



**SAINT  
INNOCENT**

**ORTHODOX  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**

**Sunday, November 15, 2020  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas,  
and Abibus, of Edessa**



**7301 Rivoli Road, Macon, GA 31220  
478-994-1648, [www.st-innocent.org](http://www.st-innocent.org)  
Priest Theophan Buck**

## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 6**                      **Troparion**    (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

### **Tone 5**                      **Troparion**    (*Martyrs*)

O Christ our God, Thou hast granted us the miracles of Thy holy martyrs Gúrias, Samónas, and Abibus, as a stronghold and protection. Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in ev'ry good deed, // for Thou alone art merciful and lovest mankind!

### **Tone 6**                      **Kontakion**    (*Resurrection*)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### **Tone 2**                      **Kontakion**    (*Martyrs*)

You received grace from on high, O all-praised martyrs, and you intercede for those in the midst of temptations. Therefore, O saints, you freed a young woman from bitter death, // and are indeed the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world.

### **Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and

made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### **Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup>And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" <sup>27</sup>So he answered and said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" <sup>28</sup>And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come

again, I will repay you.' <sup>36</sup>So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" <sup>37</sup>And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

***Announcements for Sunday, November 15, 2020:***

- Nativity Fast starts today. Orthodox Christians voluntarily abstain from meat and dairy until Nativity on December 25.
- Wednesday @ 6 pm Vespers
  - @ 7:30 pm Book Club
- Friday @ 6 pm Vigil/Great Vespers for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
- Saturday @ 9 am Festal Divine Liturgy

**Nativity Fast Charity Opportunity**

**Macon Outreach Clothing Closet**

Empty your closets before Christmas! We are asking people to donate their clean, gently used clothing, shoes, bibles and books. We will have bins in the parish hall. The Clothing Closet serves up to 1000 families a month by giving those in need clothes and shoes. Please, no junk.

Additionally, Have unwanted items in your home? Contact David Marble (dandmelbram1@hotmail.com or 478-972-3618) and learn how to dispose of those items with all proceeds going to our charity of choice.