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# SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**December 3, 2017**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Prophet Zephaniah**



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## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 1      Troparion**    (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy Kingdom! //

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!”

### **Tone 2      Troparion**    (*Prophet Zephaniah*)

We celebrate the memory  
of Thy prophet Zephaniah, O Lord;  
through him we beseech Thee:

“Save our souls!”

### **Tone 1      Kontakion**    (*Resurrection*)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to  
Thee: //

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### **Tone 4      Kontakion**    (*Prophet Zephaniah*)

Thou hast been revealed by the Spirit of God to be brilliant, O  
Prophet

Zephaniah,

for thou didst proclaim the coming of God:

“Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!

Proclaim Him, O Jerusalem! //

Behold, your King is coming to save mankind!”

***Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19***

<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), <sup>10</sup> finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. <sup>14</sup> Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." <sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

***Gospel: Luke 18:18-27***

<sup>18</sup> Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' " <sup>21</sup> And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." <sup>22</sup> So 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." <sup>23</sup> But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. <sup>24</sup> And 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! <sup>25</sup> For 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." <sup>26</sup> And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

*Many Years!*

Birthdays	5	Diane Dorogy
	6	Leah Hough Michael Muth
	9	Diana Stephens Henry Gordy

*Announcements for Sunday, December 3, 2017:*

- This Wednesday at 6pm we will serve the Akathist to St. Nicholas.
- Our typical "Lenten Class" has been moved to Wednesday evenings at 7pm. This series focuses on the Nativity narratives in the New Testament.
- If you have any agenda items you would like added to our Annual Meeting in January please get them in, in the next few weeks.
- 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!