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# SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**March 25, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent:**

**St. Mary of Egypt / Annunciation of our Most-Holy  
Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**



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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 4            Troparion            (Annunciation)**

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery! The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, // the Lord is with thee!

### **Tone 8            Kontakion            (Annunciation)**

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We thy servants, delivered from evil sing our grateful thanks to thee, O Theotokos. As thou dost possess invincible might, set us free from every calamity so that we may sing: “Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!”

## *Epistle and Gospel Readings*

### *Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14*

<sup>11</sup> But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come,<sup>[a]</sup> with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. <sup>12</sup> Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

### *Epistle: 2:11-18 (feast)*

<sup>11</sup> For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, <sup>12</sup> saying: “I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.” <sup>13</sup> And again: “I will put My trust in Him.” And again: “Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.” <sup>14</sup> Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death

He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,<sup>15</sup> and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.<sup>16</sup> For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.<sup>17</sup> Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.<sup>18</sup> For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

*Gospel: Mark 10:32-45*

*Gospel: Luke 1: 24-38 (feast)*

<sup>24</sup> Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, <sup>25</sup> "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people." Christ's Birth Announced to Mary <sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" <sup>29</sup> But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing will be impossible." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## *Many Years!*

**Birthdays**                      30        Joan Cabral

### *Announcements for Sunday, March 25, 2018:*

- Upcoming Lenten Services:
  - Wednesday, March 28
    - **6:30 p.m.** - Presanctified Liturgy
  - Friday, March 30
    - **6:00 p.m.** - Matins for Lazarus Saturday
  - Saturday, March 31
    - **10:00 a.m.** - Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
    - **6:00 p.m.** - Vigil for Palm Sunday
  - Sunday, April 1
    - **10:00 a.m.** - Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday with procession
- One of the most important aspects of our Lenten journey is the Sacrament of Penance. This is the season of repentance and therefore every Orthodox Christian should prepare to make a good confession during these days. Please make every effort to come to confession before March 31 - Lazarus Saturday. Procrastination is not a virtue.
- Confessions may be heard before or after the weekday Lenten services, on Saturday evenings between 5pm-6pm before Great Vespers, on Sunday mornings between 9am-9:30am, or at another time by appointment.

*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!