

SAINT IGNATIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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JOIN US

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Greeters:
John & Jill K. Benza

Epistle Reader:
Paul Haworth

Collectors:
Riley Sheriff
Fiona Sheriff
Paul Haworth
Stephanie Haworth

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Coffee and cake today in honor
of Father Basil and Khoria Tilda.
Welcome!

Ushers:
John Benza
Ron Berger
Ralph Clair
Matthew McDaniel

Happy Birthday:
Dec 24 - Everett Harrold
Dec 25 - Melissa Skocypec
Dec 26 - Marci Kilpatrick
Dec 27 - Charles Alamir
Dec 28 - Elias Miller
Dec 29 - Michael Naddour
Dec 30 - Oliver Solheim

Happy Anniversary:
Dec 27 - Skylar & Laura Ritchie
Dec 30 - Sbdn. John & Danyelle
Benza

NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeter(s):
Lene Miller

Epistle Reader:
Yvonne Vranes

Collectors:
John Hinson
Brandon Palacio
Wayne Decker
Andrew Blanchard



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

Tone 4 / Eothinon 7

December 24, 2017

Sunday before Nativity of Christ (Sunday of the Genealogy), Which Falls on Paramon (Eve) of Nativity of Christ

Venerable Martyr Eugenia of Rome and those with her; Martyr Achaikos; Venerable Antiochus of
Mar Sabbas Monastery; New-martyr Ahmed of Constantinople

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the
Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples,
saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY TONE TWO

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames
as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they
were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE PARAMON (EVE) OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR

As the fruit of David's seed, Mary was registered of old with the Elder Joseph in the little town of
Bethlehem, when she conceived with a seedless and pure conception. Behold, the time was come
that she should bear her Child, but no place was found within the inn for them; yet the cave proved a
delightful palace for the pure Lady and Queen of all. For Christ is born now to
raise the image that had fallen aforesaid.

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in a manner indescribable.
Rejoice, therefore, O universe, and glorify with the angels and shepherds Him Who chose to appear
as a young Child, the pre-eternal God.

NEW HERE

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

THE EPISTLE

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

For Thou art justified in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:9-10, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

TODAY, Sunday, December 24

7:55 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Prayer Group,
Coffee Hour, No Sunday
School

TONIGHT, Sunday, December 24

10:00 p.m. Festal Orthros

11:00 p.m. Festal Divine Liturgy of
Saint Basil the Great

Monday, December 25

CHRIST IS BORN!
GLORIFY HIM!

Saturday, December 30

4:15 p.m. Confession

4:45 p.m. Jesus Prayer

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, December 31

7:55 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, No Sunday
School

JANUARY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Church cleaning

Friday, January 5

5:45 p.m. Confession

6:15 p.m. Jesus Prayer

6:30 p.m. Evening Diving Liturgy for
Theophany

Saturday, January 6, Theophany

4:15 p.m. Confession

4:45 p.m. Jesus Prayer

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, January 7

7:55 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Sunday
School, Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Orthodoxy 101

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 p.m. Men of St. Ignatius at Red
Devil in Tempe

Thursday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Church cleaning

Saturday, January 13

4:15 p.m. Confession

4:45 p.m. Jesus Prayer

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, January 14

7:55 a.m. Orthros

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

11:00 a.m. Orthodoxy 101

View the entire calendar at:
saintig.org/calendar

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CHANGE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION BEGINS TODAY

Beginning this Sunday, only Orthodox Christians who are receiving communion should approach the chalice. The only exception are our young children who will sometimes decide for a blessing instead of receiving communion.

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 received and prepares us for our transition back into the "world."

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.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

This guide is meant for personal reflection, not as a means of judging others. Keep in mind that there are different traditions even among the Orthodox faithful. We come to church to pray and worship God above all else, and that should be our only focus.

STANDING IN THE CHURCH

It is the custom of some Orthodox Christians to stand throughout the Divine Liturgy, as well as during other services. If you choose to stand in a church that has pews, please do so near the back or sides so that the view of the altar is not blocked for those who are seated. If you are accustomed to sitting during the Divine Liturgy, remember to stand at these times: when the Liturgy begins and the priest gives the blessing; during the Little and Great Entrances; when the priest is censing the icons and congregation; during the Gospel reading; at the Anaphora; for Holy Communion; when the priest gives a blessing and at the Dismissal. Whenever a hierarch is visiting the parish, out of respect follow his example and stand and sit when he does.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

It is a pious Orthodox tradition to light candles for personal petitions and intercessions when entering the church. Most parishes have designated candle stands or holders for these candles.

It is not proper to light candles at certain times during the service—generally the same times when you should not enter the church, such as during the Little and Great Entrances, when the priest is censing the icons and congregation or giving the homily, or during the reading of the Epistle or Gospel.

The candles should be allowed to burn all the way down without being extinguished early, since the burning candle symbolizes our prayers rising to heaven and the light of Christ in our midst.

Please do not allow young children to light candles alone, for safety reasons.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR NATIVITY OF CHRIST

We will celebrate Sunday Night, December 24, 2017

Festal Orthros, 10 p.m., Sunday Night

Festal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 11 p.m., Sunday Night

Monday, December 25, 2017

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

MINISTRY UPDATES

STEWARDSHIP

Please fill out a Membership Card with your new pledge information for 2018. Our goal is 100% participation. Hard copies are available in the Narthex. Thank you for participating in the life of our parish community with your donations and your love, time and talent!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Request prayer by St. Ignatius Prayer Group and to feel free to join the group twice a month following Divine Liturgy. For more info, Contact Gina Vokoun at gvokoun1@yahoo.com.

AMAZON SMILE

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

LET'S SUPPORT THE ROBINSONS

To make financial contribution to Jesse's seminary education and expenses, just make a check payable to Saint Ignatius with "SEMINARIANS" in the memo line and we will do the rest.

ORTHODOXY 101

Orthodoxy 101 is open to the entire community and everyone is encouraged to attend as an adult education opportunity. Inquirers interested in joining the Orthodox Church are required to attend.

Texts: Orthodox Study Bible, Pocket Red Prayer Book

All Classes are on Sundays after Coffee Hour at 11:00 am.

January 7, 2018 -	Introduction to Orthodoxy - Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church
January 14, 2018 -	Tradition? Tradition! Bible, councils, canons, icons, liturgy...
January 21, 2018 -	Attend St. Ignatius Annual Meeting
January 28, 2018 -	Sacraments/ Sacramental World View
February 4, 2018 -	Original Sin, fall, salvation, deification
February 11, 2018 -	Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving
February 18, 2016 -	Participate in Forgiveness Vespers at 10:30 a.m.
February 25, 2018 -	Reception of the Catechumens at 8:45 a.m.



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The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great **

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST TONE FOUR

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; to the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave; Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory; with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; for our sakes is born a young Child, He Who existed before the ages as God.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (Sing in place of "Holy God")

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Have put on Christ. Alleluia.
Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE

Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Shout with joy to God, all the earth.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:4-7)

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:1-12)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!