

## E-Bulletin - St Innocent Orthodox Church

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September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Today's commemorated feasts and saints:

14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Ven. Kyriakos the Anchorite (556). Martyrs Dadas, Gabdelas, and Casdoë (Casdoa) of Persia (4th c.). Ven. Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza.



~~ The Virgin Mary greets St. Elizabeth ~~

CHRISTIAN  
FRIENDSHIP



**“BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS . . .”**



**F**riendships are special relationships. We confide in our friends . . . we trust them with our innermost secrets and sometimes trust them with our very lives. We share our joys and our sorrows with them. We know we can always turn to them in time of need, and we are always available to help out if the situation is reversed. Anyone with a TRUE friend is, indeed, a fortunate person.

It is no wonder, then, that Christ speaks about friends in a very beautiful manner in His Farewell Discourse to His Apostles on the night of His Passion. “But I have called you friends, for all things I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:15) What an honor it was for them to be referred to by Jesus as His “friends!” Yes, Christ would always be their Master, but because of their great love for Him and their willingness to obey Him, an unbreakable bond formed between them.

It is important for us to note that we, too, can be numbered among God’s friends. He tells us exactly what we must do if we want to foster this type of relationship with Him: “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.” (John 15:14) Being a friend of God requires commitment and dedication. Being His friend calls for sacrifice on our part. Being His friend may even cause us to lose the friendship of others, who are not willing or not able to commend their life totally to the Lord.

Christ has asked us for our loyalty. Like the Apostles and all the saints, we, too, can share in the eternal glory of the kingdom of heaven.

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**SCHEDULE ALL SERVICES LIVE STREAMED.**

**Matins Gospel:** Mark 16: 9 – 20 (*3<sup>rd</sup> Matins Gospel*)

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

**Reader:** James

**Today** 9:30 am Liturgy  
Wednesday 6:30 pm Moleben with Akathist of Protection  
Saturday 3:30 pm Confessions  
4:30 pm Vespers at St Michael’s on Vanowen.

**Sunday** 9:30 am Liturgy

**Next Week’s Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 **Gospel:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

(*St Innocent*) Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16

**Reader:** Matthew

**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 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.

### 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.	

**Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos** is on Tuesday. The feast will be observed with the Akathist for the Protection on Wednesday

**Feast of St Innocent of Alaska, next Sunday.**

**Friends of the Monastery of St Barbara** meeting today. Fr. Thomas Miller will speak on “The Centrality of the Cross in the Gospel of John” at 4:00 pm, followed by Vespers & potluck.

**Consecration of St Michael Antiochian Church**, 16643 Vanowen St, Van Nuys, CA 91406. Next weekend. We will join them for Vespers at 4:30 pm. Anyone who wishes to behold the consecration will join them for Matins at 8:15 am and the consecration at 9:00 am next Sunday. We express great joy at this milestone for our sister community. Confessions will be available here at 3:30 pm.

**Adult Education** will take place Wednesday after the Moleben.

**Lectionary.** The Church Lectionary is reading 2 Corinthians and Matthew.

**Coffee Hour, This Week:** - **Next Week:** Stere & Maria

### 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, Ven Kyriakus - Tone 1

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, / thou wast shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Kyriakus. / 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 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, Ven Kyriakus - Tone 8

The sacred Lavra honors thee as a mighty champion and helper, / and yearly celebrates thy memory. / As thou hast boldness before the Lord: preserve us from our enemies // so that we may sing: “Rejoice, thrice-blessed Kyriacus!”

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

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 Himer; 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, Katherine Turnbull,

Gayle Anne; Lana,

Our Parish

Jelica, Zharko

Darka, Ilija & Jovanna

Lea Ann (Leah) Bochnak

Laura Bochnak

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 Caratás

Mary, George Laurentiu, cancer treatment.

Florentina

Barbara, Steve

Scott & the Thompson family

Angela Apostal

Constantine Apostol

Yekaterina

Lydia

Hieromonk Ambrose (Young), Nicholas Juried & Amy. Archpriest 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:**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Newly Departed Igumen Leonty (Arrowsmith), + Aug 29, 2024  
St Tikhon Monastery, DoW  
Newly Departed Archpriest Alexander Stavrinides, + Aug 24, 2024  
St George Orthodox Church, Hesperia CA, DoW  
Newly Departed Protodeacon Arkady Voloschuk, +Sep 15, 2024  
HVM cathedral, OCA DoW  
Newly Departed Rassophore Monk Valentine, +Sep 20, 2024  
DoW, St John Monastery, Manton  
Newly Departed Yekaterina  
Newly Departed Valentin  
Newly Departed Valio, + July 19, 2024  
Tanya  
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  
Matushka Tresja Denysenko  
Deacon Nicholas & Sofia Denysenko & family  
Sep 29: Archpriest Peter Semashko, 1934; Matka. Anna Chaly, 1966; Archpriest George Yankevich, 1972; Priest Athanasius Shaw, 2018;  
Deacon Gregory Jewett, 2019.  
OCA  
Judith  
Julia Azrael  
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  
daughter Nancy Smollen  
Barbara Johnson  
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  
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