

SAINT INNOCENT

St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America (in the world John Popov-Veniaminov), was born on August 26, 1797, in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese, into the family of a sacristan. The boy mastered his studies at an early age and by age seven, he was reading the Epistle in church. In 1806 they sent him to the Irkutsk seminary. In 1814, the new rector changed the surnames of students; John Popov received the surname Veniaminov in honor of deceased Archbishop Benjamin of Irkutsk. On May 13, 1817 he was ordained deacon, and on May 18, 1821, he was ordained priest.

Father John spent 45 years laboring for the enlightenment of the peoples of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands, North America, Yakutsk, the Khabarov frontier, performing his apostolic mission in severe conditions and at great risks to life. St. Innocent baptized ten thousand people and built churches, beside which he founded schools where he himself taught the fundamentals of the Christian life. He was known as a remarkable preacher.

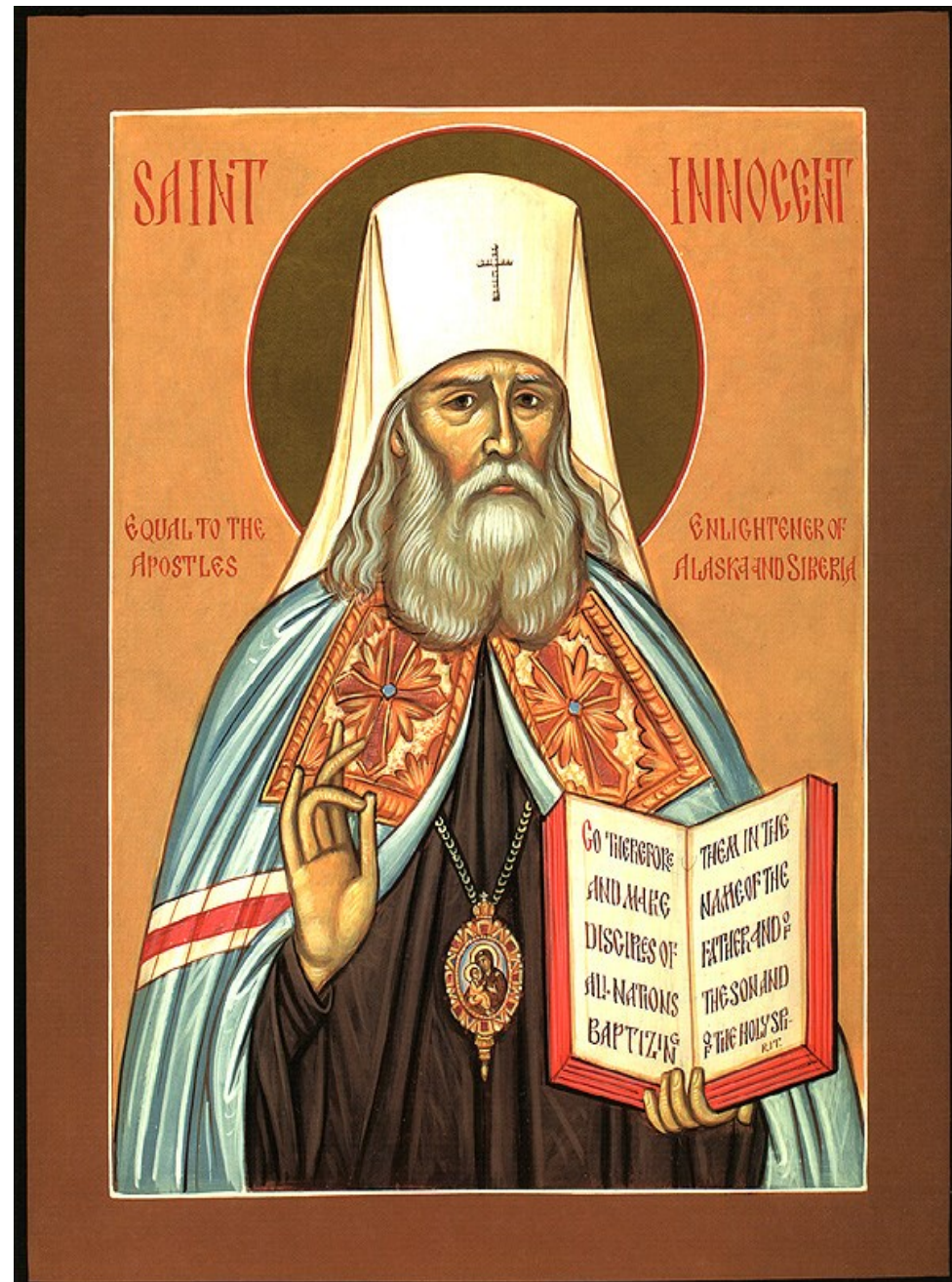
During his time of endless travels, Fr. John studied the languages, customs and habits of the peoples among whom he preached. His work in geography, ethnography and linguistics received worldwide acclaim. He composed an alphabet and grammar for the Aleut language and translated the Gospel and many prayers into that language. Thanks to the toil of Fr. John, the Yakut people in 1859 first heard the Word of God and divine services in their own native language.

On November 9, 1840, after the death of his wife, Fr. John was tonsured a monk with the name of Innocent, in honor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk. On December 15, he was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands. On April 21, 1850, Bishop Innocent was elevated to the rank of Archbishop.

In 1868 St. Innocent succeeded Metropolitan Philaret on the Moscow cathedra. Through the Holy Synod, he consolidated the secular missionary efforts of the Russian Church. A Missionary Society was created, and the Protection monastery was reorganized for missionary work. In 1870 the Japanese Orthodox Spiritual Mission headed by Archimandrite Nicholas Kasatkin (later St. Nicholas of Japan) was set up with the guidance of St. Innocent. The church of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos was built up into the Moscow Spiritual Academy.

St. Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879, on Holy Saturday. He was glorified by the Orthodox Church on October 6, 1977.

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Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

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TONE 6

OCTOBER 6, 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow,
Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas
Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas;
Monk Martyr Macarius of St. Anne Skete;
Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos "O All-hymned Mother"

A true celebration of the providence and grace of God is your life, O Holy Father Innocent, Apostle to our land. In hardships and dangers you toiled for the Gospel's sake, and God delivered and preserved you unharmed. From obscurity He highly exalted you as an example that the Lord truly guides a man in the way he should go.

Kontakion, Tone II

You were a disciple of Christ and member of the divine college of Apostles. Having been weak in faith, you doubted the Resurrection of Christ, but by feeling the wounds you believed in His all-pure Passion. Pray now to Him, O all-praised Thomas, to grant us peace and great mercy.

Troparion, Tone II

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 4:6-15
HEBREWS 7:26-8:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 7:11-16
JOHN 10:9-16

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 12 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. During each Sunday service we offer Holy Communion. If you are a practicing Orthodox Christian and have come prepared to receive Christ's Body and Blood through fasting and prayer, please come forward to partake. All guests are invited to come forward at the end of the service to greet Fr. Christopher and receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Families with children: we encourage children of all ages to be present and participate as they are able during worship. We know sometimes kids need a break, so please take good advantage of our Rest and Refocus Room located on the south side of the lobby/narthex when coming in the main entrance. If you have pre-school and school age children, we invite you to send them to Church School directly after the Divine Liturgy throughout the academic year. May God bless you!

