



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Sunday, January 8, 29th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday after the Theophany*



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 4 **Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 1 **Troparion of the Feast**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,
and called Thee His beloved Son;
and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself //
and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 **Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

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!

Tone 4 **Kontakion of the Feast**

Today Thou hast shone forth to the word, O Lord,
and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us.
Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises:
“Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, //
O unapproachable Light.”

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Sunday after Theophany)

⁷But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." ⁹(Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) ¹¹And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 (Sunday after Theophany)

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: ¹⁶The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Many Years!

Birthdays 6--Jerome Alexander
 6--Olga Uchakin

Anniversaries 12--Ray and Patti Lanier

Announcements for Sunday, January 8, 2017

- Today, after the Divine Liturgy, the plan is to process to Amerson River Park for the Blessing of the Waters service there followed by food and fellowship. Directions were emailed out and there are printed copies in the narthex.
- Our Bishop will be in Atlanta this Tuesday and Wednesday. Seminarian Dn. Seth Earl will be ordained to the Priesthood on Tuesday, January 10th. The ordination will take place during the Divine Liturgy on the feast of St Gregory of Nyssa at 9:30 am, at St. John the Wonderworker in Atlanta, Ga.
- On Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm we will meet at Jessica's place for the Book Club.
- A house blessing email was sent out. For those of you who do not do email there is a signup sheet in the parish hall.
- Next Saturday we will have a Church cleanup at 10am.

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