

- **ST. DIMITRI YOUTH CHOIR:**

Our parish youth choir will be rehearsing on the next three Saturdays at 4 PM (Oct. 5, 12, 19) in preparation for the Choir's Patron saint, St. Dimitri the Great Martyr and Myrrhstreamer of Thessalonika. Vespers with Lity will be served on the eve, Friday, October 25 at 6 PM, and the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, October 26 at 9:30 AM.

- **CHRISTMAS PLAY:**

Rehearsals for the Christmas Play (scheduled for December 15) will begin on Saturday, October 19 at 3 PM. For more information about the play, speak with Esther Carr or Gloria Collins.

- **CATECHISM BEGINS AGAIN:**

Our eight week course of catechesis begins on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 3:30 PM.

ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

PROTECTION of the HOLY VIRGIN Orthodox Church



October 6, 2019

St. Innocent of Alaska and the Holy Apostle Thomas



- **TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:**

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death; to the thief, Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy Disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

- **TROPARION OF ST. INNOCENT, Tone One**

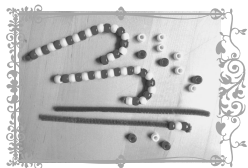
Thy sound went forth unto all the lands of the midnight sun, for with the light of the Gospel thou didst enlighten the ignorant who accepted thy words, and whom thou didst teach in godly manner; and thou didst adorn their human customs. O holy hierarch Innocent our father, thou boast of Russia, entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.

- **KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound, while the prophets

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Guest Speakers at 11:30, 1:00 and 3:00

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rejoice and cry: the Savior has come to them that have faith. Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

KONTAKION OF ST. INNOCENT, Tone Four:

Thou wast a true and truthful teacher; for, having thyself done what the Lord commanded, thou didst thereby teach and instruct in piety those who came to thee, and thou didst enlighten unbelievers to recognize the true Faith, illumining them with holy baptism. Wherefore, thou rejoicest with the apostles, receiving the honor of an evangelist of Christ.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Oct. 5: 11 AM, Altar Server Workshop
4 PM, Youth Choir Rehearsal
5 PM, Great Vespers
- Sunday, Oct. 6: 8:30 AM, Matins of the Resurrection
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:45 AM, Church School
Noon, Agape Meal
- Wednesday, Oct. 9: 5 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank
6 PM, Vespers
- Thursday, Oct. 10: 6 PM, Master Planning Review
- Friday, Oct. 11: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Optina Elders
- Saturday, Oct. 12: 4 PM, Youth Choir Rehearsal
5 PM, Great Vespers
- Sunday, Oct. 13: 8:30 AM, Matins of the Resurrection
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:45 AM, Church School
Noon, Agape Meal

• THANKSGIVING FOR THE FEAST DAY:

The Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos, our parish feast, established in 1936, was celebrated on Monday evening with the Vigil and on Tuesday morning with the Divine Liturgy. Our thanks to our altar servers, floral decorators, church cleaners and especially our singers and those who prepared the wonderful meal. Many Years to all who came and enjoyed the spiritual banquet of this important Feast Day.

• SCRIPTURE ILLUMINES US:

The Holy Spirit may be received by reading and listening to the Holy Scripture as the true Word of God. Holy Scripture is a great treasury from which we can draw light and life—light to enlighten and inform every man, and life to quicken, comfort and delight everyone. Holy Scripture is one of the greatest of God's blessings to man, and it is a blessing which can be enjoyed and used by anyone who wishes to do so. And it needs to be said that Holy Scripture is divine wisdom, and wisdom so wonderful that it can be understood and comprehended by the simplest and most unlearned person; that is why many simple people, by reading or listening to Holy Scripture, have become pious and have received the Holy Spirit. But there have also been people, and even educated people, who read Holy Scripture and erred and were lost. This is because the former read it in simplicity of heart and without sophistry and rationalizations and did not seek learning in it, but grace, power and spirit; while the latter on the contrary, regarding themselves as people who were wise and knew everything, sought in it not the power of and spirit of the Word of God, but worldly wisdom, and instead of humbly receiving all that Providence was pleased to reveal to them, they tried to discover and learn what has been hidden; and that is why they fell unto unbelief or schism. It is easier to pour the whole sea into a tiny cup than for a man to comprehend all the wisdom of God. And so, when you read or listen to Holy Scripture, lay aside all your wisdom and submit yourself to the Word and will of Him Who speaks to you through Holy Scripture; and ask Jesus Christ to instruct you Himself, to enlighten your mind and give you a desire to read Holy Scripture and do what it says. —*St. Innocent of Alaska*

• ST INNOCENT OF ALASKA AND METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW:

Born August 26, 1797 in Siberia. Married in 1823, volunteered to serve in the Alaskan Mission (to the sorrow of his wife); arrived 1824 after a 2,200 mile journey with his family. Learned local dialects, translated portions of the Scriptures, Church Services and spiritual writings into many of those dialects; created written languages for those dialects; catechized and baptized over 10,000 people, designed and built churches with his own hands; traveled tens of thousands of miles. After his wife reposed he was tonsured and monk and consecrated a bishop, eventually returning to Moscow to become the Metropolitan of the Russian Church (Peter the Great had abolished the patriarchate). Reposed on Holy Saturday 1879. Glorified by the Church on October 6, 1977. Recommended reading: *From Earth to Heaven, The Apostolic Adventures of St. Innocent of Alaska*, St. Herman Press.