

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ASONA GIVING TREE IS UP TODAY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

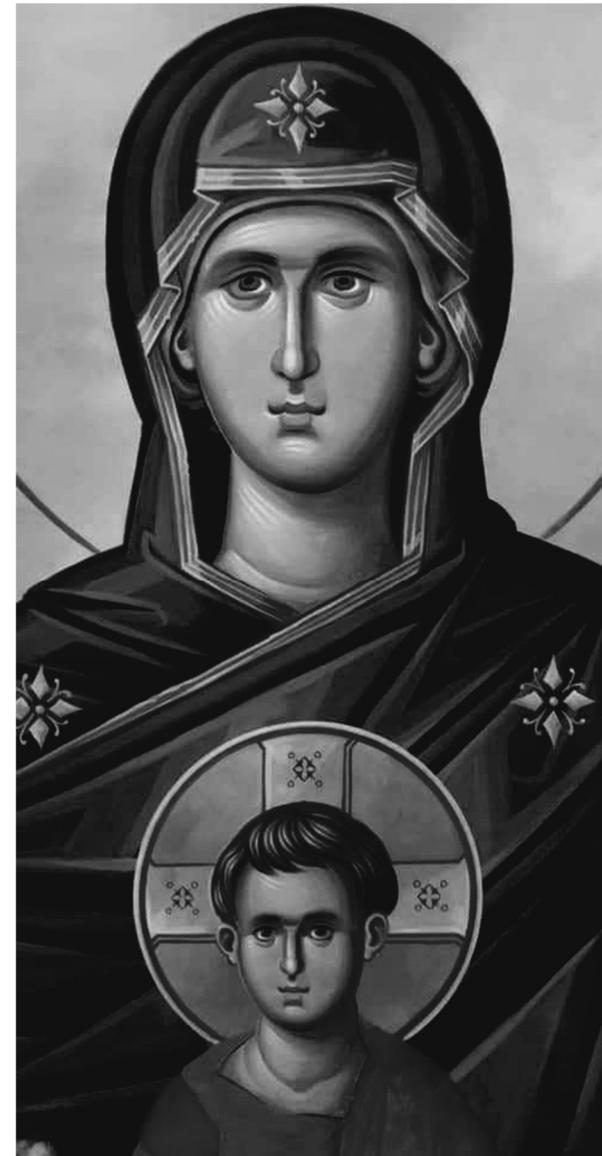
Tues. Dec. 6		<i>No Bible Study on this day</i>
Thurs. Dec. 8	10 am	Funeral - Michael Fulghum
Sat. Dec. 10	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 11	11 am	Divine Liturgy
Tues. Dec. 13	6:30 pm	Study: 12 Days of Xmas
Sat. Dec. 17	1 pm	Readers Training
	3 pm	Altar Serv Training
	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 18	11 am	Divine Liturgy
	5 pm	G Vespers for St. Nicholas
Mon. Dec. 19	9 am	Div Liturgy for St. Nicholas
Tues. Dec. 20	6:30 pm	Study: Why Dec. 25th?
Sat. Dec. 24	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 25	11 am	Divine Liturgy

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Prokeimenon in Tone 8 (Ps 76)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!
In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!

Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone (Song of the Theotokos)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

EPISTLES: EPHESIANS 4:1-6; HEBREWS 9:1-7

BRETHREN, I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

BRETHREN, then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.+

Alleluia in Tone 8 (Ps 95)

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!

And in the 8th Tone (Ps 45)

Hear, O daughter, and listen and incline your ear!

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:16-21; 10:38-42; 11:27-28

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE, "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

IN THOSE DAYS, as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her. And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"+



DECEMBER 2022 CHRISTMAS STUDIES



12 DAYS of Christmas

In this class, we will look at the old English Christmas Carol, the Twelve Days of Christmas, and unpack origin and real meaning of this otherwise nonsensical song and debunk obvious modern forgeries (like it was the invention of Jesuits to teach the Roman Catholic faith, etc). *You've never seen this information before.* You won't want to miss this class!

