

E-Bulletin - St Innocent Orthodox Church

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September 22nd, 2024

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinopè (117). Prophet Jonah (8th c. B.C.). St. Jonah the Presbyter (9th c.), father of Ss. Theophanes the Hymnographer and Theodore Graptus. Ven. Jonah, Abbot of Yashezérsk (1589-92). Martyr Phokas the Gardener, of Sinopè (ca. 320). St. Peter the Tax-collector (6th c.). "Hearer" Icon of the Mother of God.



FOLLOWING CHRIST: A FAMILY AFFAIR

The story of the Martyr SOPHIA and her three daughters FAITH, HOPE and LOVE is a stellar example of following Christ, no matter what the cost. This pious family lived in Rome in the early part of the 2nd century. Sophia was a widow, and she had the undaunting task of raising her three children as Christians in a pagan society. While many at that time professed their faith secretly, Sophia and her children – ages 12, 10 and 9 – practiced it openly. Their brazenness led to their arrest.

Brought before the Emperor Hadrian, these 4 brave Christians were ordered to offer incense to the Roman gods. When they refused, the cruel Roman leader had the children subjected to severe torture, forcing their mother to watch. Sophia encouraged Faith,

Hope and Love to remain strong -- this they did until the bitter end, when they were beheaded before their mother's very eyes.

As one final act of inhumanity, Sophia had to take the lifeless bodies of her children for burial herself. She took them outside the city limits and remained at their graves for three days. After this, she, too, fell asleep in the Lord, undoubtedly dying of a broken heart. For all that she was called upon to endure, St. Sophia is also viewed as a martyr by the Church, earning her "crown" through her silent suffering and forbearance. She loved her children, but she loved Christ more, remembering her Savior's words: "He who loves mother or father or children more than Me is not worthy of Me."

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Saints Sophia and her daughters Faith, Hope, & Love are commemorated on September 17

SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.

Matins Gospel: Mark 16: 1 – 8 (*2nd Matins Gospel*)

This Week's Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 **Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

Reader: Andrew

Today 9:30 am Liturgy

Wednesday 6:30 pm Moleben

Saturday 5:30 pm Vespers

Sunday 9:30 am Liturgy

Next Week's Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 **Gospel:** Luke 6:31-36

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 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord / learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the Apostles: / "Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

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.	

Adult Education will take place Wednesday after the Moleben.

Lectionary. The Church Lectionary is reading 1 Corinthians and Matthew.

Coffee Hour, This Week: Katherine **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, Holy Apostle Quadratus – Tone 3

O Holy Apostle Quadratus, / entreat the merciful God, // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Troparion, Hieromartyr Phocas – 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 Phocas, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion Resurrection – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion, Hieromartyr Phocas – Tone 2

The Master established thee as a brilliant sun / shining on all the faithful, O glorious hieromartyr Phocas. / He has accepted thy life, faith and contest as myrrh, // for He is rich in mercy.

Kontakion, Holy Apostle Quadratus – Tone 8

The universe offers Thee, O Lord, the Apostle Quadratus / as a most honored hierarch and athlete of great strength; / with hymns it honors his all-venerable memory, // And asks that through him that Thou grant forgiveness of transgressions to those who sing his praise.

Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy, September 21.

His service is always moved to the 22nd, because the 21st is the Leave-taking of the Cross.

Saint Quadratus, Apostle of the Seventy preached the Word of God at Athens and at Magnesia (eastern peninsula of Thessaly), and was Bishop of Athens. His biographer called him "a morning star" among the clouds of paganism. He converted many pagans to the true faith in Christ the Savior, and his preaching aroused the hatred of the pagans. Once, an angry mob fell upon the saint to pelt him with stones. Preserved by God, St Quadratus remained alive, and they threw him into prison, where he died of starvation. His holy body was buried in Magnesia.

In the year 126, St Quadratus wrote an Apologia in defence of Christianity. Presented to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), the Apologia affected the persecution of Christians, since the emperor issued a decree saying that no one should be convicted without just cause. This Apologia was known to the historian Eusebius in the fourth century. At the present time, only part of this Apologia survives, quoted by Eusebius: "The deeds of our Savior were always witnessed, because they were true. His healings and raising people from the dead were visible not only when they were healed and raised, but always. They lived not only during the existence of the Savior upon the earth, but they also remained alive long after His departure. Some, indeed, have survived to our own time."

