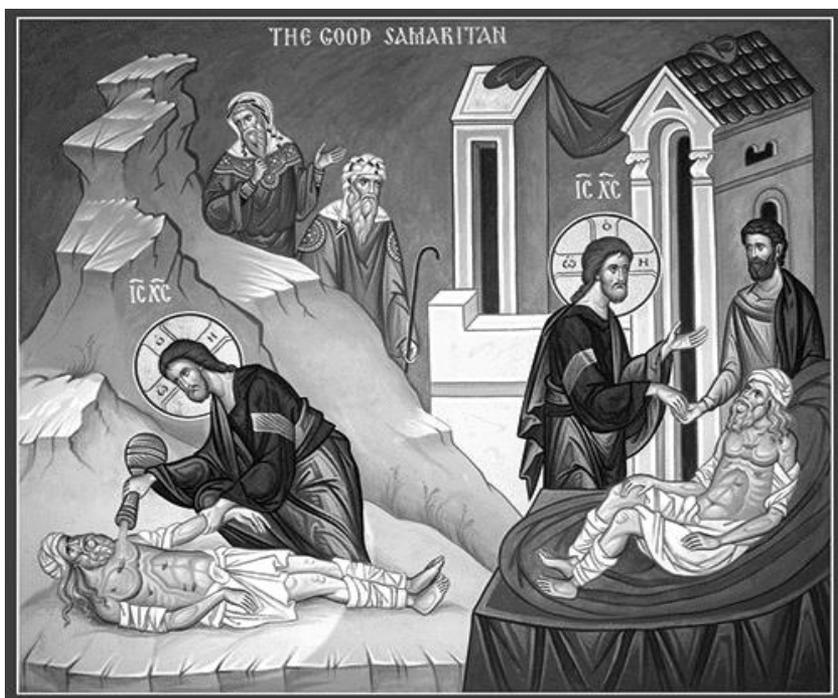




SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

November 12, 2017

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost /St John the Merciful, Patriarch
of Constantinople/ Venerable Nilus the Faster, of Sinai**



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You took hell captive,// not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 8 Troparion (*St John the Merciful*)

By endurance you gained your reward, venerable Father; you persevered in prayer unceasingly; you loved the poor and provided for them in all things. Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 8 Troparion (*Venerable Nilus*)

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illuminated the whole universe. Our Father Nilus, pray to Christ God to save our souls.!

Tone 6 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race.// He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kontakion (*St John the Merciful*)

You distributed your wealth to the poor and in return obtained wealth from heaven, John the Merciful. Therefore, we honor you and celebrate your memory, O namesake of mercy.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Venerable Nilus*)

By your vigilant prayer you cut away the undergrowth of the body's insurgent passions. As you have boldness before the Lord, free me from every danger so that I may cry to you: "Rejoice, universal father Nilus!"

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" ²⁷So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, 'and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"²⁸And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."²⁹But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' ³⁶So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"³⁷And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Many Years!

Birthdays	7	Mariana Turner Jacob Turner
	14	Elena Hintermaier
Anniversary	14	Mose and Nikki Williams

Announcements for Sunday, November 12, 2017:

- This Sunday we will have an informal parish update immediately after Liturgy. The Annual Meeting has been moved to January.
- This Sunday, at 6pm our choir will participate in Choir Fest at First Baptist Church in Forsyth. Come and support our choir!
- 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.
- The parish council is scheduled to meet on the 16th at 7pm. We are meeting at Fr. Theophan's house @ 4661 N. Beechwood Drive.

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!