



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

*30th Sunday after Pentecost,
Venerable Paul of Thebes/John "the Hut-Dweller"*



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 5 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

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.

Tone 4 Troparion * (*for SS Paul and John*)

O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Thy mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace
through the prayers of venerable Paul and John!

Tone 5 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

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!

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Venerable John "the Hut-Dweller"*)

Longing for poverty in imitation of Christ,
thou didst abandon thy parents' wealth, wise Father John;
grasping the Gospel in thy hands, thou didst follow Christ God,
unceasingly praying for us all.

Tone 3 Kontakion (*Venerable Paul of Thebes*)

Today we gather and praise thee with hymns
as an unwaning ray of the spiritual Sun;
for thou dost shine on those in the darkness of ignorance,

leading all ^mankind to the heights,
venerable Paul, adornment of Thebes and firm foundation of the fathers
and ascetics.

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16

¹²Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. ¹⁴But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

¹⁸Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. ²⁰You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' " ²¹And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." ²²So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²³But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. ²⁴And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

METROPOLITAN ANTHONY OF SOUROZH

If you wish to have eternal life, keep the Commandments. The Commandments of God are not only rules of behaviour (although, of course they are such), but as one of the Psalms puts it, should be in our inmost hearts. It should be from the depths of our heart that we accomplish the Commandments: not because we are commanded from outside, but because they have reached us with the ring of truth; not because God has spoken, but

because with all our being we have answered "Amen!" This is true, this is life, this is the way into eternal life.

When we hear Christ mentioning these Commandments – where are we? Who of us can say that he was faithful to every word of this short list that indicates that without which we cannot live? Where do we stand? I, who am preaching, you who are hearing, because it is as responsible to hear as it is to speak. How often do we think – as this young man, and with how little reason – that we want perfection? We want perfection without having first trod the road of the Commandments.

Many Years!

Birthdays 14 Esme San Bonaventura
 17 Peter Hintermaier

Anniversaries 12--Ray and Patti Lanier

Announcements for Sunday, January 15, 2017

- Please take the time to fill out the house blessing email or form.
- The Parish Council is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 19th at 7pm.
- Next Saturday house blessings in Macon. I will be emailing those who signed up to give an approximate time.
- Next Sunday we will have a Baptismal Liturgy for Nicholas Curington. The prayers of exorcism will begin at 9:45am.

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall