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# SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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January 14, 2018

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Leavetaking of the  
Theophany/ St Nina, Enlightener of Georgia/Holy  
Fathers slain at Sinai



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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 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 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 4      Kontakion of the Feast**

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, 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.”

***Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17***

<sup>15</sup>This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. <sup>16</sup>However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Gospel: Luke 18:35-43***

<sup>35</sup>Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. <sup>37</sup>So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup>Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup>So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, <sup>41</sup>saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." <sup>42</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup>And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

*"O God, do not leave me. I have done nothing good in Your sight, but according to Your goodness, let me now make a beginning of good."*

Abba Arsenius (The Sayings of the Desert Fathers; Cistercian Publications pg. 9).

***Many Years!***

Birthdays	14	Esmé San Bonaventura
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***Announcements for Sunday, January 14, 2018:***

- The Parish Council is scheduled to meet on January 18 at 7 p.m.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be on January 28 after the liturgy.
- We have just begun a new series of Catechism classes, *Exploring the Orthodox Faith*. We meet every Saturday after Vespers. All are welcome.
- We have also begun a new bible study class that meets every Wednesday after Vespers.
- 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!