

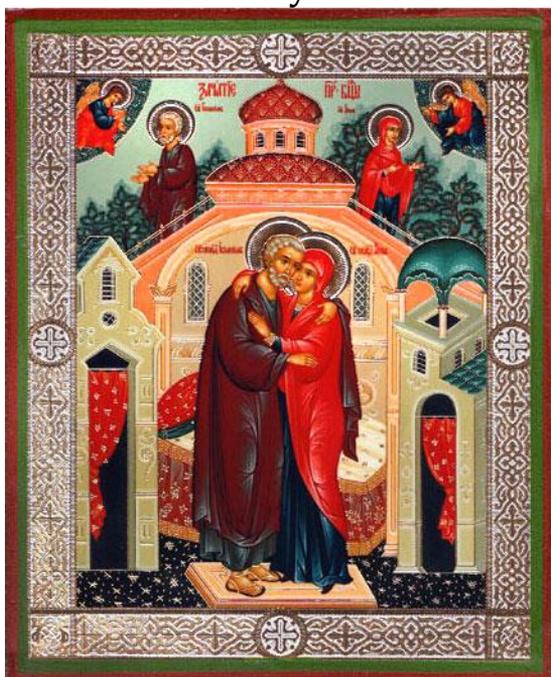


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# SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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December 9, 2018  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/  
Conception by Righteous Ann of  
the Most-Holy Theotokos



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## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 3            Troparion            (*Resurrection*)**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

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

Today the bonds of barrenness are broken: God has heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna. He has promised them beyond all their hopes to bear the Maiden of God, by whom the Uncircumscribed One was born as a mortal Man; He commanded an angel to cry to her: "Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, // the Lord is with thee!"

### **Tone 3            Kontakion            (*Resurrection*)**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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

Today the universe rejoices, for Anna has conceived the Theotokos through God's dispensation, // for she has brought forth the one who is to bear the ineffable Word.

## *Epistle and Gospel Readings*

### *Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18 (Sunday)*

<sup>12</sup> [G]iving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

### *Epistle: Galatians 4:22-31 (Conception of the Theotokos)*

***Gospel: Luke 17:12-19 (Sunday)***

<sup>12</sup> Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. <sup>13</sup> And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, <sup>16</sup> and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

***Gospel: Luke 8:16-21 (Conception of the Theotokos)***

NATIVITY CHARITY PROJECT



During the Nativity fast, we will be raising funds to support Jay's Hope [www.jayshope.org](http://www.jayshope.org). Please visit their website for more information about their services and programs. Our goal over the fast is to raise \$750.00. You may give by Check or Cash make sure it is clear that you are donating to our Nativity Charity Project. You can also donate digitally through Realm. by following this link <https://onrealm.org/siocmacon/Give/KURTUWVNX>.

"At Jay's HOPE, we are blessed to be called to stand in the gap with our local families as they battle childhood cancer. Our mission is to improve their quality-of-life by extending HOPE through social, emotional, spiritual, financial and education support."

***Many Years!***

Birthdays	9	Diana Grace Stephens Izzy Magnusson Plato Powers
	11	Pauline Magnusson Landon Williams
	14	Aidan Hintermaier

*Announcements for Sunday, December 2, 2018:*

- The Parish Council will meet on Thursday December 13 at **7pm** in the Parish Hall.
- Charity Group/Committee - We are looking for a couple volunteers to be a part of our Charity group (or committee). This is a budding ministry and an opportunity to share your gifts and talents in its growth, as we collectively give alms. Please contact Father or Mark Olsen if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you!
- Confessions are heard either before or after any church service and on Sundays from **9:20-9:40am**.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK:**

- Wednesday December 12 - **6pm**, Great Vespers for St. Herman's Feast Day.
- Thursday, December 13 - **9am**, Divine Liturgy for St. Herman's Feast Day.

*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!