

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Thurs Nov. 21-23	8 am	ASONA Rummage Sale
Sat. Nov. 23	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 24	9 am	Divine Liturgy
Wed. Nov. 27	6 pm	Molebien of Thanksgiving
Thurs. Nov. 28	4:30-8pm	RMHC Thanksgiving Meal
Sat. Nov. 30	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec.1	9 am	Divine Liturgy
Tues. Dec. 3	6 pm	Vespers <i>Entrance of Theotokos</i>
Wed. Dec. 4	9 am	Liturgy <i>Entrance of Theotokos</i>
Sat. Dec. 7	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec.8	9 am	Divine Liturgy

*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.

PRAY FOR PEACE. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.



The **ASONA Giving Tree**
is HERE

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SUN. NOV. 17, 2024

ST. JOANNICUS THE GREAT

TONE 4





BENEFITTING THOSE IN THE ARIZONA FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

2024 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 the DEADLINE, DEC. 5

Now, don't forget **DEC 5th is a HARD DEADLINE**. We are not in charge of this program, so everything must be collected by that date. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**, as we aren't in charge of the pickup. We can do **NOTHING** to deliver late gifts.

The Christmas Giving Tree starts NOW. ASONA has participated in the program for years now. Help us continue this important spiritual tradition. This is the way of Life in Christ!



VOLUNTEERS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

ASONA is seeking volunteers to help prepare a Thanksgiving meal for the residents at the Ronald McDonald House in Mesa, AZ. The Ronald McDonald House Charity (RMHC) provides lodging and meals for family members with children in the hospital. The RMHC is very dear to our hearts as we stayed at the house in Cleveland, OH for 6 months while Bodhi (Cassell) was in the NICU/PICU.

It's very meaningful for the residents when volunteers provide home-cooked meals, hope and Christian love; especially during holidays. We are hoping to make this an annually recurring ASONA outreach program. The Mesa RMHC houses up to 30 families.

WHEN: 4:30pm-8 pm – Nov. 28, 2024

WHERE: Dobson House

2225 W. Southern Ave Mesa, AZ 85202

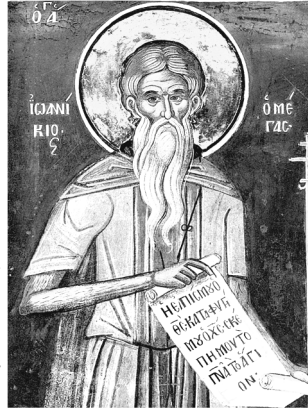
For more info see Subdcn Michael & Katie Cassell

SAINTS ALIVE

The lives and deeds of the heroes of our faith

ST. JOANNICUS THE GREAT

St Joannicus the Great was born in Bithynia in the year 752 in the village of Marikat. His parents were destitute and could not provide him even the basics of an education. From childhood he had to tend the family cattle, their sole wealth. Love for God and prayer completely dominated the soul of the child Joannicus. Often, having shielded the herd with the Sign of the Cross, he went to a secluded place and spent the whole day praying, and neither thieves nor wild beasts came near his herd. He studied reading and writing, and he learned thirty Psalms of David by heart. After this, commanded by God to go to a certain mountain, the monk withdrew into the wilderness. For three years he remained in deep solitude in the wilderness, and only once a month a shepherd brought him some bread and water. The ascetic spent day and night in prayer and psalmody. After each verse of singing the Psalms Saint Joannicus made a prayer, which the Orthodox Church keeps to this day in a somewhat altered form, "The Father is my hope, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection." St Joannicus spent seventy years in ascetic deeds and attained to a high degree of spiritual perfection. Through the mercy of God the saint acquired the gift of prophecy, as his disciple Pachomius has related. The Elder also levitated above the ground when he prayed. Once, he crossed a river flooded to overflowing. The saint could make himself invisible for people and make others also hidden from sight. Once, St Joannicus led Greek captives out of prison under the very eyes of the guards. Poison and fire, with which the envious wanted to destroy the saint, did him no harm, and predatory beasts did not touch him. He freed the island of Thasos from a multitude of snakes. Saint Joannicus also saved a young nun who was preparing to leave the monastery to marry; he took upon himself the agonized maiden's suffering of passion, and by fasting and prayer, he overcame the seductive assault of the devil. Foreseeing his death, he fell asleep in the Lord on November 4, 846, at the age of 94.+



Glory to God for All Things!

Prokeimenon in Tone 4 (Ps 103)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

And in the 7th tone (Ps 115)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

EPISTLE: GALATIANS 2:16-20; 5:22-6:2

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me..

BRETHREN, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.+

Alleluia in Tone 4 (Ps 44)

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness!

You love righteousness and hate iniquity!

And in the 6th Tone

Blessed is the man that fears the Lord, that greatly delights in His commandments.



GOSPEL: LUKE 8:41-56; MATTHEW 4:25-5:12

AT THAT TIME, there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came

and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

IN THOSE DAYS, great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan. Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you. +