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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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Shannon Dawson
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John Benza
Ron Berger
Ralph Clair
Matthew McDaniel

Happy Birthday:
Sept 13- Talia D'Ercole
Sept 14- Sherry Naddour
Sept 15- Mary Beth Innes
Sept 17- Mikaela Wisniewski



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

September 10, 2017

Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

After-feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora of Bithynia; Empress Pulcheria;
Peter, Bishop of Nicaea

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

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

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

TODAY, Sunday, September 10

7:55 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Prayer Group,
Coffee Hour
4:00 p.m. SOYO Kick-off
6:00 p.m. SOYO Parent Meeting at Coles'
3436 N. 43rd Place, Phoenix

Tuesday, September 12

5:45 p.m. Confession
6:15 p.m. Jesus Prayer
6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Galatians

Wednesday, September 13

5:45 p.m. Confession
6:15 p.m. Jesus Prayer
6:30 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy for
Elevation of the Holy Cross

Thursday, September 14

9:00 a.m. Church cleaning

Saturday, September 16

4:15 p.m. Confession
4:45 p.m. Jesus Prayer
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
7:00 p.m. Feed My Starving Children
(ends at 9:00 p.m.)

Sunday, September 17

7:55 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
First Day of Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Sunday School Kick-off Party at
USA GYM, 1530 S. Gilbert Rd.
6:00 p.m. Young Professional's Bible Study
at Coles' Casa, 3436 N. 43rd Pl.
(ends at 8:00 p.m.)

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

REMINDERS

Let's Support The Robinsons!

The parish council unanimously agreed that if you would like to make financial contribution to Jesse's seminary education and expenses than you may make a check payable to Saint Ignatius with "SEMINARIANS" in the memo line and we will do the rest.

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

Monastery Field Trip

September 21. Car pool to Saint Paisius Monastery in Safford. Details are in the bulletin.

Jesus Prayer and Bible Study Tuesdays

Beginning September 12th, we will recite The Jesus Prayer and study Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. Bring a prayer rope!

Advent Retreat

Fr. John Finley, Chair of the Department of Missions and Evangelism for the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America, will be with us this November 11 and 12 to offer a retreat titled, "The healing of the mind, heart, and will, according to St. Nikolai of Zica." More information coming soon.

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.

FALL BIBLE STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

Begins Tuesday, September 12th.

Schedule is: Confession, 5:45 p.m., Jesus Prayer, 6:15 p.m., Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

This class is a survey course of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. We will move very quickly through these 5 short letters from St. Paul. We will be looking at the notes in the Orthodox Study Bible and referencing what the Church Fathers had to say about these letters. Please bring a copy of the Orthodox Study Bible with you and a notebook/pen to make notes. It would be best to prepare for class by reading the entire letter prior to the class where will discuss it. For instance, you would set a goal to read through Galatians prior to September 12 and read it all again before September 19. But do not worry the letters are short and easy to read. At the end of the class you will be very familiar with these letters.

"I believe that many who find that 'nothing happens' when they sit down, or kneel down, to a book of devotion, would find that their heart sings unbidden while they are working their way through a tough bit of theology with a pipe in their teeth and a pencil in their hand." C.S. Lewis

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.

ADVENT RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENT

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MINISTRY UPDATES

SOYO:

SOYO begins again with A Kick-off Swim Party at the Coles' Casa TODAY from 4-6 p.m. Mmmmm Burgers. Parent Meeting follows from 6 to 6:30 p.m. A great year is planned. Jason and Amy Silberschlag, Erin Tabor, Denise Deutchman and Khouria Karen are leading. Contact Erin Tabor at erin.tabor1@gmail.com with questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Registration continues TODAY. Sunday, September 17th is the First Day of Sunday school with the Kick-off Party at USA Gym at 1530 S Gilbert Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85296. Questions? Contact Lacey Stapleton at lrp5fe@gmail.com.

COLLEGE AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:

Begins on September 17th at the Coles' Casa 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your Bible and food to share. Questions? Contact Father James at frjames@cox.net.

OUTREACH:

Feed My Starving Children on September 16th from 7-9 pm after Vespers, is full. Please contact Shannon Dawson at shandaws@gmail.com if you need to cancel or would like to be added to the waiting list.

JESUS PRAYER TIME AT SAINT IGNATIUS

This fall you will see that there is some time added to the calendar, a little space, for praying the Jesus Prayer together before all evening classes and services. For years confessions have been heard right up until the time a service begins. We have had to wait in the hall and then make a mad dash to light candles and settle down. For Fall 2017, any service or class will have confessions heard for 30 minutes beginning 45 minutes before the service. The 15 minutes just prior to the service will be set aside for the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have Mercy on Me." It is an opportunity to come pray, gather within and learn to concentrate. It is an opportunity, that's all, no pressure. It will be easier if you turn off your cell phone (yep, shut it down) . You have the freedom to come a little early, to come in and light candles and sit quietly before the service or class and pray. It is for everyone, adults and our kids. As always, confessions can also be heard after the service or class or by appointment if arriving that early is a problem.

MONASTERY FIELD TRIP

8:30 a.m.	Depart Saint Ignatius
11:30 a.m.	Trapeza (Lunch) at St. Paisius
12:00 p.m.	Bookstore, Tour the monastery, visit together, etc.
3:00 p.m.	9th Hour, Vespers, Paraklesis, Trapeza (Dinner), Compline
6:00 p.m.	Depart Monastery
9:00 p.m.	Arrive back to Saint Ignatius

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