



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

November 19, 2017

**24th Sunday after Pentecost/ Prophet Obadiah, Martyr
Barlaam**



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 7 **Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Tone 2 **Troparion** (*for Prophet Obadiah*)

We celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Obadiah, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee: "Save our souls!"

Tone 4 **Troparion** (*for Martyr Barlaam*)

Armed with youthful fervor, Thou didst endure martyrdom in old age and glorified Christ. Thou didst offer Him thy right hand as a whole burnt offering and thy holy soul as a blameless sacrifice. Intercede that all that be granted forgiveness, Great-martyr Barlaam!

Tone 7 **Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 1 **Kontakion** (*Prophet Obadiah*)

The great Obadiah, acquiring a mind luminous with divine splendor, speaks through the Holy Spirit, proclaiming things to come. Today we honor him with faithful minds, // celebrating his holy memory which enlightens the hearts of men.

Tone 3 Kontakion (*Martyr Barlaam*)

Though weak with old age thou didst vanquish the Evil One in thy mighty contest, O Barlaam. Thou didst endure the rack like one without a body, and steadfastly endured the burning of thy hand. Therefore, God the Word has crowned thee with a crown of glory.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

¹⁴For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, ¹⁶and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

¹⁶Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' ¹⁸So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.'¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.'" ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night

your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’

²¹ “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Announcements for Sunday, November 19, 2017:

- The Nativity Fast starts this Wednesday. The Orthodox Christian practice is to abstain from meat and dairy from the 15th to the feast of Nativity.
- Fr. Theophan will be out of town visiting family for the week of Thanksgiving.
- On Sunday, Nov 26 we will have a Baptismal Liturgy.
- The Prayer Group Paraklesis will be served on Tuesday, the 28th at 6pm.
- Confessions are heard every Saturday before Great Vespers between 5 pm and 6pm or before Sunday Liturgy between 9:15- 9:40am. There is no need to schedule an appointment unless it is outside of the above times.

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 at St. Veronica’s Hall!