

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:

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Emma Coles
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The Zima Family

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John Benza
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Happy Birthday:
June 25 - Janet Workman
June 25 - Rachel Sheriff
June 26 - Tillie Berger
June 28 - Shawna Harrold
July 1 - Emilia Broughton

Happy Anniversary:
June 28 - Mark & Christina
Hannah
June 30 - Father James &
Kh. Karen Coles



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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

June 25, 2017

Third Sunday after Pentecost & Third Sunday of Matthew

Apodosis (Leave-Taking) of the Forerunner's Nativity

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE FOUR

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, all we who with longing now extol thee are at a loss to honor thee worthily. For thy mother's barrenness and father's long silence, by thine all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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 is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-11)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

CALENDAR

TODAY, Sunday, June 25

7:55 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Prayer Group,
Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Nolan Isom's Baptism
4:00 p.m. Paz de Cristo

Monday, June 26

5:30 p.m. Parish Council

Thursday, June 29

9:00 a.m. Liturgy for Saints Peter and
Paul at Saints Peter and Paul
Orthodox Church located at
1614 E. Monte Vista Rd., Phoenix

Saturday, July 1

4:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Saint Seraphim
story time

Sunday, July 2

7:55 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

Wednesday, July 5 - Sunday, July 9

Parish Life Conference in Los Angeles

Thursday, July 6

9:00 a.m. Church cleaning

Saturday, July 8

NO Confession
NO Great Vespers

Sunday, July 9

7:55 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Prayer Group,
Coffee Hour

To see all upcoming events, visit our calendar
at: saintig.org/calendar.

REMINDERS

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.

Saint Seraphim Story Time

Continues this Saturday following Great Vespers. For just a few minutes we will hear about Saint Seraphim's conversation with Motovilov. If you'd like a copy of the story, it can be found at:
<http://orthodoxinfo.com/praxis/wonderful.aspx>

The Apostles' Fast

Continues through June 29. The fast is not as severe as the three other seasonal fasts. Red meat, poultry, and dairy products are not allowed during the entire fasting period on all weekdays. Fish, wine, and oil are allowed on all days except on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Monastery Pilgrimages

Once a month we will car pool to Saint Paisius Monastery in Safford. Dates are September 28, October 26, January 25 and April 26. Complete details are in the bulletin.

FOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Lacey, our Sunday School Coordinator, shared at parish council that we are in need of FOUR Sunday School teachers for the fall. She emphasized that there is an excellent curriculum to use so that teachers do not have to dream up lesson plans. If you are interested in teaching Sunday School this Fall, please reach out to Lacey Stapleton at lrp5fe@gmail.com.

SAINT IGNATIUS CONTINUING OUTREACH

“Love thy neighbor as yourself”- Mark 12:31

We have partnered with Sunshine Acres to provide them with the day-to-day supplies listed below:

Products:

Body wash (not bar soap)
Body lotion
Men's deodorant
Toilet paper
Kleenex (tissues)
Hair care (shampoo, conditioner, mousse, hairspray, gel, barrettes, headbands, etc.)
Acne skin care
Toothpaste
Liquid antibacterial soap
Shaving cream, men's razors
Batteries (any size)
Bottled water

Gift cards:

McDonald's
Taco Bell
Dairy Queen
Burger King
Cold Stone Creamery
Wendy's
Subway
Jack in the Box
All pizza providers
Target
Wal-Mart

Collection bins are located in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity. Contact Shannon Dawson at shandaws@gmail.com with questions.

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.

POINTS OF ORDER

- Please arrive on Sunday mornings no later than 9 a.m. in order to be ready to pray from the beginning.
- Choir, we need you at 9!
- If, for some reason, you arrive later than the Epistle reading, please refrain from receiving the Eucharist.
- When Communion is being distributed we quietly stand, if we are able, until everyone has received. Consider praying the prayers after reception of communion found in the prayer book.
- While Deacon Chris and his family will be in Macedonia for 5 Sundays. Remember them in your prayers as they travel. While he is away, only those who are receiving communion are to approach the chalice. Everyone is encouraged to receive a blessing with the cross at the end of the service.

Thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

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.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Help spread the love this summer with these outreach events:

Paz de Cristo. TODAY, June 25th from 4:00p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join us in serving Mesa's homeless and working poor community as we prepare and serve dinner. Please bring \$20 to help with the cost of the meal. See Shannon Dawson at coffee hour for more info.

Christmas in July. Who says you can only give presents in December? Stay tuned to find out how you can give a gift and serve those in our community this July.
P.S. A cactus wearing a Santa hat may or may not be involved.

2017 Stewardship Update: Going Beyond Money: Human Capital

We are a community working out our faith together in accordance with the commandments of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the canons of the ancient Eastern Orthodox Church. One of the ways we do this is by offering ourselves to Our Lord and His Church through the giving of our time, our talents and our treasures. Saint Ignatius offers many opportunities for each of us to participate in the life of the church.

Stewardship is not only about pledging a financial gift to the parish. Stewardship also means to pledge our time and talents. Time, talent and treasure are equally important to our life together. Our community needs you, your efforts and your talents. Please take a moment to review the list below of areas where help is needed and choose how you'd like to assist (you may choose more than one). Please detach and return to Father James or any member of Parish Council.

Our financial stewardship goal is 100% participation. Our time and talent stewardship is also 100% participation. Thank you.

Name(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

I / We would like to offer our help to the community of St. Ignatius in these ways:

- Altar boy
- Bookstore
- Building maintenance & upkeep
- Choir
- Cleaning crew
- Epistle reader
- Greeter
- Kitchen assistance
- Outreach ministries
- Prayer team
- Public relations
- Sunday school teacher
- Usher
- Website maintenance
- Youth director

Monastery Pilgrimages

2017-2018

Once a month we will car pool out of town for the day and visit Saint Paisius Monastery in Safford, AZ. The almost 3 hour drive (each way) is beautiful and their place is prayerful and peaceful. Plan to bring money to share gas expense and to make a donation for meals at the monastery. In addition, you may want to do a little shopping in their well-appointed bookstore. The monastery expects proper attire to be worn while visiting. Please see visitor information at <http://stpaisiusmonastery.org>



Monastery Pilgrimages

Fall 2017: Thursday, September 28, 2017 and Thursday, October 26, 2017

Spring 2018: Thursday, January 25, 2018 and Thursday, April 26, 2018

8:30 a.m. Leave Saint Ignatius

11:30 a.m. Trapeza (Lunch) at St. Paisius

12 p.m. Bookstore, Tour the monastery, visit together, etc.

3 p.m. 9th Hour, Vespers, Paraklesis, Trapeza (Dinner), Compline

6 p.m. Depart Monastery

9 p.m. Arrive back to Saint Ignatius