Daily Scripture Readings can be found in the St. Tikhon's Wall Calendar or at www.oca.org/readings.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- 10, Thursday 6:00 p.m. Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild dinner at HTOC
- 12, Saturday Visit of Fr. Simon Menya; BONDfire following Vespers
- 13, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
- 20, Sunday 11:15 a.m. Parish Council meeting
- 21, Monday 6:00 p.m. IOCC Winetasting at St. Michael’s Woodside
- 24, Thursday 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 27, Sunday Annual HTOC Parish meeting
- 28, Monday Cooking for St. Herman’s House
- 30, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House

A VISIT FROM FR. SIMON MENYA:

Fr. Simon has returned to the US to share news of his work with the Northern Uganda Self Sufficiency Project, and he will once again visit our parish. He will be with us this Saturday, October 12, and he hopes to join in fellowship with as many as possible at our BONDfire following Vespers. Plan to attend!

HTOC DIRECTORIES:

Our new directories are now available in the narthex. Free-will offerings are being accepted. (Printing costs were about \$12 per copy.)

ST. THEODOSIUS DONATION:

Our received donations of \$2335 combined with Rummage Sale earnings of \$2665 enabled us to send a \$5000 check to St. Theodosius Cathedral.

IOCC WINETASTING:

A winetasting is hosted by the IOCC on Monday, October 21, at St. Michael’s Woodside, 6:00 p.m. \$70. See Diane Hastings for tickets by Oct. 7, as an accurate headcount needs to be done in advance.

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN’S GUILD:

The EOWG is welcoming new members. Please see Joanne Stoyka for information. The first event is a fundraising dinner on Oct. 10 at HTOC. Tickets are \$20, available from Joanne.

FOOD SALE:

Our Second Sunday Food Sale will be October 13. Please plan to cook or bake and donate your specialties!

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS:

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in joining a Fellowship Group for the 2024-2025 season!

**ST. HERMAN’S MEATLOAF LUNCHEON/
BASKET RAFFLE:**

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 3, for a lunch to benefit the meals we sponsor at St. Herman’s House. See Judy Howe for tickets (216-741-1448). Adults: \$17; Children ages 7-13: \$8; Children 6 & under: Free

We have 10 complete baskets for the raffle, with 3-4 that need additional items to be spectacular! Gift cards are requested - any amount, any store or restaurant; Target, Walmart, Heinen’s and Marc’s are popular. Baskets will be displayed Oct. 27; tickets will be available Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. Winners need not be present. Contact: Matushka Dianna Kall at 216-741-2888.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are provided Table of 5 + 1.

To enable more people to participate in hosting our Coffee Hours, groups are being formed to share responsibilities. Please see the information sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	9/22	9/29
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$ 3310.00	\$ 1584.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS	867.00	561.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT		250.00
CANDLES	143.00	181.00
SEMINARIES	90.00	230.00
VETERANS’ MEMORIAL		50.00
ST. THEODOSIUS		85.00
IN MEMORY OF JEWELANN STEFANAR		250.00
CHURCH DIRECTORIES		969.00
COFFEE HOUR		169.00

Upcoming Annual Meeting and Looking for Volunteers

Annual Meeting: Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on *October 27th!* Please make plans to stick around after liturgy and be present as we recount all our parish has done and what we look forward to in the coming year.

Seeking Help!

We are looking for trustworthy helpers for our financial auditing and donation processing.

Financial Auditors:

Financial auditors are needed to meet together in preparation for our October annual meeting. Auditors: 1. Verify that accounting principles are kept and that the books are accurate and up to date to the best of their ability. 2. Learn and understand how our church accounting system is set up. 3. Report any mistakes or faulty accounting to the parish at the annual meeting.

We are looking for a couple more people who are detail oriented, who preferably have some accounting or banking background to help our parish. Please contact our Treasurer, Nick Wislocki, or Fr Christopher to inquire and volunteer!

Donation Processors:

We are looking for trustworthy and detail oriented people who could help process collections on Sundays right after the Divine Liturgy. This role does not require someone to have a financial background, and if we are able to get enough people to volunteer we could have a rotation of helpers. Donation processors learn our counting system and help the treasurer categorize and count cash and check donations. The counting on Sunday usually takes about one hour and needs to be seen through until everything balances. Please contact our Treasurer, Nick Wislocki, or Fr Christopher to inquire and volunteer!