



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

August 4, 2019
7th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion (Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus)

Thy seven holy martyrs, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race.// He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus)

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world, preferring the eternal things of Heaven. They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead and buried the snares of the devils.// O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

¹We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. ³For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." ⁴For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the

patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
⁵ Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

²⁷ When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."³¹ But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. ³² As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. ³³ And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" ³⁴ But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Many Years!

<i>Anniversaries</i>	6	Fr. Theophan and Pres. Elena Buck
<i>Birthdays</i>	8	Susie Savage

Announcements for Sunday, August 4, 2019:

- **Church School Meeting:** there will be a church school meeting for teachers during Coffee Hour.
- The Dormition Fast is from August 1st through the 15th. Orthodox Christians are asked to abstain from meat and dairy during the fast
- Church services this week:
 - August 5 at **6pm**: Vigil for Transfiguration
 - August 6 at **9am**: Transfiguration Liturgy with blessing of fruits
 - August 7 at **6pm**: Paraklesis to the Mother of God

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall!