

(There were no Bulletin Sponsors this week)

Readings:

- Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. Innocent)
- John 10:9-16 (St. Innocent)
 - **2 Corinthians 4:6-15**
 - **Luke 7:11-16**

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light 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 Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died 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. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM

Sunday service:

Hours – 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Private Confession – Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.

General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour – after Liturgy

Church School - 9:30 AM (no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will be sponsoring their **Annual Feast Day Luncheon** today, October 6th after the Liturgy. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Children under 12 and Sunday School Students are free.
- The next **meeting of the Parish Council** will be on October 27th, after coffee hour.
- **His Grace Bishop Michael** will be visiting our parish on the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a luncheon on Sunday November 3rd after the Divine Liturgy in his honor. The luncheon will also commemorate the 47th anniversary of our parish. Ethnic foods will be featured. Cost of the luncheon will be \$10.00 per person.
- **Parish cleanup day** – In preparation of Bishop Michael's visit, members of the parish are invited to come help clean the church on Friday, November 1st, at 9:00 AM.

Special Announcements:

- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.

St Innocent the Metropolitan of Moscow and Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas:

Today, October 6th, the Church remembers the Glorification of St Innocent. St Innocent (Veniaminov), Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomensk (August 26, 1797 - March 31, 1879), was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church on **October 6**, 1977. He was born in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese. The Apostle of America and Siberia proclaimed the Gospel *"even to the ends of the earth"*: in the Aleutian islands (from 1823), in the six dialects of the local tribes on the island of Sitka (from 1834), among the Kolosh (Tlingit); in the remotest settlements of the extensive Kamchatka diocese (from 1853); among the Koryak, Chukchei, Tungus in the Yakutsk region (from 1853) and North America (in 1857); in the Amur and the Usuriisk region (from 1860).

Having spent a large part of his life in journeys, St Innocent translated a Catechism and the Gospel into the Aleut language. In 1833, he wrote in this language one of the finest works of Orthodox missionary activity *Indication Of The Way To The Kingdom Of Heaven*.

In 1859, the Yakut first heard the Word of God and divine services in their native language. Twice (in 1860 and 1861) St Innocent met with St Nicholas the Apostle to Japan (February 3), sharing with him his spiritual experience. A remarkable preacher, St Innocent said, **"Whoever abounds in faith and love, can have mouth and wisdom, and the heart cannot resist their serving it."**

Having begun his apostolic work as a parish priest, St Innocent completed it as Metropolitan of Moscow (January 5, 1868 - March 31, 1879). He obeyed the will of God all his life, and he left behind a theme for the sermon to be preached at his funeral: *"The steps of a man are rightly ordered by the Lord"* (Ps 36/37:23). St Innocent is also commemorated on October 5th (Synaxis of the Moscow Hierarchs) and on March 31st (his repose).

Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas:

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas is also remembered by the Church today. According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says St John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations." According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr's death.



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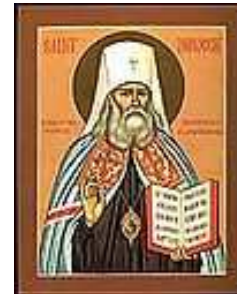
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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas

*You evangelized the northern people of America and Asia,
proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the natives in their own tongues.
Holy Hierarch Father Innocent,
enlightener of Alaska and all America,
your ways were ordered by the Lord!*

Pray to Him for the salvation of our souls in His heavenly Kingdom!

Troparion -

Today the Church remembers:

Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas (1977—Sept 23rd O.S.) • Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas (1st c.) • Monk Martyr Macarius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1590) • Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos "O ALL-HYMNED MOTHER"

October 6, 2013

15th Sunday After Pentecost

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