

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY, IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIVINE LITURGY**

We will depart for the Gill Ranch for fellowship and potluck.

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

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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
Mon. Dec. 4	10 am	Entrance of Theotokos Festal Liturgy



DON'T FORGET  
**GIVING TREE 2023  
IS ON!**  
BRING YOUR GIFTS ON  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3



## ASONA TEXT ALERTS

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ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA  
ORTHODOX CHURCH



SUN. NOV. 19, 2023

ST. PAUL THE CONFESSOR OF CONSTANTINOPLE

TONE 7

## SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA



**PRAY UNTO GOD  
FOR US!**



**Prokeimenon in Tone 7 (Ps 29)**

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Offer the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

**EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 2:14-22**

**B**RETHREN, He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.+

**Alleluia in Tone 7 (Ps 92)**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name,  
O Most High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

**GOSPEL: LUKE 8:41-56**

**AT THAT TIME**, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.+

# TODAYS THE DAY

# TODAY

ASONA will have it's Fellowship and Potluck Lunch  
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  
to 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.

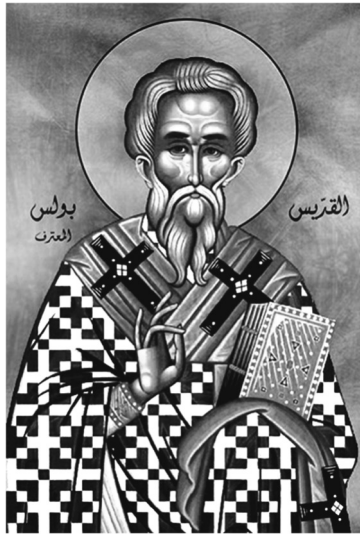
*Our Christmas page includes the hilarious  
“Horus Ruins Christmas” videos.*

# SAINTS ALIVE

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

## ST. PAUL THE CONFESSOR OF CONSTANTINOPLE

St Paul, Archbishop of Constantinople, was chosen to the patriarchal cathedra-seat after the death of Patriarch Alexander (+ 340), when the Arian heresy had again flared up. Many of the Arians were present at the Council which selected the new Constantinople patriarch. They revolted in opposition to the choice of Saint Paul, but the Orthodox at the Council were in the majority. The emperor Constantius, ruling over the Eastern half of the Roman empire, was an Arian. At the time of the election of the patriarch he was not in Constantinople. Upon his return, he convened a council, which illegally declared the dethronement of Saint Paul, and the emperor banished him from the capital. In place of the saint



they raised up Eusebios of Nicomedia. Patriarch Paul withdrew to Rome, where also were other Orthodox bishops banished by Eusebios. Not for long did Eusebios rule the Constantinople Church. When he died, Saint Paul returned to Constantinople. He was greeted by his flock with love. But Constantius exiled the saint a second time, and so he returned to Rome. The Western emperor Constans wrote his Eastern co-ruler an harsh letter, which he dispatched to Constantinople along with the holy exiled archpastor. The threats worked, and Saint Paul was reinstated upon the patriarchal throne. But soon the pious emperor Constans, a defender of the Orthodox, was treacherously murdered during a palace coup. They again banished Saint Paul from Constantinople and this time sent him off in exile to Armenia, to the city of Kukuz, where he accepted a martyr's death. When the Patriarch was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, Arians rushed upon him by force and strangled him with his own hierarchical omophor. This occurred in the year 350. In the year 381 the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great solemnly transferred the relics of Saint Paul the Confessor from Kukuz to Constantinople. In 1326 the relics of Saint Paul were then transferred to Venice.

**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 on Sun. December 3.**

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!