Hieromartyr Phocas the Bishop of Sinope, September 22

Hieromartyr Phocas was born in the city of Sinope. From youth he led a virtuous Christian life, and in his adult years he became Bishop of Sinope. St Phocas converted many pagans to faith in Christ. At the time of a persecution against Christians under the emperor Trajan (98-117), the governor demanded that the saint renounce Christ. After fierce torture they enclosed St Phocas in a hot bath, where he died a martyr's death in the year 117.

In the year 404, the relics of the saint were transferred to Constantinople (July 22).

The Hieromartyr Phocas is especially venerated as a defender against fires, and also as a helper of the drowning.

Of our charity, remember in your prayers:

September 22nd, 2024

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 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, Suzanne Senyo; Maria Vallens, Jean Moore;

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

OCA-DOW

Manya Prybyla, Gregory Theophan Hoffberg; Leontina Himber; Virginia, Levon; Edmund Roschak, Darka Raicevich;

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

Dmitri G., Kyra; Linda Phillips; Ed Salm; Raphael; Magdalena Elizabeth; Ludmilla, Anna, Katherine Turnbull,

Gayle Anne; Lana,

Our Parish

Jelica, Zharko

Darka, Ilija & Jovanna

Lea Ann (Leah) Bochnak

Laura Bochnak

Pia

sister Julia Azrael

Gary Andrew Hart

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

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 Apostal

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:

Catechumens: Dalen, Kelly, & Jamie, & Timothy Muster; Emma; Paulina; Louis; Alexander; Katherine; Erik, Zachary; Jacqueline; Garreth,

Hannah

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 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:

Newly Departed Igumen Leonty (Arrowsmith), + Aug 29, 2024
Newly Departed Archpriest Alexander Stavrinides, + Aug 24, 2024
Newly Departed Protodeacon Arkady Voloschuk, +Sep 15, 2024

September 22nd, 2024
St Tikhon Monastery, DoW
St George Orthodox Church, Hesperia CA, DoW
HVM cathedral, OCA DoW

Newly Departed Yekaterina

Yelena

Newly Departed Valentin

Tanya

Newly Departed Yevgeny

Olga

Newly Departed Valio, + July 19, 2024

Mary Linda Phillips

Newly Departed Ludmilla, +July 4, 2024

Lazarus William Phillips +Sep 1, 2023

Christia, Marina, John & family

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

Nathalie, Tamara, Marina, Michael & family

Archpriest Nicolas Boldireff, +May 22, 2024.; Matushka Anisia Boldireff +Sep 1, 2021

Deacon Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family

Matushka Tresja Denysenko

Sep 22: Archpriest Gregory Gleboff, 1956; Priest Octavian Rosu, 1987; Proteasa Eugenia Useriu, 2005;

OCA

Mitred Archpriest Basil Butchko, 2005; Archpriest Michael Hutnyan, 2007.

Eleanor Pogyor & family

Edward Pogyor

Diane, Victoria, Nicholas, & Stephen Wilson & family

Subdeacon Patrick Bernard Wilson

Larissa, Tatiana

Germogen & Olga Stephanenko

Fr Ian Shipley & family, DoW

Matushka Priscilla Shipley +Sep 10, 2023

Irina Jackson

Valentina

Natalya Slusar Nosa & family

Cor Brevet Delabruinene

son-in-law & daughter Thaddeus & Jacqui Wojcik

Rodney Lake + May 20, 2021.

Manya & family

Paul Prybyla. +Jan, 10, 2021

Nicholas Vasiliev Davidovich, +October 12, 2022

daughter Nancy Smollen

Barbara Johnson

daughter Milena; family

Stanislava

wife Kaye Rassam, son Fr Yousuf Rassam, daughter Najma Fowner & family

Hormuzd (Emmanuel) Rassam, + Dec 21, 2022.

Konstantin, Taissia, Vladimir, Ioann Kremenetsky

Nun Seraphima (Anna Kremenetskaya)

Nun Nonna (Verna Harrison)

Igor

Lola Macrina

Tamara, Christina, Michael, Anne & family

Edward Michael & Joan Sutyak

daughters Laura & Carol, & family

Leon & Claudine Snyder

Boris

Dmitri

Mitred Archpriest Ian & Matka. Nina MacKinnon, DOW

David

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

Deacon Hennok Soot, Matushka Mariamna Soot,

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

Alla Slobdoskaya

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

+ Raissa Dulian

Anne Lewandowski

+Margarita Maximova

Marina, Alexandra, Petr, Boris, Tatiana.

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