

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Tues. Dec. 2	GIVING TUESDAY 6:30 pm	Be generous to ASONA Theology 101
Wed. Dec. 3	6:30 pm 7 pm	Great Vespers - Feast <i>Apologetics Class</i>
Thurs. Dec. 4	9 am	Liturgy Entrance Theotokos
Sat. Nov. 29	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 30	9 am	Divine Liturgy

*Note the dates for the following events:*

**ASONA GIVING TREE GIFT DEADLINE THURS. DEC. 4th**

*Thank you to everyone who participated in this program!*

**THE 2025 ASONA  
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

**is HERE!**

***Deadline: Friday, December 5th***



**Pray for Peace!**

**Pray for each other!**

**For ASONA Merchandise:** <https://merchloop.com/collections/ASONA>

## 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.





## ASONA CHRISTMAS PAGE

### ArizonaOrthodox.com/Christmas

We often hear it said that Jesus was not “really” born December 25th; that this date is a mere fiction, surreptitiously appropriated by church authorities in an attempt to Christianize the pagan solstice, or festival Sol Invictus. However, such charges are actually recent. For almost all of church history, December 25th was received as the actual date of Christ’s birth, handed down from earliest times. Learn the Truth! Defend the Faith!

Our Christmas page includes,

- \* **Counterflow Podcast** interviewing Fr. John about Christmas Myths. *This episode was so good it was banned from YouTube!*
- \* How we know when Christ was born
- \* The Biblical Case for Dec. 25th
- \* The Origin of Christmas
- \* Pagan Records of Herod’s slaughter of the Innocents
- \* Certifying Census Considerations
- \* In Defense of the Christmas Tree
- \* Six men who failed to paganize the origins of Christmas
- \* And more!

Time to sharpen your responses to the usual attacks on Christianity and Christmas that haunt family gatherings, parties, and Christmas events. Study to be ready to speak the truth in love, but speak the Truth!



### Prokeimenon in Tone 8 (Ps 76)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!  
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!

### EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

**B**rethren, I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.+

### Alleluia in Tone 8 (Ps 95)

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!

### GOSPEL: LUKE 12:16-21

**T**HE LORD SAID THIS PARABLE, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."+