

## March 31 – St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to America

### Troparion — Tone 4

O holy father Innocent / in obedience to the will of God / you accepted dangers and tribulations / bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. / You showed us the way, / now by your prayers help lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Troparion — Tone 2

You evangelized the northern people of America and Asia, / proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the natives in their own tongues. / O holy hierarch father Innocent, / enlightener of Alaska and all America, whose ways were ordered by the Lord, / pray to Him for the salvation of our souls in His Heavenly Kingdom!

### Kontakion — Tone 2

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 2

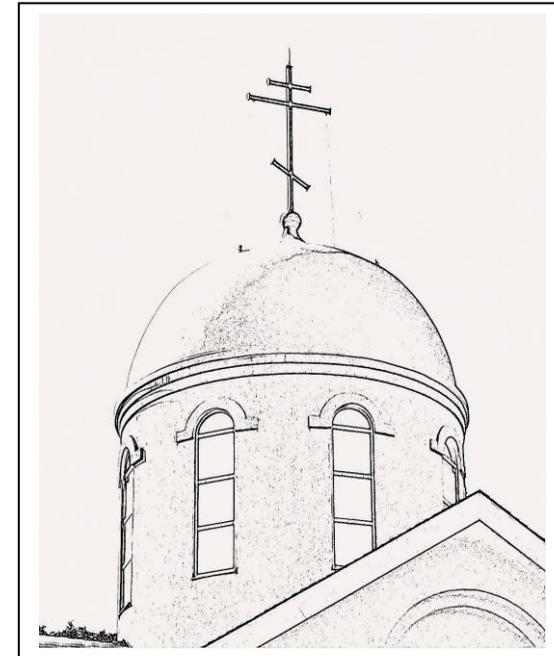
Your life, O holy father Innocent, Apostle to our Land, / proclaims the dispensation and grace of God! / For laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ / you were kept unharmed and exalted in humility. / Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go.

**Happy Easter to those who are celebrating Christ's Resurrection today!**

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WEEKLY



BULLETIN

*Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!*

*Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos*

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March 31, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Gregory Palamas

*Tone 2. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Repose of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas (1879). St. Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra (ca. 336). Repose of St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1461). Ven. Hypatius the Healer, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Apollonius, Ascetic, of Egypt (4th c.). Hieromartyr Avdas, Bishop of Persia, and Martyr Benjamin the Deacon (418-424). Ven. Hypatius, Abbot of Rufinus in Chalcedon (ca. 446). Appearance of the “Ivëron” (Iberian) Icon of the Mother of God.*

**Today's Readings:**

**Epistle:** Hebrews 1:10-2:3 and Hebrews 7:26-8:2

**Gospel:** Mark 2:1-12 and John 10:9-16

**Upcoming Service Schedule:**

Today – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Today – 5:00pm Deanery Lenten Vespers @ Passaic

Wednesday – 6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday – 6:00pm Akathist

Saturday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy (*Memorial Saturday*)

Saturday – 6:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday – 5:00pm Deanery Lenten Vespers @ Trenton

***Please pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood!***

**Special Prayers**

We pray for all our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Mary Herelick, Zoran Pejovic, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Mary Tczap, George Stavrou, Margaret Makara, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Michael Getmanov, Alan Diaz, Mary Ann Sivilic, Ellen Norman, and Lori Ratushnuk.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for Coffee Hour after the veneration of the Cross. **The reception of the Holy Eucharist** is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is **offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.**



St. Gregory  
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**Annunciations**

**TODAY** – Please join us for **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall after the Veneration of the Cross. **Team #4** is in charge.

**TODAY** – **Church School** class will be held during Coffee Hour.

**TODAY** – The **St. Catherine Society** meets at the end of Coffee Hour.

**TODAY** – The **parish monthly calendar for April** has been emailed to those on the parish distribution list. It is also available on our parish website.

**TODAY** – The **Lenten Food Drive** is underway. Grocery bags and lists of needed items are located both in the church narthex and in the parish hall.

**Next Sunday** – The **Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers** will be served at St. John the Baptist Church in Passaic at 5:00 PM. Father Gary welcomes anyone who wishes to accompany him on the trip up and back.

**THIS WEDNESDAY** - The **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be served at 6:00pm. An agape pot-luck meal will follow, to which everyone is invited to bring a Lenten dish.

We are in the midst of Great Lent during which we are encouraged to participate in the **Lenten discipline of fasting** from meat and dairy until the Great Feast of Holy Pascha. All fasting should be undertaken with regard to each person's ability to tolerate its physical demands. If you have questions about the Lenten discipline, please contact Father Gary for further clarification.

If we wish to receive the **Eucharist at the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**, some fasting should precede the reception. Ideally, no food or drink should be taken from the midnight prior to the service. If this is not possible, then fasting after a light breakfast or an early lunch is advised.

**Dessert Rolls** have been baked and are available for sale. Please speak with Cathy Berger or Olga Pasick to make purchases today. Many thanks to all who came and helped with the baking.

The bookstore has received a delivery of **Orthodox coloring books**. Please see **Matushka Mary** if you would like to purchase some for your children and godchildren.

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