



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

September 2, 2018
14th Sunday after Pentecost/ Martyr Mamas/ St.
John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 5 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion (*Martyr Mamas*)

Thy holy martyr Mamas, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons./ / Through his intercessions save our souls!

Tone 4 Troparion (*St John the Faster*)

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; thy humility exalted thee; thy poverty enriched thee. Hierarch Father John, entreat Christ our God// that our souls may be saved!

Tone 5 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Tone 3 Kontakion (*Martyr Mamas*)

Holy Mamas, lead thy people as a flock to life-giving pastures with the staff God has given thee; crush the invisible and fierce enemies beneath the feet of those who honor thee! For all of those who are in danger // have received thee as their fervent intercessor.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, ²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. ²³ Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. ²⁴ Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. ¹ But I determined this within myself, that I would

not come again to you in sorrow. ²For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? ³And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. ⁴For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Epistle: Matthew 22:1-14

¹And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, ³and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. ⁴Again, he sent out other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.” ⁵But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. ⁷But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.” ¹⁰So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ¹²So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Many Years!

Anniversaries	1	Chris & Sandi Wilcox
Birthdays	3	Colin Croft Elena Duran

Nichole Lawrence

Announcements for Sunday, September 2, 2018:

- The Everyday Orthodoxy class will meet this Sunday at 12:30 pm.
- Saturday, September 8, is the Nativity of the Theotokos. We will have Great Vespers at 6 pm on Friday and Divine Liturgy on Saturday at 9am.
- Next Sunday we will an Altar server workshop for all the new servers instead of the Everyday Orthodoxy Class.
- We will be beginning the Church School year Saturday, September 15th at 4 PM. Here are a few exciting things that will be unique about Church School this year at St. Innocent.
 - Church School will meet once a month on a Saturday.
 - While the youth are being taught there will also be fellowship and education provided for the adults. Currently, Mark Dorogy is planning a series of discussions on the Christian life.
 - Church School, for adults and youth, will be from 4-5:30 PM.
 - We encourage families to stay for Great Vespers.
 - After Vespers we will have food and fellowship in the parish hall to end the night.
- A registration form for the children will be emailed. A Realm registration link will also be sent out to the community.

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 in the Parish Hall!