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HARRISBURG, LOUISIANA

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LEADERSHIP SCRIPTURE STUDY COURSE is meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM, with four participants. This is a good foundation, and hopefully some of the participants will be leaders of the next course, Acts of the Apostles.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES scripture study course will begin in 1992, 7:30 PM Tuesdays; I believe it is a ten week course. All are welcome. Registration form inside.

AN ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY will be held at the beginning of each Sunday Divine Liturgy in Advent, and we intend to have a small Nativity scene and other decorations. The wreath ceremony is traditionally lead by the youth of the congregation.

"CHRISTMAS CARDS" are available, look inside.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW mission to the elderly has been established. We are providing services including Divine Liturgy (Mass) to residents of nursing homes - the appreciation these people give us is beyond belief.

VOCATIONS, for priests, lay leaders, scripture study, you name the vocation area, we have the need. Don't just pray for more priests and other ministers, think about it for yourself.

Merry Christmas / God Bless,
Fr. Lee



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BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Applications are now being taken for the next Scripture Study Course, Acts of the Apostles. This will probably be a ten week course. Meetings will be at 7:30 PM Tuesdays, last approximately one and one-half hours, use video tapes and handouts, are coordinated by group leaders, and are open to the public.

Please enroll me in the next *
scripture study course: *
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES *

Name _____ *

Street _____ *

City _____ *

State-Zip _____ *

Phone () _____ *

Check here if payment is enclosed *
(Registration is complete upon our *
receipt of the \$10.00/course, which *
covers the cost of all material for *
that course.) *

Mail to: *
Holy Innocents Orthodox Church *
(Scripture Study) *
311 Hickory Ave. *
Harahan, La. 70123 *

ST. MARY MADGALENE NEWS

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
125 Hartsie - 150 Angell Lane
Waveland, Mississippi 39576
(601) 467-3723

REGULAR SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

7:00 AM Morning Prayers
11:15 AM Divine Liturgy/
Mass
3:00 PM Office of Readings
6:00 PM Evening Prayers
7:00 PM Close



We now have a central heat unit at St. Mary Magdalene, the heater and blower unit, but we have to hook it up. Fortunately, it has been warm during Saturday Liturgy so far this year. Hopefully we will either receive a gift of funds sufficient to hook up the heat, or of labor and material to do the job, or of whatever God determines we need.

This facility is available for all of us for picnics and retreats. Both can take place at the same time, with little or no interference one of the other. Please, feel free to use it, every Saturday. Picnickers should bring their own food, etc - we supply the bath room and Bar-B-Q pit, God supplies the beach and the woods. Retreatants need only bring themselves. The only time someone is not there is when something very unusual happens.

Directions: Take I-10 East through Slidell. Cross the Louisiana - Mississippi State line; pass up the truck scales and take the first exit after the truck scales. This is the scenic route to the beaches. (This is the scenic route to the beaches. people call this the Hwy. 90 exit.) St. Mary Magdalene is on this highway until you arrive in Waveland. Turn right at the first traffic light, go down the road towards the beach, cross over the rail road tracks and turn left on Central Ave. which is the first road over the rail road tracks. Stay on Central until you reach Coleman Ave., which is located at the first stop sign you will come to. Turn right on Coleman and you will see the beach ahead. Turn right on Beach Rd., go two blocks to Hartsie, turn right on Hartsie 550 ft. until the bend in the road. St. Mary Magdalene is on the left.

If you wish to receive INNOCENTS, please fill in your name and address below and send to:

Holy Innocents Orthodox Church
311 Hickory Avenue
Harahan, Louisiana 70123

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

HOLY INNOCENTS ORTHODOX CHURCH
(Western Rite)
1991 LITURGICAL & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

For December, 1991

Daily Schedule

The Chapel is usually open Sunday through Friday from 6:00 AM through 10:30 PM (5:00 PM on Friday), as schedules permit.

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer Sun through Fri
- 7:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass) Mon through Fri see schedule for Mass on Great Feasts/Holy Days
- 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass) Sun
- 3:00 PM Office of Reading Mon through Fri
- 6:00 PM Evening Prayer Mon through Thu
- 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy (Mass) on Great Feasts/Holy Days
- 10:30 PM Night Prayer Mon through Thu

You may request reception of the reserved Eucharist during Morning, Evening, and Night Prayers and the Office of Reading, and are encouraged to receive during Divine Liturgy.

Conflicts in schedule sometimes do not allow the above daily schedule to be kept. However, all activities listed in the calendar below will take place unless something extraordinary occurs.

