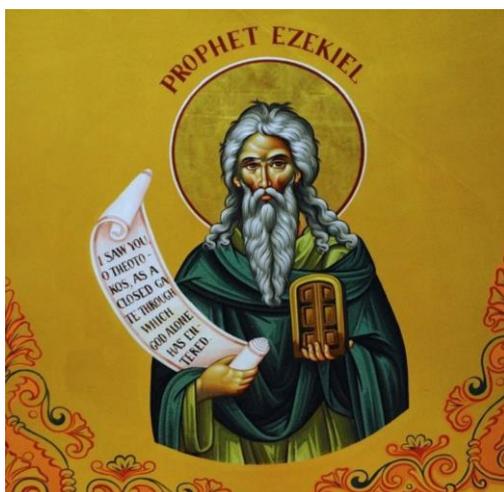




SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

July 21, 2019
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Prophet Ezekiel
Venerable Simeon of Emessa, Fool for Christ
and his companion, Venerable John



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 4 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 4 Troparion (*for Saints Simeon and John*)

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Thy mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace// through the prayers of Venerable Simeon and John!

Tone 2 Troparion (*Prophet Ezekiel*)

We celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Ezekiel, O Lord; through him, we beseech Thee:// save our souls!

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

Tone 2 Kontakion (*for Saints Simeon and John*)

Let us praise the venerable Simeon as an equal to the angels, for he walked in the flesh upon the earth as a bodiless angel shining forth to all as an example of the virtues; and with him let us honor his companion, the ever memorable and God-bearing father John,// for they ceaselessly pray to the Lord for us with faith and love!

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Prophet Ezekiel*)

Thou hast been revealed as a Prophet of God, wondrous Ezekiel, proclaiming to all the incarnation of the Lord, the Lamb and Creator,// the Son of God, Who has ever revealed Himself.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

¹Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For they being

ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. ⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." ⁶But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) ⁷or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

²⁸When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. ²⁹And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" ³⁰Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. ³¹So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." ³²And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. ³³Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. ³⁴And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Many Years!

Birthdays

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Jacob Hintermaier

Announcements for Sunday, July 21, 2019:

- In honor of St. Elijah, we will be blessing vehicles after the Divine Liturgy.
- Fr. Theophan will be out of town at the the Diocese of the South Assembly from Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26.
- On Sunday the 28th after the Divine Liturgy we will have a pray for Students and Teachers as they journey into their new school year.
- If you would like to partake of the Sacrament of Confession the best times are before or after any scheduled service.

From Monroe County Pregnancy Center

Dear members of St. Innocent Orthodox Church,

Thank you so very much for your participation in our annual fundraiser, the Baby Bottle Boomerang. In addition to the \$1,600 in donations you gave \$364.06 in the bottles to support of the work here at The Pregnancy Center which includes free pregnancy testing, baby clothes and supplies, parenting classes and a hand of friendship to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Our ministry also provides an abstinence based sex-education program for 7th to 12th grade students in Monroe County Schools called “Choosing the Best.”

Thank you again for your generosity and blessings to you and yours.

Cindy Walker, Secretary of the Board of Directors of The Pregnancy Center of Monroe County

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!