Tues. Dec. 13 **6:30 pm** **Study: 12 Days of Xmas**



Christmas is celebrated on December 25th as the birth or Nativity of Christ. This is the tradition of the Church - but why? Was it accommodation to pagan festivals, Christianizing pagan feasts? Winter solstice? What about the snow? Pagan ever-greens/Yule log became the Christmas Tree? Where did these ideas come from, and who was responsible? We'll look at the real reason we celebrate on the 25th, and easily debunk detractors who's proven false ideas still permeate our culture. Yes, we will name names. Bring your notebook. You'll be teaching others

Tues. Dec. 20 **6:30 pm** **Study: Why Dec. 25th?**



BENEFITTING THOSE IN THE ARIZONA FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

2022 ASONA Giving Tree!

It's that time of year again.

As most of you know, every year ASONA sponsors a Giving Tree for children and adults who are in the Arizona Foster Care system. The holidays are a terrible time for those in the system, and we want to do EVERYTHING we can do to make sure they are not forgotten.

Here's how it works:

1. Take a tag from the 'tree'.
2. Purchase the corresponding gift.
3. Bring it, new and unwrapped, to Church
4. Make sure it's in church by Sun. December 18 at the latest.

Now, don't forget this is a **HARD DEADLINE**. We are not in charge of this program, so everything must be collected by Dec. 18th.

Last year, someone brought a gift a week late, and was angry that it could not be delivered. We are not making the rules here, so let's make it easy on everyone. Once again, this is a **HARD DEADLINE** for us, and time is short. We can do **NOTHING** to deliver late gifts.

The Christmas Giving Tree starts **TODAY**. ASONA has participated in the program for years now. Help us continue this important spiritual tradition.

SAINTS ALIVE

The lives and deeds of the heroes of our faith

HIEROMARTYR ST. CLEMENT OF ROME

Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome, was born at Rome into a rich and illustrious family. Separated from his parents from childhood by force of circumstances, Clement was raised by strangers. Living in Rome, the youth received a fine education, he was surrounded by luxury, and had access to the imperial court. But these comforts brought him no joy, and pagan wisdom failed to attract him. He began to ponder the meaning of life.



When the news of Christ and His teaching began to reach the capital, Saint Clement left his home and estate and went to the lands where the Apostles were preaching. At Alexandria Saint Clement met the holy Apostle Barnabas, listening to his words with deep attention, and perceiving the power and truth of the Word of God. Arriving in Palestine, Saint Clement was baptized by the holy Apostle Peter and became his zealous disciple and constant companion, sharing his toil and sufferings with him. Shortly before his own sufferings and death, Saint Peter consecrated Saint Clement as Bishop of Rome. After the death of the Apostle Peter, Saint Linus (67-79) was the next Bishop of Rome, succeeded by Saint Anacletus (79-91), and then Saint Clement (92-101).

The virtuous life, charitable works and prayerful activity of Saint Clement converted many to Christ. He once baptized 424 people on the day of Pascha. Among the baptized were people of all social classes: slaves, officials, and even members of the imperial family.

The pagans, seeing the success of his apostolic preaching, denounced Saint Clement to the emperor Trajan (98-117), accusing the saint of insulting the pagan gods. The emperor banished Saint Clement from the capital, sending him to the Crimea, to work at a stone quarry near the city of Cherson. Many of the saint's disciples followed after him voluntarily, preferring to go into exile rather than live without their spiritual Father.

When he arrived at the place of exile, Saint Clement found many Christian believers there, sentenced to labor under harsh conditions amidst a scarcity of water. He prayed together with the condemned, and the Lord appeared to him in the form of a lamb and revealed the location of a spring, from which gushed forth a veritable river of water. This miracle attracted a multitude of people to Saint Clement. Hearing the zealous preacher, hundreds of pagans were converted to Christ. Each day 500 or more men were baptized. And there in the stone quarry, a church was built, in which he served as priest.

The apostolic activity of the saint aroused the wrath of the emperor Trajan, and he ordered that Saint Clement be drowned. They threw the martyr into the sea with an anchor tied to his neck. This occurred in the year 101.

Saint Clement, who belongs to the Apostolic Fathers, has left to us a spiritual legacy (two Epistles to the Corinthians) the first written examples of Christian teaching after the writings of the holy Apostles.

Holy Father Clement, pray unto God for us!

Glory to God for All Things!