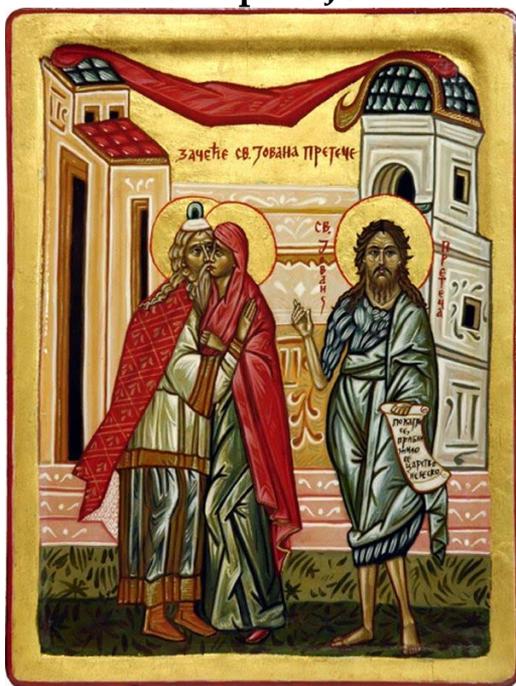




SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

September 23, 2018
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Conception of the Glorious Prophet, Forerunner
and Baptist John



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion (Conception of John the Baptist)

Rejoice, O barren one, who formerly didst not bear a child, for thou hast conceived the Lamp of the Sun, Who is to illumine the whole universe darkened by blindness! Rejoice, O Zachariah, and cry out with boldness:// "The Prophet of the Most High desires to be born!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 1 Kontakion (Conception of John the Baptist)

Great Zachariah rejoices with his wife, the far-famed Elizabeth, for she has fittingly conceived John the Forerunner, whom an Angel announced in gladness; and whom we rightly honor// as an initiate of the grace of God.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle: Galatians 4:22-31 (St. John the Forerunner)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

¹⁷ Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." ¹⁸ "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty." ¹ Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Gospel: Luke 1:5-25 (St. John the Forerunner)

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both

righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.⁸ So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division,⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.¹² And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.¹⁷ He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you ^{to} these glad tidings.²⁰ But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."²¹ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.²² But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.²³ So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house.²⁴ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying,²⁵ "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

¹So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." ¹¹ So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Many Years!

Anniversaries	25	Bryan & Juliana Gordy
Birthdays	25	Jerome Gratigny
	27	Bryan Gordy
	29	James Olson Marie Brown

Announcements for Sunday, September 23, 2018:

- The *Everyday Orthodoxy* class meets on Sundays at 12:30 after the liturgy.
- Christopher Mareska and Elena Duran will be united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 29 at 2:00 pm at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church.

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!