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# SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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September 9, 2018

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Afterfeast of the  
Nativity of the Theotokos/ Sunday before the  
Elevation of the Cross / Holy and Righteous  
Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna**



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## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 6      Troparion      (*Resurrection*)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

### **Tone 4      Troparion      (*Nativity of the Theotokos*)**

Thy nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from thee, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing.// By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

### **Tone 1      Troparion      (*Joachim and Anna*)**

Since ye were righteous under the law of grace, O Joachim and Anna, ye gave birth to the God-given infant for our sake. Therefore, the divine Church radiantly keeps feast today, Joyfully celebrating thine honorable memory and giving glory to God.// Who has raised up a horn of salvation from the house of David.

### **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      (*Joachim and Anna*)**

Anna is now no longer barren and nurses the all-pure one. She rejoices and calls us all to sing a hymn of praise to Christ.// Who from her womb gave mankind the only Ever-virgin Mother.

### **Tone 4      Kontakion      (*Nativity of the Theotokos*)**

By thy nativity, most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve – from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee:// “The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.”

## *Epistle and Gospel Readings*

*Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday before the Elevation)*

*Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15*

<sup>6</sup>For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— <sup>10</sup>always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. <sup>11</sup>For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So then death is working in us, but life in you. <sup>13</sup>And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. <sup>15</sup>For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

*Gospel: John 3:13-17 (Sunday before the Elevation)*

*Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46*

<sup>35</sup>Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." <sup>41</sup>While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup>saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." <sup>43</sup>He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: <sup>44</sup>'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" ' ? <sup>45</sup>If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" <sup>46</sup>And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

## *Many Years!*

Birthdays	12	Mariana Munteanu
	14	Nicholai Uchakin

## *Announcements for Sunday, September 9, 2018:*

- After Liturgy today, we will have an altar server workshop for all the new servers instead of the Everyday Orthodoxy Class.
- Services for Feast of the Elevation of the Cross:
  - Thursday, September 13: Vigil at 6:00 p.m. *at St. Innocent.*
  - Friday, September 14: Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. *at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church* (Orthros at 9:00 a.m.).
- We will be beginning the Church School year next Saturday, September 15th at 4-5:30 pm. Here are a few exciting things that will be unique about Church School this year at St. Innocent.
  - 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.
  - We encourage families to stay for Great Vespers.
  - After Vespers we will have food and fellowship in the parish hall to end the night.
  - Please complete the registration form sent out by email or Realm

*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!*