



## St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

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### GLORIFICATION OF ST. INNOCENT, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW, ENLIGHTENER OF THE ALEUTS, APOSTLE TO THE AMERICAS OCTOBER 6, 2024

#### TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

##### **Troparion – Tone 6**

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.

##### **Troparion – Tone 4**

O Holy Father Innocent, in obedience to the will of God, thou didst accept dangers and tribulations, bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. Thou didst show us the way; now by thy prayers help lead us// into the Kingdom of Heaven!

##### **Kontakion – Tone 6**

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.

##### **Kontakion – Tone 2**

Thy life, O holy Father Innocent, apostle to our land, proclaims the dispensation and grace of God! For, laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ, thou wast kept unharmed and exalted in humility// Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go!

##### **Prokeimenon – Tone 6**

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance!  
V. *To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

##### **Prokeimenon – Tone 1**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

#### LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

##### **Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas**

Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America (in the world John Popov-Veniaminov), was born on August 26, 1797 in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese, into the family of a sacristan. The boy mastered his studies at an early age and by age seven, he was reading the Epistle in church. In 1806 they sent him to the Irkutsk seminary. In 1814, the new rector thought it proper to change the surnames of some of the students. John Popov received the surname Veniaminov in honor of the deceased Archbishop Benjamin of Irkutsk (+ July 8, 1814). On May 13, 1817 he was ordained deacon for the Irkutsk Annunciation church, and on May 18, 1821, he was ordained priest.

The missionary service of the future Apostle of America and Siberia began with the year 1823. Father John spent 45 years laboring for the enlightenment of the peoples of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands, North America, Yakutsk, the Khabarov

frontier, performing his apostolic exploit in severe conditions and at great risks to life. Saint Innocent baptized ten thousand people, and built churches, beside which he founded schools and he himself taught the fundamentals of the Christian life. His knowledge of various crafts and arts aided him in his work.

Father John was a remarkable preacher. During the celebration of the Liturgy, memorial services and the all-night Vigil, he incessantly guided his flock. During his time of endless travels, Father John studied the languages, customs and habits of the peoples, among whom he preached. His work in geography, ethnography and linguistics received worldwide acclaim. He composed an alphabet and grammar for the Aleut language and translated the Catechism, the Gospel and many prayers into that language. One of the finest of his works was the Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven (1833), translated into the various languages of the peoples of Siberia and appearing in more than 40 editions. Thanks to the toil of Father John, the Yakut people in 1859 first heard the Word of God and divine services in their own native language.

On November 29, 1840, after the death of his wife, Father John was tonsured a monk with the name Innocent by Saint Philaret, the Metropolitan of Moscow, in honor of Saint Innocent of Irkutsk. On December 15, Archimandrite Innocent was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands. On April 21, 1850 Bishop Innocent was elevated to the rank of archbishop.

By the Providence of God on January 5, 1868, Saint Innocent succeeded Metropolitan Philaret on the Moscow cathedra. Through the Holy Synod, Metropolitan Innocent consolidated the secular missionary efforts of the Russian Church (already in 1839 he had proposed a project for improving the organization of missionary service).

Under the care of Metropolitan Innocent a Missionary Society was created, and the Protection monastery was reorganized for missionary work. In 1870 the Japanese Orthodox Spiritual Mission headed by Archimandrite Nicholas Kasatkin [afterwards Saint Nicholas of Japan, (February 3)] was set up, with whom Saint Innocent had shared much of his own spiritual experience. The guidance by Saint Innocent of the Moscow diocese was also fruitful, by his efforts, the church of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos was built up into the Moscow Spiritual Academy.

Saint Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879, on Holy Saturday, and was buried at the Holy Spirit Church of the Trinity-Saint Sergius Lavra. On October 6, 1977, Saint Innocent was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church. His memory is celebrated three times during the year: on March 31, the day of his blessed repose, on October 5 (Synaxis of the Moscow Hierarchs), and on October 6, the day of his glorification.

## **EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS**

### **Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15**

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

### **Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-8:2**

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

**Gospel: Luke 7:11-16**

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

**Gospel: John 10:9-16**

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, CAREGIVERS, AND DECEASED**

To add a name, please email Darice at daricekeyes@gmail.com.

