Innocent, Apostle to the Americas

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The missionary service of the future Apostle of America and Siberia began with the year 1823. 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 exploit in severe conditions and at great risks to life. Saint Innocent baptized ten thousand people, and built churches, beside which he founded schools and he himself taught the fundamentals of the Christian life. His knowledge of various crafts and arts aided him in his work.

Father John was a remarkable preacher. During the celebration of the Liturgy, memorial services and the all-night Vigil, he incessantly guided his flock. During his time of endless travels, Father 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 Catechism, the Gospel and many prayers into that language. One of the finest of his works was the Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven (1833), translated into the various languages of the peoples of Siberia and appearing in more than 40 editions. Thanks to the toil of Father John, the Yakut people in 1859 first heard the Word of God and divine services in their own native language.

On November 29, 1840, after the death of his wife, Father John was tonsured a monk with the name Innocent by Saint Philaret, the Metropolitan of Moscow, in honor of Saint Innocent of Irkutsk. On December 15, Archimandrite Innocent was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands. On April 21, 1850 Bishop Innocent was elevated to the rank of archbishop. By the Providence of God on January 5, 1868, Saint Innocent succeeded Metropolitan Philaret on the Moscow cathedra. Through the Holy Synod, Metropolitan Innocent consolidated the secular missionary efforts of the Russian Church (already in 1839 he had proposed a project for improving the organization of missionary service).

Under the care of Metropolitan Innocent 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 [afterwards Saint Nicholas of Japan, (February 3)] was set up, to whom Saint innocent had shared much of his own spiritual experience. The guidance by Saint Innocent of the Moscow diocese was also fruitful, by his efforts, the church of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos was built up into the Moscow Spiritual Academy. Saint Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879, on Holy Saturday, and was buried at the Holy Spirit Church of the Trinity-Saint Sergius Lavra.

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October 6, 2019 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Thomas the Apostle Called “The Twin”
Innocent, Apostle to the Americas; Venerable Kendeas of Cyprus;
Venerable-martyr Makarios of St. Anne Skete on Athos


Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7):
Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast Risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Apolitikon of St. Thomas (Tone 3):
O holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

A Note to Visitors and Guests: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card at the greeter’s stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch following this morning’s service.
Kontakion for Ordinary Sunday (Tone 2)
O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time who cry unto Thee in faith, for Thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honour Thee.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
The Lord will give strength to His people. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

Epistle Reading: the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 6:1-10
Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16

Saturday, October 12: Vespers, 7:30 PM (Confession available before and after)

Volunteers

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News and Announcements

The 2019 Touchstone conference **Fight or Flight: The Benedict & Other Options for Facing the World, the Flesh & the Devil** will be held on **Thursday, October 10 to Saturday, October 12** at Trinity University in Deerfield, Illinois. Speakers include Anthony Esolen, Rod Dreher, Robert George, Leah Libresco and many others. The conference price is $199.00 for the general public, but Touchstone is making tickets available for FREE to students attending All Saints, and $19.00 for any adult members of All Saints. Please go to this link to register: [https://www.touchstonemag.com/fight-or-flight/](https://www.touchstonemag.com/fight-or-flight/). When you arrive on the page where you select the number of tickets, you must click on the link in the top left corner that reads “Enter Promo Code.” When prompted, enter one of the codes:

- ASOC (for the $19.00 adult ticket price, including meals)
- ASOCS (for the FREE student ticket price, which also includes meals)

**The Annual All Saints Women's Retreat:** is scheduled for **Saturday October 19**. The theme is “Filled with Less” a movement to simplify and declutter our lives in order to make room for what really matters. As a society, we are more overwhelmed, distracted, and drowning in material possessions than ever, making it difficult to access Christ's joy and become good stewards of the gifts He has given us. Led by Integrative and Functional Nutrition Health Coach Cynthia Damaskos, Professional Organizer Presbytera Stacey Dorrance, and podcaster and blogger Molly Sabourin, the Filled With Less workshop is designed to help its participants become intentional about reducing the clutter in their homes, the toxins in their bodies and environments, the stress in their lives, and the vices preventing them from pursuing peace. Please RSVP to JoAnne T. (jotheo@yahoo.com) by call, text or e-mail by October 15th, there is a $10 donation.

**Annual All Saints Celebration:** is on **Thursday, October 31, at 6:00 PM.** A potluck meal will be served at the beginning of the night. Get your gourds painted, pumpkins carved, and put the finishing touches on your saint costumes and riddles!

**How are things in Guatemala?** Come hear about the miracles and growth of the Orthodox Faith in this country. Fr. John and Ps. Alexandra Chakos, missionaries to Guatemala, will be sharing all the exciting happenings. The event is being held at St. Spyridon Orthodox Church 12307 S. Ridgeland Ave, in Palos Heights on **Tuesday October 24th at 7:00 PM.** All are invited to hear about this wonderful mission.