# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mon. Sept. 23	9 am	Divine Liturgy
Tues. Sept. 24	7 am	Divine Liturgy
Wed. Sept. 25	6 am	Divine Liturgy
Thurs. Sept. 26	7 am <b>6:30 pm</b>	Divine Liturgy Parish VIGIL Holy Cross
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Fri. Sept. 27	7 am	Festal Liturgy Holy Cross
Fri. Sept. 27 Sat. Sept. 28	_	•

<sup>\*</sup>If you attend a morning service other than Sunday, please remember **not** to park in front of Al's Meat Market. The Elks/American Legion parking area is right through the outdoor hall.



# September is National Preparedness M o n t h

SEE OUR INSERT AND ARIZONAORTHODOX.COM/READY

PRAY FOR PEACE. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.
AND PREPARE.

## ASONA FLOCKNOTE TEXT ALERTS

Sign up easily! Text ASONA to 84576

And get on our parish text alerts list, and stay up to date via email or text alerts. Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. There is no charge for this service, but carrier message and data rates may apply.



SUN. SEPT. 22, 2024

Ss. Joachim and Anna
Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross

TONE 4

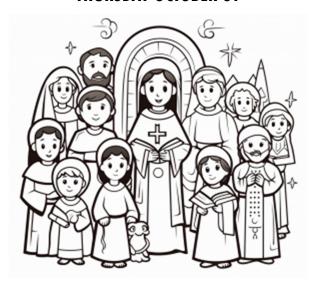


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#### The UPCOMING INAUGURAL ASONA

# **ALL SAINTS PARTY**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 31** 

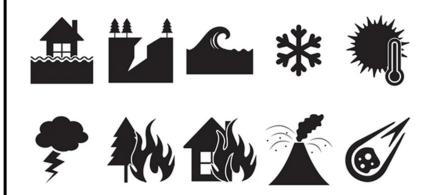


Mark your calendars for October 31 beginning at 5:30. To celebrate all saints from all over the world and a Halloween alternative, we will have a festive celebration of all saints!

- Potluck meal: bring something fall-ish to share (there will be a sign-up sheet when we get closer to the day)
- Pumpkin/Gourd contest: painting or carving Christian saints/ themes/ pictures/ symbols only- all ages.
- Costume Contest: Guess the saint! Kids (and adults if so inclined) are invited to dress as saints or Bible characters. Bring a riddle, poem, clues, or perform a short act so we can guess who you are! Everyone will have to guess your saint! Bring enough clues!

When you have picked a saint to dress up like, don't tell anyone except Fr. Dcn. Patrick or Mka. Barbara Gill.

See Mka Barbara Gill for more information on this upcoming party, right here at ASONA!



# SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

The IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) recommends that EVERYONE make preparations, or increase and improve their preparations during the month of September. ASONA's website has a READY page, with a wealth of information to help you prepare. There you will find articles, and checklists, on many very real and frightening circumstances, including,

- \* Civil Unrest and Violence
- Nuclear attack, EMP or loss of power
- Covid-19 or other pandemic outbreaks
- Martial Law, shelter-in-place orders

Also checklists for the Basics, and what to add to, including;

- Water (2 weeks worth 1 gallon/person/day)
- Food (3 days/3 weeks/3 months worth)
- Clothing (including footwear season appropriate)
- Communication (alternatives to stay in touch with family)
- Transportation (and fuel if you have to get out)
- Shelter (whether you shelter in or bug out)

See all this and more, and take this seriously and go to *ArizonaOrthodox.com/READY*And advance your preparedness NOW!

# **NO ON PROP 139**

### ArizonaProlifePastors.org

Nearly **700 Arizona Christian Pastors** standing together to defend voiceless children and vulnerable women.



This is a Biblical issue



See our website article on Prop 139 for more information.

**VOTE NO ON PROP 139** 

### Prokeimenon in Tone 6 (Ps 27)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! And in the 4th Tone

Wondrous is God in His Saints, the God of Israel!

EPISTLE: GAL. 6:11-18; 1 COR. 16:13-24; GAL. 4:22-31

with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

RETHREN, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**RETHREN**, For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the  $\overset{f C}{\hookrightarrow}$  slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married." Now we, brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now. But what does the scripture say? "Cast out the slave and her son; for the son of the slave shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." So, brethren, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.+

### Alleluia in Tone 1 (Ps 88)

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 same tone (Ps 36)

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord, and He is their defender in time of affliction.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17; MATT. 21:33-42; LUKE 8:16-21

HE LORD SAID, "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that who-

ever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."+

HE LORD TOLD THIS PARABLE, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

HE LORD SAID, "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away." Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." But He said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." +