SUN Dec 1 First Sunday in Advent (V)
Christmas Wreath and Nativity Ceremony
St. Bibiana of Rome (VM) (R)

9:30 AM Confessions

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10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Dec 2 St. Birinius of W. Saxony (BC)

Tue Dec 3 St. Peter Chrysologus (BCD)

7:30 PM Scripture Study
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Wed Dec 4 St. Barbara (VM)

Thu Dec 5 St. Sabbas of Palestine (Abt)

Fri Dec 6 St. Nicholas of Myra (BC)

Sat Dec 7 St. Ambrose (BCD)

SUN Dec 8 Second Sunday in Advent (V)
Christmas Wreath and Nativity
Ceremony
CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKAS,
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (FEAST
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)
[HD] (Blue or W)

9:30 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Dec 9 St. Clement of Alexandria (CD)

Tue Dec 10 St. Hipparchus of Samasota
St. Melchiades, Patriarch of
Rome (C) (BC)

7:30 PM Scripture Study
Leadership Sess 4

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- Wed Dec 11 St. Daniel, Stylite (C)
- Thu Dec 12 St. Damasus of Spain (BC)
- Fri Dec 13 St. Lucy of Syracuse (VM) (R)
- Sat Dec 14 St. Spiridon of Cyprus (BC)
- SUN Dec 15 Third Sunday in Advent (V)
Christmas Wreath and Nativity
Ceremony
Feast of the Holy Spirit,
Guide and Protector of Holy
Mother Church (R)
- 9:30 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls
- Mon Dec 16 St. Eusebius of Vercellis (BM)
(R)
- Tue Dec 17 St. Lazarus (C)
- 7:30 PM Scripture Study
Leadership Sess 5
is Last Session
- Wed Dec 18 Ember Wednesday in Advent,
Wednesday in Ember Week (V)
Feast of the Unknown Martyrs
(R)
- Thu Dec 19 St. Julian of Nicodemia (VM)
(R or W)
St. Nemesius of Syria (Abt)
- Fri Dec 20 Ember Friday in Advent, Friday
in Ember Week (V)
St. Amon of Nitra (Abt)

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Sat Dec 21 Ember Saturday in Advent,
Saturday in Ember Week (V)
St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr
(R)

SUN Dec 22 Fourth Sunday in Advent (V)
Christmas Wreath and Nativity
Ceremony
St. Anastasia (WM) (R)

9:30 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Dec 23 The Holy Martyrs of Crete (R)

Tue Dec 24 St. Eugenia (M) (R)
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

Wed Dec 25 THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST
CHRISTMAS DAY [HD] [GF] (W)

(11:30 PM Thursday, Confessions
available)
12:00 MIDNIGHT CHRISTMASS VIGI
MASS

9:30 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Thu Dec 26 St. Stephen, Protomartyr (DnM)
(R)

Fri Dec 27 St. John the Divine, Apostle
and Evangelist (R)

Sat Dec 28 The Holy Innocents (MM) (R)

SUN Dec 29 PRESENTATION OF JESUS [GF] (W)
Sunday after Christmass, Within
B120191 Octave of Christmas

(Roman Rite - Holy Family)
St. Alypius the Stylite

9:30 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Dec 30 St. Sabbas the Goth (M) (R)

Tue Dec 31 St. Sylvester of Rome (BC)

ST. BARTHOLOMEW MISSION TO THE ELDERLY
MASS SCHEDULE

Thu Dec 5 7:30 PM Met Health Care Center

Thu Dec 12 7:30 PM Met Health Care Center

Mon Dec 16 7:30 PM Met Health Care Center

Mon Dec 23 7:30 PM Met Health Care Center

Mon Dec 30 7:30 PM Met Health Care Center

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CHRISTMAS "Mass Cards" are available in the rectory or by mail, \$2.00 each, assorted styles with two shown on the next two pages. Supply is limited. Use the order form below. The inside inscription reads:

Will share in the Spiritual Benefits of the Christmas Divine Liturgy (Mass) and Prayers at Holy Innocents Orthodox Church and its Mission Churches.

Requested by:

Fr. Lee Mc Colloster
Holy Innocents Orthodox Church
311 Hickory Avenue
Harahan, Louisiana 70123
(504) 738-3502

Dear Fr. Lee,
Please include and remember

(please print)
in the Divine Liturgy and Prayers for the (living/dead) at Holy Innocents Orthodox Church and its Mission Churches during the coming month beginning _____, 19__ on the occasion of:

Requested by: (optional)

(name)

(address)

(city/state/zip)

please send this slip to:
Fr. Lee Mc Colloster
Holy Innocents Orthodox Church
311 Hickory Avenue
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No charge for Masses, just send the slip. Cards cost \$2.00 (check/money order). Specify Icon of Christ ___; Icon of Mary ___; Christmas ___; Other ___.

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STUDY PROBLEMS IN THE HISTORY CLASS

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CHRISTMAS "Miss Cards" are available in the factory or by mail, \$1.00 each, assorted styles with two views on the front and two pages. Supply is limited. Use the order form below. The inside inscription reads:

Will spare
Tend to
Divide
Prayer
Orthodox
Miss
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P. E.
Holy
Hanna



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SECOND MARRIAGES IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

In the last two issues of INNOCENTS we presented an overview of second marriages in the Orthodox Catholic Church. As we stated here, this is not written for the scholars on this subject, nor for those who are more knowledgeable on the subject than we, but rather is presented as a teaching tool for those who are less knowledgeable on the subject than the author. It should serve as an introduction to the subject, to wisdom, not as its final word.

We are made in God's Image. We are made in His Likeness. God is Trinity: three persons in one Godhead is one way of talking about God. Using imagery (small "i"), each individual can be thought of as a trinity. Humans have two prime elements, body and soul. A simple, but inexact, step is to say we have a body, a soul, and they are connected or interact through the mind. This is a naturalistic approach.

A better approach is: to be complete each of us has to have a body, a soul, and must be in God, participating in God - part of Christ's Body, to be complete.

Trinities seem to work well in most, if not all, aspects of human salvation. Babies require three persons to be created: momma and daddy for the biology, and God to create the soul. When all three persons unite in a special act of creation, a new person is created.

So too is marriage involved in a trinity, which reflects the Trinity. Jesus is us pont blank, that in marriage man and woman shall leave all others, and become as one. This is done in the special Graces which God gives to the married. Marriage, Holy Marriage, is therefore a trinity of persons: man (husband), woman (wife), and God. Leave out one, and you do not have a marriage. You may have cohabitation, you may have a marriage according to man made law, you may have a human who wants to be married, but you do not have a sacramental marriage, a real marriage, unless all three are present.

Since God is permanent, and is a necessary member of every true marriage, the

marriage is permanent, forever, without end. By His very Nature, Eternal, what He participates in shares in an aspect of Eternality. For a creature, which is everything other than God, this sharing in Eternality (without beginning or end) is the quality of immortality (with a beginning but without an end). That is why what God has joined together can never be put asunder. It is also why second or subsequent marriages are not preferred, even after a spouse dies, for the marriage endures forever. The marriage relationship is different in Heaven, but it still exists.

Since humans are weak, we are allowed to marry more than once. St. Paul made this very clear. Since this is not a preferred activity or state, restrictions have been placed on subsequent marriages, the circumstances under which they may be had, the procedure. The effect subsequent marriages have on the spouses have been formed to stress its undesirability. However, it can be done.

God allows for our weakness and our strength. To be with Him we must face up to our weaknesses and admit our errors, correct them where possible, and attempt to avoid them. To do otherwise is to abandon God, for denial of our wrongs and weaknesses prevents forgiveness of them and our receipt of His strength.

To try to restrict God is equally foolish. It denies God's ability to forgive, as it were, because the wrong has a quality of unforgivableness. Such beliefs are in gross error, for the only thing which can not be forgiven is the denial that God can forgive us. Such denial becomes, in effect, a rejection of God's compassion, of His forgiveness.

Unfortunattely, there is no real way to properly express the concepts involved. Logic is not adaqet to explain matters involving God, nor is imagery. The combination of the two, a form of contemplative Theology, of "mystical Theology" as it is sometimes called, using the imagery we have presented over the past three months, is about as close as we can get to an understanding of this great Sacrament.

Holy Innocents is a Western Rite Church affiliated with the Orthodox Catholic Diocese of Louisiana of the Holy Orthodox Church, American Jurisdiction (American Orthodox Church).

His All-Holiness Bartholomewus,
Patriarch of Constantinople

His Eminence, Wm. Francis Forbes, S.S.B., O.D.,
Metropolitan-Primate

His Excellency, John J. Lehman, S.S.B.

Bishop

Vr. Rev. Father Lee Mc Colloster, S.S.B.

Pastor

SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES

Divine Liturgy (Mass), every Sunday at 10:00 O'Clock AM, and see weekday schedule inside. All who have been Baptized and Confirmed are encouraged to receive the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

Baptism and Chrismation (Confirmation) may be scheduled two or more weeks in advance, for children and adults who have never received these sacraments, and who desire to join the church.

Reception of converts, for those who have been baptized and confirmed in another branch of the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church, may be scheduled two or more weeks in advance.

Holy Matrimony should be scheduled at least three months in advance, but may be arranged in less time depending on the circumstances.

Absolution/Confession, is available during the half-hour period before Divine Liturgy, and on request at virtually all times.

Anointing of the Sick, and visitation of the sick, is available on request. Please notify us if you, a friend, or family member, become ill, are hospitalized, or desire a visit. You need not be ill to request a visit.

Blessing of a Home, is traditionally done on the feast of the Epiphany (January 6), or when a family moves into a new home. It should be scheduled a week or so in advance. The home need not be all in order.

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