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Great Vespers: Saturdays at 5:00 PM
Orthros: Sundays at 7:55 AM
Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:00 AM

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The Miller Family

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Shannon Dawson
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The Finlayson Family

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John Benza
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Ralph Clair
Matthew McDaniel

Happy Birthday:
Aug 2 - Phil Zima
Aug 2 - Mat. Marie Kreta
Aug 2 - Molly Lawton
Aug 5 - Joseph Dillon
Aug 5 - Patricia Malouf

Happy Anniversary:
July 31 - Michael & Patricia
Malouf
Aug 2 - Rick & Cate Burns
Aug 2 - Ken & Lynda
Haddad
Aug 2 - David & Alice Jasmer



ST. IGNATIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
A Parish of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West of the
Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

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July 30, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost & Eighth Sunday of Matthew

Apostles Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetos and Andronikos of the Seventy;
Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Terni in Italy and his disciples; John the warrior
at Constantinople; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Herman of Solovky;
Angelina, Sovereign Lady of Serbia

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou
didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine
Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the
Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT IGNATIUS IN TONE FOUR

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, you succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God
you found the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After
teaching the Word of Truth without error, you defended the Faith to the very shedding
of your blood, O Holy Martyr among bishops, Ignatius. Entreat the Lord our God to
save our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able,
beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified,
they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the
world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

NEW HERE

Welcome to Saint Ignatius. We're so glad you're here and we'd love to meet you.
Please join us for coffee hour following Divine Liturgy.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

(1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

JULY CALENDAR

TODAY, Sunday, July 30

7:55 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour,
Assemble care packages for the
homeless

Monday, July 31

5:30 p.m. Parish Council

AUGUST CALENDAR

Thursday, August 3

9:00 a.m. Church cleaning

Saturday, August 5

4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, August 6, Transfiguration Sunday

7:55 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour,
Inquirer's meeting with Fr. James

Thursday, August 10

9:00 a.m. Church cleaning

Friday, August 11

8:00 p.m. Men of St. Ignatius Discussion at
Starbucks Val Vista and Baseline

Saturday, August 12

2:00 p.m. Ministry Leadership Planning
Retreat

4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, August 13

7:55 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour,
Prayer Group

View the entire calendar at:
saintig.org/calendar.

REMINDERS

TODAY, Christmas in July

Please join us TODAY during coffee hour as we assemble care packages for those experiencing homelessness.

Let's Support The Robinsons!

Please pray for them as they move and begin seminary. Second, the parish council unanimously agreed that if you would like to make a one time or ongoing financial contribution to Jesse's seminary education and expenses that you may make a check out to Saint Ignatius with "Jesse" in the memo line and we will make sure to get them the support.

AMAZON Smile

If you buy things through Amazon, please consider clicking AMAZON and learn how a percentage of every purchase can go to Saint Ignatius. Enter "Saint Ignatius of Antioch Antiochian Orthodox Church" as the beneficiary.

COMING SOON

Ministry Leadership Planning Retreat

Saturday, August 12 from 2pm-6pm.
Details are in the bulletin.

Monastery Pilgrimages

Car pool to Saint Paisius Monastery in Safford. Dates are September 28 and October 26. Visit saintig.org/calendar for details.

Jesus Prayer and Bible Study

Wednesdays This Fall

Beginning in September, we will recite The Jesus Prayer and study Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. Bring a prayer rope!

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion is given only to those baptized and Chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. After the dismissal, everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, venerate the cross and have the antidoron (blessed bread).

PRAYERS AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer Prayers of Thanksgiving for receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. These prayers help us reflect on the mystery we have just partaken and prepares us for our transition back into the "world." We invite you to listen to these prayers during and after the veneration of the Cross.

AUGUST MINISTRY LEADERSHIP PLANNING RETREAT

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. so that we can both work and pray together. It is very important that you make this retreat a priority and that you make arrangements to stay until Great Vespers concludes at 5:45 p.m. It is wise to coordinate our efforts so that we do not over-schedule events and fundraisers that lead to burn out, a lack of community and could take our focus off of Christ. We want to be supportive of our common work and share one vision to grow closer to God as a community through worship and activities. It is my hope that this working retreat will be an encouragement to you and help us build community and coordinate events and our calendar; putting us all on the same page. Please invite everyone in your ministry that serves as an officer or has a position of leadership. If you are a ministry team officer or have a position of leadership within a ministry, but did not receive the agenda via email, please contact your ministry leader.

BUILDING PRAYER

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, grant all our petitions that are for our unity, salvation and eternal life. Have mercy on Saint Ignatius and grant us the faith to rely on you for what we need. If it is your Holy will, grant all the funds and everything necessary to build a proper Orthodox temple in the East Valley for your glory and that of your Only-begotten Son, Our Sweetest Lord Jesus and your Life-creating Spirit. Establish St. Ignatius firmly upon your Divine Word and grant us grateful hearts. For you are a great God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

JESUS PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL

Wednesday nights this fall, beginning September 20, 2017:

6:00 p.m. Confession
6:30 p.m. Recitation of the Jesus Prayer. This is an exciting change to our schedule. Bring a prayer rope!
7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon

VOLUNTEER UPDATES

COFFEE HOUR:

We only have one opening left for the remainder of 2017! It's December 10, which is a fast day. If you're interested in hosting this day, please email Stephanie Haworth at stephanie.c.haworth@gmail.com and let her know.

GREETERS AND COLLECTORS:

Would you like to greet the folks or take the collection? Please see Elizabeth Chichester today at coffee hour or contact her at elizabethchich@gmail.com. She is filling spots through October – don't miss out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Thank you to everyone who came forward to volunteer to teach Fall 2017. If you are interested in being a substitute teacher this coming Fall please reach out to Lacey Stapleton at lrp5fe@gmail.com.

TODAY - CHRISTMAS IN JULY:

It's time to celebrate! Please join us TODAY during coffee hour to assemble our collected items into care packages for those experiencing homelessness. Then take a few care packages with you to bless those in need! Thank you for spreading the love and making this summer a little brighter for those in our community!

INQUIRERS MEETING WITH FATHER JAMES

On Transfiguration, Sunday, August 6, inquirers of Orthodoxy are invited to join Father James in his office during coffee hour. He will answer questions and discuss the process of joining the Church.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SPACE FOR GREAT VESPERS

I want to appeal to our community regarding the importance of making space for Great Vespers in our week. I think the first thing that needs to be said is that Great Vespers is peaceful and prayerful... but the second thing that is equally true, is that Great Vespers is inconvenient. Attending Great Vespers will sometimes mean that you arrive late to or leave early from birthday parties and barbecues. It is, as Rod Dreher has said, "forty-five minutes of your weekend that you do not want to give up." But after a few weeks and then months Vespers will be normal and will be something that you actually look forward to. The simple practice of attending Great Vespers teaches us (and our children, if we have them) that God comes first in our lives. It will reinforce the point that Orthodox Christianity is a way of life, and embracing it means we do things that set us apart from the crowd. Confession is offered before Great Vespers and all evening services. Great Vespers is the beginning of the cycle which is our Sunday Worship. Please consider adding Great Vespers to your calendar weekly, if you are able, or at least in some regular way.