



SAINT INNOCENT

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

October 2019 Newsletter

News & Announcements

- Ronald McDonald House Charity: Thank you to all who donated items or money during our recent charity drive. Overall we collected over \$1,100. Thank you for your generosity!
- This month is pledge month for our 2020 budget at St. Innocent. Please take the time to prayerfully consider what you can contribute. The easiest way to pledge is through Realm. Alternatively, you are welcome to fill out our Financial Commitment form which will be sent out by email and printed. After you have filled it out either hand it directly to our Treasurer, Diane Dorogy, or place it in a sealed envelope labeled Attn: Treasurer and deposit it in the collection box in the narthex of the church by October 29, 2019.
- Family Church School will be on Saturday, October 12th at 4pm.
- On Wednesday, October 16th we will serve the Parakesis service instead of vespers.
- The Parish Council is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 16th at 7 pm.
- Please see the calendar below for our liturgical schedule.
- If you would like to partake of the Sacrament of Confession the best times



Pledging on Realm

On PC:

1. Sign into your personal Realm account.
2. Click on "Giving" tab on the left side of your screen.
3. At the top of the "Giving" page click the "Pledge" button.
4. The pledge page will come up.
5. Type in Pledge amount
6. Choose to pledge towards *Tithes & Offerings 01/01/2020 until 12/31/2020*
7. Choose the frequency you intend to fulfill your pledge and the dates you want your giving to start.
8. Press save. You have pledged!
9. When 2020 starts you can sign in and put your bank or credit card info into Realm and make your payments automatic if you like.

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On phone App:

1. Log on to your Realm App. You will have to have your user name and pass-code from the first time you signed into the Realm system online.
2. Click "Giving"
3. At the top there are two categories, Gifts and Pledges. Click "Pledges"
4. Click "Make a pledge" - this will take you to a webpage.
5. Follow steps 6-8 above.
6. Press Save. Your done!

What is Realm?

Realm is the parish management software we use at St. Innocent for parish communications, the parish directory, and finances. Please take the time to sign into realm and claim your profile. Update your information if needed. Realm can be used as a private online social network for the ministries of our church, as well as a tool to increase communication between the members of these groups and ministries. We pay for Realm, which means that it is secure. If you need help signing into Realm please let Fr. Theophan know.

Suffering in the Christian Tradition

Tuesday October 15th & 22nd

It is safe to say that every living person will suffer in this life. At the center of the Christian faith we are given Gospel of the "suffering servant," the innocent God/Man Jesus Christ who suffered and died for the sins of the world. As followers of Christ, we are called to take up our own crosses. How are we to understand human suffering? How can we find grace in the midst of our own personal sufferings? On Tuesday, October 15th and Tuesday the 22nd at 7pm Fr. Theophan Buck will be presenting on these topics. All are welcome. There will be light sweets and beverages and following the talks there will be a church tour for those interested.

If you are interested in helping with the lite deserts or beverage please speak with Molly Croft.

Please get the word out and invite people

Saturday October 19th

Choir Retreat

11am -6pm

We are always looking for more people to use their talents in fulfilling our vision of incarnating beauty into our services. If you can sing, if you desire to serve our church, if you have a love for music, we are looking for you, please come to this retreat.

Please let either Father or Mark know if you plan on attending.

At St. Innocent Church there has always been an emphasis on beauty and worshipping God "on Earth as it is in Heaven." Beauty, in the Christian sense of the word, draws people to Christ. One way the beauty of Heaven is conveyed in Orthodox churches is in the chant and choral singing that makes up most of our services. We thank God for the dedicated members of our choir who have made real the sense that Heaven and Earth have united in our worship of the Holy Trinity. On Saturday, October 19th we are having a choir retreat at St. Innocent. Alexander Fecanin, the choir director at St. Symeon in Birmingham, AL (who it could be argued has one of the best OCA choirs in the country) will be our retreat leader. This retreat is open to anyone who would be interested in joining our choir. The retreat will start at 11am and go through Vespers. Lunch will be provided and we plan on hosting our retreat leader after Vespers for dinner.

Men's Retreat

Saturday, October 26th

10am-4pm

It's that time of year again! On Saturday, October 26th we will hold our annual Men's retreat at the Dorogy farm. We will need a few things to make this retreat a success. If you have any questions, please coordinate with Mark Dorogy
Email: mdorogy@bellsouth.net

Cemetery Plots

We are now ready to sell cemetery plots at St. Innocent! If you are interested in purchasing a plot please speak to Eric Olson. The prices for plots are \$1,500 for members (as defined by our parish bylaws), and \$2,000 for non-members. If needed we can finance plot purchases.

Email: siocemetery@st-innocent.org

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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

Anniversaries

11 Andrew & Kimberly Lloyd

Archbishop Alexander visiting St. Innocent, November 2-3rd

St. Innocent will be hosting our Archbishop on Sat/Sunday, Nov 2/3rd. Our last visit was in September of 2016. It is a great joy to have our Archbishop come and visit our community.

- Archbishop Alexander will be with us for Great Vespers on Saturday November 2nd. After Vespers we plan on having a meal in the parish hall. If you plan on attending this meal please RSVP through Realm or by emailing Fr. Theophan.
- On Sunday the plan is to serve a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

Notes on the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

- It is good for people to come early to church to be there when the Archbishop arrives. Arriving around 9:30am would be ideal.
- After some brief "entrance prayers" the Archbishop will have his vestments put on in the middle of the church. This is a very beautiful service and particularly interesting to children but you won't see it if you come to church at 10am.
- Please bring extra food on Sunday in case we have more guests with us.



Note on how to greet an Archbishop

The typical way to greet an Archbishop in the Orthodox Church is to make a bow by reaching down and touching the floor with our right hand, place our right hand over the left (palms upward), and say: "Master Bless," or "Your Eminence Bless." The Archbishop then answers, "May the Lord bless you," and blesses us with the Sign of the Cross, and places his right hand in our hands. We kiss then his hand. When an Archbishop is present at a church one should ask only for the bishop's blessing and not ask for blessings from priests who may be present.

- Feel free to ask our Archbishop questions about anything, especially the spiritual life. His specialties are Old Testament, Jewish roots to Christianity.
- Archbishop Alexander's spiritual father was Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra. He has many beautiful stories of his Elder who recently reposed in the Lord and was considered a living saint.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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St. Innocent Feast Day! 8:45am Matins 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape 12:30pm Outreach Committee		9am Morning Prayers	6pm Daily Vespers	9am Divine Liturgy 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry		5pm Confessions 6pm Vespers with Litva	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
9:20 am 3 and 6 hours 9:40 am Exorcisms 10am Baptismal Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape Parish Hall Set UP		9am Morning Prayers <i>Special Class Series 7pm Suffering in the Christian Tradition</i>	6pm Paraklesis 7pm Parish Council	9am Divine Liturgy 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry		Choir Retreat 11-6pm 6pm Great Vespers	
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27	28	29	30	31	Archbishop Alexander will be visiting us on Saturday and Sunday, November 2/3 rd .		
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Tentative November 2019

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10am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 11:45am Agape		9am Morning Prayers	6pm Daily Vespers	9am Divine Liturgy 1-4pm Central State Prison Ministry		4pm Church School 5pm Confessions 6pm Great Vespers
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