**For the Sick / Caregiver**

Lydia (9/22)  
Sharon (9/22)  
Athanasia-Trudy (9/22)  
John (9/22)  
Bonnie (9/22)  
Paul (9/22)  
Carmine (9/22)  
Marianne (9/22)  
Anthony (9/22)  
Erica (9/29)  
Subdeacon Serge (9/29)  
Melody (9/29)

Michael (9/29)  
Charlotte (9/29)  
Sharon (10/6)  
Lynne (10/6)  
Liam (10/6)  
Kelly (10/6)  
Bill (10/6)  
Alexandra (10/6)  
Father Paul (10/6)  
Matushka Mary (10/6)  
Thomas (10/6)

**For the Deceased**

Chris (9/15)  
Betty (10/6)  
Michael (10/6)  
Lenore (10/6)

**SERVICES**

**Service Schedule for the Week of October 6**

**Sunday October 6** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall  
**Saturday October 12** – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession and Catechumen classes  
**Sunday October 13** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Turkey Social (Bingo) in Daria Hall

**DONATIONS**

**Weekly Giving**

September 29 – 80 adults, 11 youth, \$2,002

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a Parish Council meeting this Tuesday, October 8, at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

The Ladies Altar Society is selling raffle tickets for a Fall wreath. \$2/ticket or 3 for \$5. The winner will be picked today during Coffee Hour. Thank you for your support!

**Notice to owners of plots in St. Vladimir Cemetery:** We are adding phone numbers for owners of plots to our database AND emergency contact information for plot owners (contact names and phone numbers). Also, if you are aware of any previously purchased plots that will not be used, please let us know. This requested information can be provided as follows:

Text: 609-475-2517

Email: meteugene@aol.com

Call: 609-475-2517 (if you have to leave a message, please spell your name and provide call back phone number)

Thank you! Michael Toth, Cemetery Caretaker

Catechumen classes will be held on Saturday evenings after Vespers (5:00 PM). Parishioners are more than welcome to attend along with those studying to convert to the Orthodox faith.

Please plan on attending the Annual Turkey Social (Bingo) next Sunday October 13 after Divine Liturgy. There is no Coffee Hour that day, but we will be selling food. This is a main fundraiser for the church, so please support the event! Gift cards and other items for the Annual Turkey Social are needed for gifts. Please refer to the papers on the tables in Daria Hall. If you have questions or a donation, please see Nina Laushell. All gift items are needed today. Thank you!

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Casey Villabon – October 6

Kyriana Meyer – October 9

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Hosts are responsible for providing and setting up the refreshments in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM and after Holy Communion, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing, drying and putting away dishes, taking out the trash, wiping down the tables, and cleaning up the Coffee Room including turning off and cleaning the coffee and tea pots. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese, butter, or milk is needed. **PLEASE NOTE:** Your assigned Coffee Hour Support Person will provide guidance, however, the Support Person will leave Daria Hall at 9:55 AM to attend church services. If you have arrived late or are not finished, you will be provided the key to lock the Hall when you are leaving for church services. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky or Alla Strauss.

### **SUGGESTED MENU:**

Bagels / Breads

Donuts / Pastries

Desserts are available to use from the two freezers in Daria Hall

Fruit

Salads

Tortilla chips & Salsa

Hummus

Sugar-free dessert

Oreos (non-dairy)

NOTE: Hosts may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) with advance notice to reserve the specific date to host the event. The hosts will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.

Oct. 6 Virgiliu & Gabriela Plesa, Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav

Oct. 13 ANNUAL TURKEY SOCIAL – NO COFFEE HOUR

Oct. 20 Eleni Athanatos & Tom Sowanick, Amber Touch

Oct. 27 Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun

Nov. 3 Tyler Burger, Ludwin Lopez

Nov. 10 Galina Shubina, Vera Pschenychny

Nov. 17 FAST Fiyori Habtesillasse, Lemlem Woldearegay

Nov. 24 FAST Peter Abdallah, Jim Galcik

Dec. 1 FAST Natalia Kolomatskaia, Trudy Ellmore

Dec. 8 FAST Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Hannah Dougherty

Dec. 15 FAST Mimi & Alan Berck, Amleset Gebrekvistas

Dec. 22 FAST Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Svetlana Sosedov

Dec. 29 Valeria & Timothy Srock, Guy Radcliffe  
Jan. 5 Darice Keyes, Bill & Margie DiCicco  
Jan. 12 Aftan Chowansky, Matthew & Nana Barrett  
Jan. 19 Juan Garcia, Benjamin & Julie Stell  
Jan. 26 Karina Kotelnicki, Paul & Patty Denko  
Feb. 2 Anna, Leon & Simeon Brasowski, Brittani & Alex Brasowski  
Feb. 9 Corneliu & Florica Balasa, Stefania Balasa

*Have a healthy, blessed week!*