
SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR



What we value

One of the problems we have as fallen human beings is that our stated values often do not align with our actions. This happens because we do not see ourselves clearly and often treat our good intentions as though they are good actions. Beliefs produce actions. Our values, whether they are virtuous or not will always incarnate themselves.

So, what do you value? To be clear, I am not asking you what you “want to value,” what you “think you should value,” or how you “feel” about things. We often want to value things but wanting is only wishful thinking. There are many things we know that we are told we “should value” but this does not translate to action. Real values are the things we put energy and effort towards either directly or indirectly. To discover our real values we have to look at our actions in life. Where do we spend our time? What things do we put real effort

into? Where does our money go? Who gets our undivided attention? What is our life centered around? Take a look at your day to day life and see what you do and that will tell you what you really value. Try not to make excuses for yourself in what you see. Try to be cold and objective.

Taking a good look at your life can be painful and challenging. Often we can be quite delusional about ourselves and what we value. We often wear many masks to help us avoid seeing ourselves clearly. This is what makes self-reflection painful. We often find that not only do our stated values not align with who we want to be, but also that much of what we think about ourselves is false.

This month in the Everyday Orthodoxy class and in the PC we are having this same discussion. What does our parish value?

(Corporately) What do we value as a community? One distinction that is helpful is that we can have positive values and negative values. Positive values would be those things we do that align with who God wants us to be and become. For instance, at St. Innocent it is clear to me that we value beauty which is good! Negative values are those things that work against us and lead us away from our true purpose. I was joking to the class that one of the negative values that we share with most Orthodox Churches is the freedom to come to church late which is not so good.

This month we are also having our annual financial stewardship drive which is an opportunity for each of us to act on our values. Over the years people have been generous towards our church, thank God! Giving to our church is an expression of value whether it is a tithe, pledge, large donation or a widow's mite. But stewardship does not end with finances. The Church cannot live on money alone, The Church needs people to participate on every level by contributing their time and energy. In our Financial Stewardship Drive, you will see a quote that states:

Christian Stewardship is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work., for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church, and as Church universal.

As we look in the mirror to contemplate our values may God give us to the grace to embrace those things that align us with the Gospel and to renounce those things work against God's plan for our lives.

NEWS & UPDATES

- St. Innocent's Feast day is on the 6th of October. See calendar below.
- Family Church School will be on Saturday, October 13th at 4pm.
- If you use Kroger Card you can donate while you shop to our parish through the Kroger Community Rewards program. Our account number is SJ072.
- -See Calendar below for the schedule of services and happenings at St. Innocent Church. You can also find this calendar on our Google calendar, on our website.

MANY YEARS!

Birthdays

1 Patti Lanier

7 Tommy Bunch

11 Linda Tutcher

12 Ephraim Hough

14 Victoria Malcoci

15 Andrew Marble

21 Juliana Gordy

22 Chris Wilcox

22 Alexander Duran

23 David Sauls

23 Sarah Marble

24 Gloria Dixon

Anniversarie

11 Andrew & Kimberly Lloyd

BOOK CLUB

Book Club resumes Thursday, October 11th at 6:30 PM at Taste & See Coffee located at 546 Poplar Street in downtown Macon. We are reading Indication of the Way Into the Kingdom of Heaven by St. Innocent of Alaska, which is available in our bookstore for \$9.95. All are welcome.

MEN'S RETREAT

On Saturday, November 3rd from 10-4pm we will hold our annual Men's Retreat at the Dorogy Farm.

October 2018



Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

Family Church School!

Saturday, October 13TH

4 PM

Here are a few exciting things that will be unique about Church School this year at St. Innocent.

- + Church School will meet once a month on a Saturday.
- + 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.
- + Church School, for adults and youth, will be from 4-5:30 PM.
- + We encourage families to stay for Great Vespers.
- + After Vespers we have food and fellowship in the parish hall to end the night.

Please take the time to register on Realm or through our online registration form.

See you there

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Save the Date and Invite people!

A mosaic featuring two figures. On the left is Jesus Christ with a beard and long hair, wearing a dark robe, set against a golden background with a circular halo. On the right is Emperor Constantine, wearing a crown and ornate, jeweled robes, also with a golden background and a circular halo. The entire mosaic is framed by a red border.

November 6th & 13th @ 7pm
From Christ to Constantine
with Dr. Gary Cox
All are Welcome!
ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH
7301 RIVOLI RD. MACON, GA 31220 WWW.ST-INNOCENT.ORG

*Dayspring from the East: The Church from Christ to
Constantine.*

*An examination of the first 300 years of Christian history
from an eastern perspective.*

*This event is free of charge. There will be
light refreshments. All are welcome.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9am Morning Prayers 8pm OCF Milledgeville	6pm Daily Vespers	9am Morning Prayers 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry	Connect Conference in ATL 6pm Great Vespers with Litya for St Innocent's Feast day	10am Divine Liturgy 5pm Confession 6pm Great Vespers
7	8 <i>Columbus Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13
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