

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Ian	Stefan
Archpriest Eugene	John
Reader Aleksei	Vivian
Monk Philaret	Jung Sook
Matushka Mary	Thomas
Matushka Mary Sara	Cheyenne
Andrea	Nancy
Virginia • Thomas	Randall
John • Jacqueline	Rose
Euphrosynos	Don
John • Catechumen Rebecca	Norma

The repose and salvation of –

Subdeacon Nikolai (December 31) Michael (January 6)

Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

Contact Father to schedule your house blessing this month

Be sure to complete 2017 pledge cards!

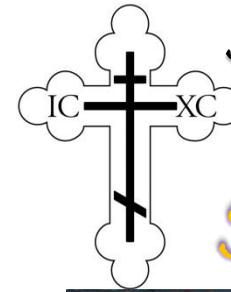
Saturday, January 28, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers + Litya
for the Meeting of the Lord**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 7:00 AM – DIVINE LITURGY
FOR THE MEETING OF THE LORD**

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, January 15, 2017



Church of the Transfiguration by Svetlana Kruglov (2014)

Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Other services as announced

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Venerable Paul of Thebes

Paul was born of wealthy parents in Lower Thebes in Egypt during the reign of Emperor Decius. Paul, along with his sister, inherited all the property of their parents. But his brother-in-law, an idolater, wanted to confiscate Paul's share of the property and threatened to betray Paul before the judge as a Christian if he did not cede his property to him. On one hand, that misfortune and on the other hand those heroic examples of self-sacrifices of Christian martyrs which Paul saw with his own eyes motivated him to give his share of the property to his sister and he, as a pauper, withdrew into the desert where he lived an ascetical life until his death. To what spiritual heights this ascetical giant reached is witnessed by no less a person than St. Anthony the Great who, at one time, visited Paul and saw how the wild beasts and birds of heaven ministered to him. Returning from this visit, Anthony said to his monks, "Woe is me, my children! A sinful and false monk that I am, a monk only in name. I saw Elijah, I saw John in the wilderness and, in truth, I saw Paul in Paradise!" St. Paul lived one-hundred thirteen years and peacefully died in the Lord in the year 342 A.D.

Venerable John Calabytes "the Hut-Dweller"

John was born in Constantinople of wealthy and distinguished parents during the reign of Leo I. He was the only child of his parents. Drawn by the inclination for the spiritual life, the young John secretly fled with a monk to a monastery in Asia Minor. In this monastery he remained for six years in the greatest restraint, prayer and obedience toward the abbot. Then the devil assailed him with temptation that he should leave the monastery and return home to his parents and there to live with them as a nobleman. Indeed, he returned to the home of his parents dressed as a beggar. He saw his parents, but did not introduce himself. He took up lodging as a beggar in their courtyard, living, so to say, from the crumbs which the servants threw to him and enduring many ridicules from everyone. As such, John lived for three years constantly praying to God that He save the souls of his father and mother. When John fell ill and sensed death approaching, he made himself known to his parents who recognized him by a precious book of the Gospels which they had given him in his childhood and which he had kept for himself as his only possession. And so, this young man, even though he was very wealthy, defeated the devil and saved his soul and the souls of his parents. He died in the Lord about the year 450 A.D.

Also this week: *Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Glorious Apostle Peter; St Honoratus, Abp of Arles and founder of the Abbey of Lérins (January 16); Ven and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (January 17); Saints Athanasius the Great and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria (January 18); Ven Macarius the Great of Egypt (January 19); Ven Euthymius the Great (January 20); Ven Maximus the Confessor (January 21).*

** REGULAR FASTING THIS WEEK; FISH, WINE, AND OIL ALLOWED ON FRIDAY **

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16 (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 5 (Sunday)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, /
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, /
Born for our salvation from the Virgin; /
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, /
To endure death, /
And to raise the dead ///
By His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion – Tone 4 (Saints)

O God of our fathers /
Deal with us according to Thy compassion /
Take not away Thy mercy from us /
But through the prayers of our fathers ///
Guide our lives along the way of peace.

Kontakion – Tone 5 (Sunday)

Thou didst descend into hades, O my Savior, /
Shattering its gates as Almighty; /
Resurrecting the dead as Creator, /
And destroying the sting of death. /
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, ///
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Kontakion - Tone 3 (St Paul)

Let us assémble today, [O ye faithful], /
And let us praise [our venerable father Paul]; /
For he shone forth as the brilliant reflection of the spiritual Sun /
And lead those in the darkness of ignorance to the heights of heaven. ///
Paul, thou art the adornment of Thebes and the [glory] of the fathers and all the [saints].