
ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR



Report from our Church Warden

By Molly Croft

This past year has been an eventful and a very busy year for the members of our parish council! For anyone who may not know, the parish council is made up of five parish members plus our priest, Fr .Theophan. The people currently serving on parish council are Diane Dorogy (treasurer), Jessica Ennis (secretary), Tony Paglieri, Eric Olson, and myself. I've been serving as president for the last two years. We meet once a month, usually on the third Thursday, at 7 pm in the parish hall. We consider and vote on a variety of matters, from the everyday stuff to the more exciting and even terrifying things, like deciding to take out a bank loan and begin a major building campaign for a new parish hall!

During the past couple of years, many of our meetings have gone somewhat longer than in the past, because we've had a lot on our agenda (literally!), mostly due to the construction of the parish hall, its furnishing, the landscaping of our property, and the plans for the cemetery. As we have watched the steady progress of the construction of the parish hall these last few months, we've been very aware of the Lord's guiding hand during every phase of the building project. The Lord has provided! We are grateful for His mercy, His protection and His provision. We are also grateful to you, the faithful members of our parish, who have so generously contributed towards this building project, while continuing to faithfully support our church community through your regular tithes and offerings. In so doing, you have played a major role in providing this beautiful space in which to fellowship and to offer hospitality to the surrounding community.

In recent months, the parish council and Father Theophan have begun talking about and drafting a mission statement for our parish, which we feel will serve to define our faith community's purpose and future direction. As a group, we have a strong sense that, with the completion of the new parish hall, God is preparing us for a new phase in the life of our parish. We see the new parish hall as both a place where our faithful will be ministered to, but also as an "outreach headquarters", where we will be able to offer hospitality to those outside our parish who need to hear the Gospel and who need the ministry of the Body of Christ here at St. Innocent. The Lord has seen fit to send into our midst people who are seeking Him and His Truth. This is an awesome responsibility that He has entrusted us with. Our prayer is that the body of believers here in our parish will continue to grow in faith, love and charity and that we will glorify God in all of our endeavors.

For some time, I've been waiting for a chance to say thanks to all of you, on behalf of everyone on the parish council. Please accept our heartfelt thanks to all of you who continually offer to the Lord the personal sacrifices of your time, your treasure and/or your talents to support the work of our church. To anyone and everyone who has ever dusted an icon stand, swept a floor, brought food to or washed dishes after coffee hour, bought or donated supplies, cleaned a bathroom, served in the altar, baked

prospora, polished a baptismal font, sponsored a catechumen, taught Sunday school (or church school), directed and/or sung in the choir, headed up a ministry, worked in a committee, served on the parish council as an officer or member, set up a bookstore, placed flowers in the church, filled out a pledge form, written a tithe check, welcomed a visitor, prayed for someone who is struggling, prayed for our priest and his family and for the spiritual health of our parish...well, I can't possibly name everything that you do! Again, for all that you've done and continue to do to contribute to the building up of the Body of Christ here at St. Innocent,



News and Announcements

- We now serve Matins every Sunday from 8:45-10am.
- Family Church School is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th @ 4pm.
- The Parish Council is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, Feb 13th at 7pm.
- Fr. Theophan will be at St. Mary of Egypt in Atlanta on Feb 19-21st for the DOS Pastoral Conference.
- Fr. Seraphim Aldea from the Mull Monastery in Scotland will be with us on Saturday, March 16th. Details to be announced.
- The Nun's from Saints Mary & Martha Monastery in Wagner SC, will be giving our annual Lenten Retreat this year which will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. Details to be announced.

Many Years!

Birthdays

- February 2 Loukas Wilcox
 5 Damond Bush
 11 John C. Savage
 12 Gary Cox
 13 Marianne Savage
 16 Carlos Lopes
 19 Sondra Franceil
 24 Don Eberhart

Anniversaries

- 9 Eric & Lee Olson
 10 Jerome and Diana Gratigny



We are looking for a person or a few good people to organize the two celebrations we have for Pascha. Typically we have a gathering at 2:30am after the Paschal Liturgy and another celebration at 2pm on Sunday after Agape Vespers. These events have been held before so the volunteer would not have to reinvent the wheel. This is what we are looking for:

- Pascha Night Celebration Coordinator - Someone to organize set up and cleanup of our party that immediately follows Paschal Liturgy.
- Pascha Party Coordinator - Someone to organize, set up and cleanup of our Pascha party that celebrated after Agape. This year we will have this celebration in our parish hall.

FOUR GOOD REASONS to attend Vespers

1. Its about as old school as you can get in the Church.
2. Can't be at church Sunday?
No problem!
See you Saturday.
3. "I really have to pray more."
OK. Here's your chance.
4. Bring a friend! Vespers is a great first time experience with Orthodox worship.



February 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 6pm Great Vespers w/Litya | 2 9am Divine Liturgy Meeting of Christ in the Temple 5pm Confession 6pm Great Vespers |
| 3 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape | 4 | 5 9am Morning Prayers | 6 6pm Daily Vespers | 7 9am Morning Prayers 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry | 8 | 9 4pm Family Church School 5pm Confession 6pm Great Vespers 7pm Fellowship |
| 10 Zachaeus Sunday 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape | 11 | 12 9am Morning Prayers | 13 6pm Daily Vespers | 14 9am Morning Prayers 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry | 15 | 16 5pm Confession 6pm Great Vespers |
| 17 Publi can & Pharisee 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape | 18 | 19 DOS Pastoral Conference | 20 No Fast DOS Pastoral Conference 6pm Readers Vespers | 21 DOS Pastoral Conference | 22 No Fast | 23 5pm Confession 6pm Great Vespers |
| 24 Prodigal Son 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape | 25 | 26 9am Morning Prayers | 27 6pm Daily Vespers | 28 9am Morning Prayers 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry | | |

Tentative March 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 Sunday of Last Judgment / Meattare 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape | 4 | 5 9am Morning Prayers | 6 6pm Daily Vespers | 7 9am Morning Prayers 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry | 8 6pm Memorial Saturday Vespers | 9 4pm Family Church School 6pm Great Vespers 7pm Fellowship |
| 10 Forgiveness Sunday/Cheesefare 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Forgiveness Vespers | 11 Great Lent Begins 6:30pm Great Compline with the Great Canon | 12 9am Morning Prayers 6:30pm Great Compline with the Great Canon | 13 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy | 14 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry 6:30pm Great Compline with the Great Canon | 15 6:30pm Small Compline | 16 4pm Fr. Seraphim Visit 6pm Great Vespers |
| 17 Sunday of Orthodoxy 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape | 18 | 19 9am Morning Prayers | 20 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy | 21 9am Morning Prayers 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry | 22 | 23 Lenten Retreat (TBA) 6pm Great Vespers |
| 24 St. Gregory Palamas 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape | 25 6:30pm Vespers Liturgy for the Annunciation of the Theotokos | 26 9am Morning Prayers | 27 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy | 28 9am Morning Prayers 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry | 29 | 30 5pm Confession 6pm Great Vespers |
| 31 Precious Cross 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape | | | | | | |