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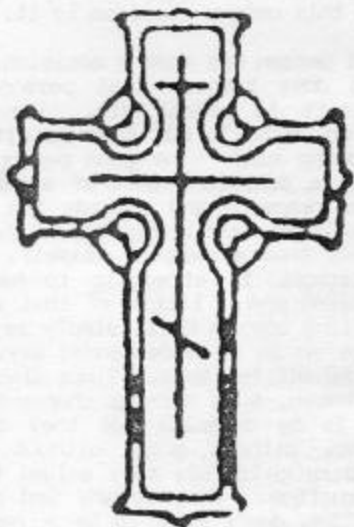
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THE STARTING DATE AND SCHEDULE for the next BIBLE STUDY COURSE will be announced in the March issue of Innocents. The subject will be the book, Acts. An enrollment coupon is in the bulletin, fee \$10.00. The course is open to all, including non parishoners and non Orthodox. Meetings are once per week, begin and end with prayer, and are designed not just to teach but to also enrich your spiritual life. Participants also usually gain greater insight to themselves, as well as to the meaning of what is written. We do not always agree with the written course material (some of it is quite "modernistic"), but this helps formulate ideas and discussion in a prayerful setting. The lecture portion is on videotape, and the course is one in the series of the Little Rock Scripture Study courses.

IT IS WITH OUR SORROW that we report the falling asleep in the Lord of our brother, Bishop James Henderson, of Philadelphia, on or about February 9th of this year. I believe he was a not so distant relative of mine, on my father and paternal grandmother's side. May his memory be eternal. If anyone knows where any of his living relatives are, I will appreciate being sent their names and addresses.



PICNICKS ARE PLANNED for the first Saturday in May, and for the 4th of July, and for Labor Day, at St. Mary Magdalene in Waveland, Miss. Keep plans to attend in the back of your mind. Details in later issues of Innocents.

HAVE CLEAN FUN during Mardi Gras.

God Bless,
Fr. Lee

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LUKE WARM PEOPLE, ATTITUDES & POSITIONS

Jesus spoke very plainly about being luke warm. The luke warm person will be vomited from God's mouth. With this straight forward warning, it would be logical to presume only the ignorant would take luke warm positions, would equivocate, would fail to take positions and fight for them, or, what is worse, fail to make decisions. This last category of "luke warmth" is an ultimate evil.

A person who fails to make a decision, especially when one should or must be made, for whatever reason, makes a luke warm response to the situation. In so failing to do, they tie up other persons lives as well as their own, and, because of the very nature of their indecision, in the area of their indecision, they restrict and impede growth and progress for themselves and all involved. They invariably harm themselves and others through their indecision.

As an example, a child who is offered ice cream or cake, and who can not make up its mind, or even if it wants either, impedes those waiting, temporarily makes others wait on receiving their treat, and may wind up getting nothing.

A person who can not decide whether to accept a wedding proposal disrupts their prospective spouse's life, the lives of the members of both families, and may well loose the best person ever to come into their life.

A person who straddles the fence on an absolute, such as abortion, allows babies to be killed while trying to justify taking life. There can be no justification, ever, for taking a life.

By its very nature, failure to make a decision is in actuality a decision to, in the least, reject the offer, at the worst, to accept an evil.

The person who "takes a rain check" on a marriage proposal has in actuality rejected the marriage offer. There is no wedding planned, no anticipation of life together in Christ; only the potential of keeping a false hope alive in the heart of the other person exists, and this is cruelty in its most

sophisticated form. This is evil.

The child who can not decide which treat it desires has, defacto, rejected the opportunity to have either treat. Usually, the choice is offered again, but sometimes the offer is no longer a choice between cream or cake, because one or the other is gone, or the adult will make the choice for the child. In either instance, the child rejected the first offer, and will have to live with the results of that rejection.

The person who straddles the fence on abortion defacto allows and therefore defacto approves of abortion in at least some instances. Abortion is the intentional killing of a child who is still in the womb. Any way you look at it, you wind up with a dead baby. This is wrong.

We all have to make decisions on a daily basis. Even if our life is mapped out and controlled by others, we decide whether we will follow the direction of those in control, or whether we will go our own way or rebel. We know the consequences of making decisions and following through with them. It is also clear that failing to make a decision is a decision, and a rejection. It is the equivocating nature of attempting to avoid a decision or of its consequences, which is repugnant, and this repugnance is so great that God has this unique reaction to it.

An evil person has made a decision, and God can and does respect that person for having the guts to reject Him. The evil person will go to Hell, but does so with an open and knowing mind. The good person likewise made a decision, that of accepting God, and God respects and rewards the good person for so doing, and brings them into His home and makes them a part of Himself. The luke warm person, in attempting to have a little of Heaven and a little of that which winds up putting one in Hell, simply rejects God, but does so in an underhanded way, and God has no respect for them. Since there is no evil in Heaven, such persons choose Hell, even if it is by default; but they do so without honor, without guts, without even being foolish or prideful; they snivel their way to destruction. That is why God can't stand them. You don't have to be a zealot, but you do have to take a stance.

HOLY INNOCENTS ORTHODOX CHURCH
(Western Rite)
1992 LITURGICAL & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

For February, 1992

Daily Schedule

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

- 7:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass) Mon through Fri
- 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass) Sun
- 7:00 PM Additional Divine Liturgy (Mass) on Great Feasts/Holy Days unless otherwise noted

Conflicts in schedule sometimes do not allow the above daily schedule to be kept. Changes are usually announced during Sunday Liturgy for each week. All activities listed in the calendar below will take place unless something extraordinary occurs.

Sat Feb 1 St. Ignatius of Antioch (BM)
(R)
St. Brigid (Vid)

SUN Feb 2 Fourth Sunday after Theophany
(Epiphany) (W)
PURIFICATION OF THE VIRGIN
MARY, THE THEOTOKOS
CANDLEMAS DAY (W or B)

- 9:30 AM Confessions
- 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship Hour

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(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Feb 3 SS Anskar (BM) and Blaise
(BM) (R)

Blessing of throats after
7 AM Mass and at 7 PM
Benediction

Tue Feb 4 St. Theophilus of Alexandria
(BC) (G)
St. Cornelius the Centurian

Wed Feb 5 St. Agatha (VM) (R)

Thu Feb 6 St. Photius (BC)

Fri Feb 7 SS Simeon and Ann (C) and
1003 Martyrs of Nicomedia
(R or W)

Sat Feb 8 St. Dorothy (VM) (R)

SUN Feb 9 Fifth Sunday after Theophany
(Epiphany) (W)
St. Cyril of Alexander (BCD)

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

Mon Feb 10 St. Scholastica (V) (W or
color of season)

Tue Feb 11 St. Apollonia (VM) (R)

Wed Feb 12 St. Romuald (Abt)
St. Julian of Antioch (M) (R)

Thu Feb 13 St. Kentigern (BC)

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Commem. - Tikhon of Moscow

Fri Feb 14 St. Valentine (PrM) (R)

Sat Feb 15 SS Jovita and Faustinus (MM)
(R)

SUN Feb 16 Septuagesima
St. Elias and Companions (MM)
St. Onesimus (PrM) (R)

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

Mon Feb 17 St. Finan (BC)

Tue Feb 18 St. Simeon (BM) (R)

Wed Feb 19 St. Philemon (C)

Thu Feb 20 Holy Fathers and Missionaries
of Africa (MMCC) (R)

Fri Feb 21 St. Joseph of Arimethea (C)

Sat Feb 22 Feast of St. Peter's Chair at
Antioch (W)

SUN Feb 23 Sexagesima
St. Dositheus of Jerusalem (BC)

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

Mon Feb 24 St. Matthias, Apostle and
Martyr (R)

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Comm. St. John the Baptist
(optional)

Tue Feb 25 St. Caesarius of Nazianzus (C)

Wed Feb 26 St. Ethelbert (KC)

Thu Feb 27 St. Porphyry of Gaza (Bp.C)

Fri Feb 28 St. Oswald of Winchester-York,
922 A.D. (BC)

Sat Feb 29 St. Cassian of Rome (C)

NOTE: St. Mary Magdalene will be
closed Saturday, February 1st (one of my
Godchildren is marrying).

SCRIPTURE 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 Thursdays, last approximately one and one-half hours. Use video tapes and handouts, are coordinated by group leaders, are open to the public, will start in several weeks.

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 *

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

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311 Hickory Avenue
Harahan, Louisiana 70123

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

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NEXT ISSUE We will return to the teaching format in the next issue of INNOCENTS. The Holydays schedule (not holiday - it is HOLYDAY) restricted proper preparation of materials for this issue. Contributions are welcome, should be typed, and not longer than two letter size sheets (if the subject permits). Longer pieces must be completed prior to submission.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE NEWS

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

REGULAR SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy/
Mass

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE CHANGED THE SCHEDULE AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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 Saturday 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. (Some people call this the Hwy. 90 exit.) Stay 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.

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His All-Holiness Bartholomews, Patriarch of Constantinople

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

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

Wt. Rev. Father Lee Mc Colloster, S.S.B. Pastor

SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES

Divine Liturgy (Mass), every Sunday at 10:00 O'Clock AM. 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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