

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sat. Nov. 18	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 19	8am	Divine Liturgy
Mon. Nov. 20	6:30 pm	Great Vespers
Tues. Nov. 21	10 am	Liturgy for AA Michael
Sat. Nov. 25	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 26	8 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 2	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 3	8am	Divine Liturgy

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DON'T FORGET  
GIVING TREE 2023  
IS ON!

GET YOUR TAG TODAY  
DEADLINE IS SUN. DEC. 3



## ASONA TEXT ALERTS

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ALL SAINTS OF  
ORTHODOX



NORTH AMERICA  
CHURCH

SUN. NOV. 12, 2023

HIEROMARTYR ZENOBIOUS AND ZENOBIJA

TONE 6





### Prokeimenon in Tone 6 (Ps 28)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

### EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 2:4-10

**B**RETHREN, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.+

### Alleluia in Tone 6 (Ps 91)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.

### GOSPEL: LUKE 8: 26-39

**A**T THAT TIME, they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you. And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.+

# MARK THE DATE

***NEXT SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 19***

ASONA will have it's Fellowship and Coffee Hour  
at

**The Home of Doug and Barbara Gill**  
22342 W. Myers St.  
Wittman, AZ 85361

They have much room to play and animals to see!

We will depart immediately from Divine Liturgy  
yo the Gill Home for a festal picnic and fellowship.

Please see Barbara Gill to see what dishes  
you can bring!



## THE ASONA CHRISTMAS PAGE IS UP

*arizonaorthodox.com/Christmas*

*Time to study up on what we really believe, and we have done the work for you! We often hear it said that Jesus was not “really” born December 25th; that this date is a mere fiction, appropriated by church authorities in an attempt to Christianize the pagan solstice, or festival of the sun. However, such charges are actually recent. **Learn the truth. Defend the faith!***

### **Census Considerations**

On the Dateline NBC’s “The Birth of Jesus” episode, Dr. John Dominic Crossan, co-founder of the wildly popular Jesus Seminar, called into question the historical veracity of Holy Scripture. Said Crossan: “Luke tells us the story that at the time Jesus was born Augustus had decreed a census of the whole earth. Now, every scholar will tell you there was no such census ever.” Is Crossan correct? Is the Canon corrupt?

### **A Pagan Records the Slaughter of the Holy Innocents by Herod**

Matthew says that when Herod realized the magi were not going to return, he ordered the slaughter of all male children two years old and under in Bethlehem and the neighboring towns (Matt. 2:16-18). The witness of Matthew and John is corroborated by a pagan writer named Macrobius.

### **Christmas Trees: Pagan or Biblical? In Defense of the Christmas Tree**

The Christmas Tree? Pagan? The Christmas tree does not date from early Germanic times. Its origins are to be found in a tradition that has virtually disappeared from Christianity, the Liturgical Drama.

*Our Christmas page includes the hilarious  
“Horus Ruins Christmas” videos.*

# SAINTS ALIVE

*The lives and deeds of the heroes of our faith*

## ST. ZENOBIOS AND HIS SISTER ZENOBIA

The Hieromartyr Zenobios, Bishop of Egeia, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr's death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised in the holy Christian faith by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their wealth, an inheritance, giving it to the poor. For his beneficence and holy life the Lord rewarded Zenobios with the gift of healing various maladies. And he was chosen bishop of a Christian community in Cilicia.



In the dignity of bishop, Saint Zenobios zealously spread the Christian faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian (284-305) began a persecution against Christians, Bishop Zenobios was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licinius. "I shalt speak with thee but briefly, – said Licinius to the saint, – for I propose to thee: life – if thou worshipest our gods, or death – if thou dost not". The saint answered: "This present life without Christ is death; better I prepare to endure the present torment for my Creator, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him because of the present life, and then be tormented eternally in hades".

By order of Licinius, they nailed him to a cross and began the torture. The sister of the bishop, seeing the suffering of her brother, wanted then to stop it with him. She bravely confessed her own faith in Christ afront the governor, for which she also was given over to torture.

By the power of the Lord they remained alive after torture on a red-hot cot and in a boiling kettle. The saints were then beheaded. Presbyter Hermogenes secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs.

**GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!**



BENEFITTING THOSE IN THE ARIZONA FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

## 2023 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(s).
3. Bring it, new and unwrapped, to Church (Gift bags are best!)
4. Make sure it's in church by Sun. December 3 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. 3rd.

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. This is the way of Life in Christ!