



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

December 16, 2018
29th Sunday after Pentecost/ Sunday of the Holy
Forefathers / Prophet Haggai



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 4 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 2 Troparion (*Forefathers*)

Through faith Thou didst justify the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore Thee without seed.// So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Tone 6 Kontakion (*Forefathers*)

Ye did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, ye were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames ye called on God, crying: "Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid,// for Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou dost will!"

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

⁴When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. ⁸But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

¹⁶Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, ¹⁷and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' ¹⁸But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a

piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' ¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' ²⁰ Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the lmaimed and the lame and the blind.' ²² And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' ²³ Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

NATIVITY CHARITY PROJECT



During the Nativity fast, we will be raising funds to support Jay's Hope 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	18	Muryah Scouten
	21	Ray Lanier

Announcements for Sunday, December 16, 2018:

- The *Everyday Orthodoxy* class will meet at **12:30pm** after Coffee Hour.
- We will serve the Nativity Paraklesis service on Wednesday, December 19 at **6pm**.
- 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!