leah) Bochnak

Laura Bochnak

Gary Andrew Hart

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 Apostal, 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

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Sheena Wickens, Veronica Clarkson, Anna Cruz, Anna Rossiter; Ward; Allan Elmaleh.

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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; Nicholas, Habib, Jerry, Nicholas, Lance, Jamie, Marcello,

Kay, Mercedes Allan, Steffan; Tyler, Natalie.

Newly Illumined Mary; Daniel, Hannah, Gregory, Chrysostom, Patrick, George.

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.

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Sherri, Nathanael, & Christopher, Amelia Marie.

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

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

Newly departed Milanka Acimić, +Apr 27, 2026. May 17th, 2026
Newly departed Vasilica, +Apr 11, 2026. cousin Darka Račivić
Newly departed Vladimir, +Apr 5, 2026. neice Maria Caratäs
Newly departed Pia Lana, Sasha, Tata, Talin, Yana
Mitređ Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, +Sep 1, 2021, Matushka Gerry (Evgenia) Glagolev. +May 23, 2022. sister Julia Azrael
Archpriest Nicolas Boldireff, +May 22, 2024.; Matushka Anisia Boldireff +Sep 1, 2021 Christia, Marina, John & family
+May 14: Metropolitan Leonty, 1965. +May 17: Bishop Peter (Shymansky), 1964; Matka. Judith Horosky 2018. Nathalie, Tamara, Marina, Michael & family
Lyudmilla Malakhova, +Oct 26, 25. OCA
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Rodney Lake + May 20, 2021. Natalya Slusar Nosa & family
Paul Prybyla. +Jan, 10, 2021 son-in-law & daughter Thaddeus & Jacqui Wojcik
Nicholas Vasiliev Davidovich, +October 12, 2022 Manya & family
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, 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, 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
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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;
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