

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ASONA GIVING TREE IS UP TODAY

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Tues. Dec. 13	6:30 pm	<b>Study: 12 Days of Xmas</b>
Sat. Dec. 17	1 pm	Readers Training
	3 pm	Altar Serv Training
	5 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun. Dec. 18</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
	5 pm	G Vespers for St. Nicholas
Mon. Dec. 19	9 am	Div Liturgy for St. Nicholas
Tues. Dec. 20	6:30 pm	<b>Study: Why Dec. 25th?</b>
Sat. Dec. 24	5 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun. Dec. 25</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
Mon. Dec. 26-30	<i>2022 St. Herman Youth Camp West</i>	
<i>Wed. Dec 28</i>	<i>6 pm</i>	<i>All Night Vigil</i>
<i>Thurs. Dec. 29</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i>
Sat. Dec. 31	5 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun. Jan 1</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>

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**Prokeimenon in Tone 1 (Ps 33)**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

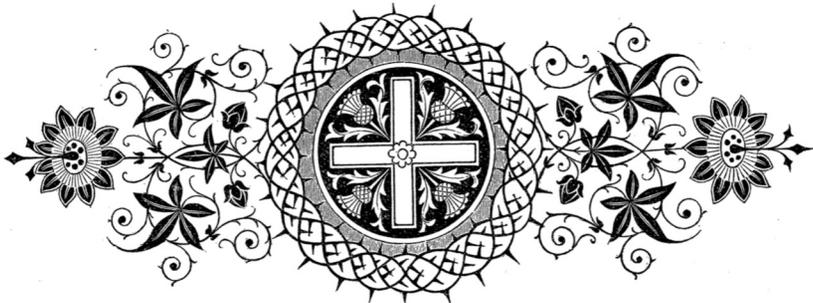
**EPISTLES: EPHESIANS 5:8-19**

**BRETHREN**, for you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.+

**Alleluia in Tone 1 (Ps 18)**

God gives vengeance to me and subdues people under me!

He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever!



**GOSPEL: LUKE 13:10-17**

**A T THAT TIME**, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound-think of it-for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath? And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.+

# 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*

## ST. FRUMENTIUS OF ABYSSINIA

St. Frumentius, Archbishop of Inba (Ethiopia, formerly Abyssinia), was a native of the city of Tyre. While still a child, he came to Abyssinia by divine Providence. Growing up near the imperial court, he became a friend and chief counselor of the Abyssinian emperor, and afterwards tutor to his son, who ascended the throne while still a minor after the death of his father.

With the consent of the new emperor, Saint Frumentius journeyed to his native land and afterwards visited Alexandria and its patriarch, Saint Athanasius the Great (May 2). With the blessing of Saint Athanasius, Frumentius was elevated to become Bishop of Abyssinia and he returned to that country, which had sheltered him from his childhood.

After he returned from his consecration, Saint Frumentius began to perform miracles, bringing many people to the Church. The emperor said to him, "You have lived among us for many years, yet we never saw you perform such wonders. Why is it that you do so now?" The saint replied, "This has nothing to do with me, but is due to the grace of the priesthood." Then the emperor and many of his subjects received holy Baptism. Having accomplished the apostolic task of converting the Abyssinian nation to Christ, Saint Frumentius zealously and fruitfully guided the Church entrusted him by God for many years, then peacefully departed to the Lord in great old age.

*Holy Father Frumentius, pray unto God for us!*

## Glory to God for All Things!

There's still time to join the New Testament Challenge. Finish your readings by Nativity, and chalk up another accomplishment for 2022!

## New Testament Challenge

### 25 DAYS

- 1. Matthew 1-9
- 2. Matthew 10-18
- 3. Matthew 19-28
- 4. Mark 1-8
- 5. Mark 9-16
- 6. Luke 1-8
- 7. Luke 9-16
- 8. Luke 17-24
- 9. John 1-7
- 10. John 8-13
- 11. John 14-21
- 12. Acts 1-9
- 13. Acts 10-19
- 14. Acts 20-28
- 15. Romans 1-8
- 16. Romans 9-16
- 17. 1 Corinthians 1-9
- 18. 1 Corinthians 10-16
- 19. 2 Corinthians 1-13
- 20. Galatians - Colossians
- 21. 1 Thessalonians -2 Timothy
- 22. Titus -Hebrews
- 23. James - 2 Peter
- 24. 1,2,3 John -Jude
- 25. Revelation 1- 22

### 40 DAYS

- 1. Matthew 1-7
- 2. Matthew 8-12
- 3. Matthew 13-18
- 4. Matthew 19-24
- 5. Matthew 25-28
- 6. Mark 1-4
- 7. Mark 5-8
- 8. Mark 9-12
- 9. Mark 13-16
- 10. Luke 1-3
- 11. Luke 4-7
- 12. Luke 8-11
- 13. Luke 12-16
- 14. Luke 17-21
- 15. Luke 22-24
- 16. John 1-5
- 17. John 6-10
- 18. John 11-16
- 19. John 17-21
- 20. Acts 1-6
- 21. Acts 7-10
- 22. Acts 11-16
- 23. Acts 17-22
- 24. Acts 23-28
- 25. Romans 1-8
- 26. Romans 9-16
- 27. 1 Corinthians 1-9
- 28. 1 Corinthians 10-16
- 29. 2 Corinthians 1-13
- 30. Galatians - Ephesians
- 31. Philippians - Colossians
- 32. 1-2 Thessalonians
- 33. 1 -2 Timothy
- 34. Titus - Philemon
- 35. Hebrews 1-10
- 36. Hebrews 11-13 & James
- 37. 1- 2 Peter
- 38. 1 John - Jude
- 39. Revelation 1-11
- 40. Revelation 12-22

