



SEPTEMBER 2023

SAINT INNOCENT MONTHLY

Official Newsletter of Saint Innocent Orthodox Church
Macon, Georgia



Since May, we have been reflecting on Christian stewardship. God has given us a lot to be thankful for, and when we offer our sustenance back to God in worship, a divine exchange happens; we offer material from this world and receive Divine grace from the throne of God. This motion of offering and receiving is at the core of our sacramental ethos.

This act of offering is meant to go beyond our communal gathering at the Divine Liturgy each week. Our coming together as the Body of Christ is absolutely important and should never be forsaken. Yet, the Liturgy attunes us to the Kingdom of Heaven and reveals a way of life we take with us as we depart in peace; on any given Sunday. The Liturgy forms us with the Scripture readings, which teach us the Way Jesus would have us follow.

Our liturgical service elevates us to look for beauty and harmony and, most importantly, directs us to Christ, the source of all true beauty. As we are formed, we are meant to go out into the world and practice what we learned in the Liturgy.

How do we do that? We try to cultivate the remembrance of God with prayer. We put into practice the teachings of the Scriptures. We attempt to live a harmonious life that elevates the people around us.

With thankful hearts, we receive the gifts that God has given us and offer them back either by sowing our sustenance (time, energy, wealth) into the house of God or into our neighbors who are Christ in disguise.

As we enter the Church New Year, let us make it a point to be spiritually formed by the Divine Liturgy so that we can develop the rest of our lives into a pleasing offering to our Lord Jesus.

Parish Life

Save the Date!

SIOC Ladies'
Christmas Fellowship

FRIDAY, DEC 1, 2023

6:30PM

PARISH HALL

Ornament
Decorating

Cocoa and
Cider

Dessert
Recipe
Swap



MANY YEARS!

2 DAN HICKS
3 ELENA MARESKA
3 NICHOLE LAWRENCE
4 SOPHIA CURINGTON
8 EMMA MERCER
12 MARIANA MUNTEANU
15 LEIGH MILLS
17 PRES. ELENA BUCK
19 ALLEN ALMQUIST
20 LARYSA MOORE
22 SHEA HICKS
25 JEROME GRATIGNY
29 JAMES OLSON
29 MARIE BROWN
30 COLIN CROFT

ANNIVERSARIES

1 CHRIS & SANDI WILCOX
1 JOHN & MARIANA TURNER
16 MARK & DIANE DOROGY
29 CHRIS & ELENA MARESKA



LADIES BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, SEPT 18

7 PM

@ NICOLE THOMAE'S HOME

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH INVITES YOU TO VISITOR SUNDAY

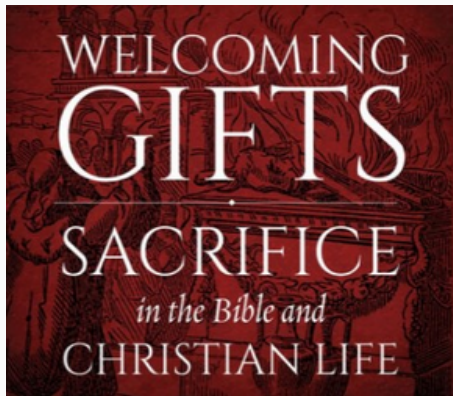
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023
10 AM WORSHIP, 12 PM FOOD & FELLOWSHIP,
12:30 PM LEARN ABOUT ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

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Parish Life Continued



Welcoming Gifts Zoom Book Club: Tuesday @ 7PM

About the book: The word sacrifice conjures images of suffering, loss, and even martyrdom. But sacrifice as practiced in the Old Testament and throughout the ancient world was most often the occasion of joyous celebration - a way of drawing near to God and to the other members of the community. Welcoming Gifts explores the history of sacrifice, the meaning of Christ's sacrifice, and what the concept should mean for Christians today - a way of expressing and cementing our relationship with God.

Family Church School Kickoff!

What: Church School Kick-Off Party!

When: Sunday, September 9th

Where: On the Church Grounds

What to Expect:

Coffee Hour: 11:45 – 12:30

- Taco Bar
 - Sundae Bar for Dessert
- Church School: 12:30 – 1:00
- New Classes Announced
 - New Church Bell Peal to Listen for
- Fellowship: 1:00 – 4:00

- Yard Games
- Water Activities
- Chill and Relax with friends
- Fun for all Ages

What you need to Bring:

- Lawn Chairs
- Water Guns
- Bathing suit if you want to Slip N Slide
- Towels
- Anything you sign up for



Please see the Sign-up Genius for ways you can help!

* Please Note: This will "replace" normal Coffee Hour, so please sign up for the items you will be bringing

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0844ACAD2AA7FB6-church>



Save the date: St. Innocent's Patronal Feast Day, October 5/6

The Rt. Rev. Gerasim, Bishop of Ft. Worth, will be visiting us for our parish feast day.

Thursday, October 5: Vespers with Litya, 6pm, followed by food and fellowship

Friday morning, Oct 6: Festal Divine Liturgy
(9:00am Greet the Bishop, 9:30am Divine Liturgy for St. Innocent)

Bp. Garasim has to travel to Chattanooga so he has to leave fairly quickly after the Divine Liturgy.



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Aug 27 9:40am 3rd and 6th Hours 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Food and Fellowship 12:30pm Catechism	Aug 28 6:00pm Great Vespers	Aug 29 Beheading of the Baptist 9:00am Divine Liturgy	Aug 30 6:00pm Daily Vespers	Aug 31	1 The Church New Year	6:00pm Great Vespers 6:45pm Sacrament of Confession
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24 9:40am 3rd and 6th Hours 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Food and Fellowship 12:30pm Catechism	25 TIM Clergy Retreat 10-3pm	26 7:00pm Zoom Book Study	27 6:00pm Daily Vespers	28 9:00am Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Third Thursdays in WR	29	30 6:00pm Great Vespers 6:45pm Sacrament of Confession

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8 Visitor Sunday! 9:40am 3rd and 6th Hours 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Food and Fellowship 12:30pm Church Tour Q&A	9	10 7:00pm Zoom Book Study	11 6:00pm Daily Vespers	12 9:00am Divine Liturgy	13	14 11:00am Wedding Rehearsal 6:00pm Great Vespers 6:45pm Sacrament of Confession
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