

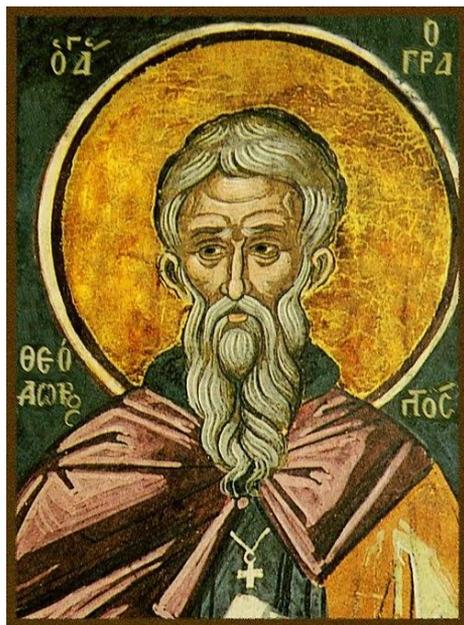


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# SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**November 11, 2018**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/  
Martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent/  
Martyr Stephanida of Spain/Venerable Theodore  
the Confessor**



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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 4      Troparion      (*for the Martyrs*)**

Thy holy martyrs Menas, Victor, Vincent, and Stephanida, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

### **Tone 8      Troparion      (*Venerable Theodore*)**

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, enlightener of the universe and adornment of hierarchs: all-wise Father Theodore, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.// Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

### **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 8      Kontakion      (*for the Martyrs*)**

Today the Church honors those who fought the good fight and died for their faith: the victorious Menas, the noble Victor, and the ascetic Vincent. The Church glorifies their divine struggle and cries out with love: "Glory to Thee, O Christ, Lover of mankind!"

### **Tone 2      Kontakion      (*Venerable Theodore*)**

Thine ascetic life, equal to an Angel's, made thee radiant through thy athlete's contest; blessed by God, O Theodore, though didst become a companion of the Angels, with whom thou dost unceasingly intercede for us all.

## *Epistle and Gospel Readings*

### ***Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22***

<sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, <sup>15</sup> having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. <sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### ***Gospel: Luke 10:25-37***

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" <sup>27</sup> So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' " <sup>28</sup> And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal,

brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>On the next day, <sup>35</sup>when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' <sup>36</sup>So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" <sup>37</sup>And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## *Many Years!*

Anniversaries	14	Mose and Nikki Williams
Birthdays	14	Elena Hintermaier

## *Announcements for Sunday, November 11, 2018:*

- We thank all the Veterans for their service to our country.
- We will have a Marriage Blessing Service for Mark and Sandra Olson after the Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.
- On Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm, Dr. Gary Cox will present his second lecture, *From Christ to Constantine*, an examination of the first 300 years of Christian history from an Eastern perspective. The event is free of charge and all are welcome. There will be light refreshments.
- We will be setting up for the Tuesday lecture today after coffee hour.
- The Nativity Fast begins on Thursday, November 14.
- Confessions are heard either before or after any church service and on Sundays from 9:20-9:40am.

*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!**