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# SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**March 17, 2019**  
**First Sunday of Great Lent**  
**Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
**Venerable Alexius, the Man of God**



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## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 1      Troparion      (*Resurrection*)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!”

### **Tone 2      Troparion      (*Sunday of Orthodoxy*)**

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: “Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,// for Thou alone hast come to save the world.”

### **Tone 8      Kontakion      (*from the Lenten Triodion*)**

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty.// We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

## *Epistle and Gospel Readings*

### *Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2*

<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup> esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David

and Samuel and the prophets: Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,<sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

***Gospel: John 1:43-51***

<sup>43</sup>The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter<sup>[a]</sup> you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**Many Years!**

Birthdays	19	Thomas Kehayes
	22	Eliza Buck
Anniversaries	19	Gary and Dora Cox

*Announcements for Sunday, March 17, 2019:*

- **Icon Blessing and Procession:** After the Divine Liturgy, there will be a general blessing of icons along with an icon procession. Please bring any icons you would like blessed.
- **Presanctified Liturgy:** Wednesday, March 20 at **6:30 pm**.
- **Lenten Retreat:** Part 1 of our Lenten Retreat will be on Saturday, March 23 at **3:30 pm** (followed by Great Vespers) and part 2 will be on Sunday, March 24 at **12:15 pm** during Coffee Hour. There will be a free will offering.

*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!