

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Ian	Stefan
Archpriest Eugene	John
Archpriest Seraphim	Vivian
Priest Michael	Jung Sook
Protodeacon Alexis	Thomas
Reader Aleksei	Cheyenne
Monk Philaret	Nancy
Matushka Mary	Randall
Elizabeth • Virginia	Rose
Kapitolina • Thomas	Don
John • Jacqueline	Norma
Euphrosynos	
John • Samuel	
Catechumen Rebecca	

The repose and salvation of –

Peter (September 26)

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

Thursday, October 20 - 4:30 PM Open House followed by Vespers

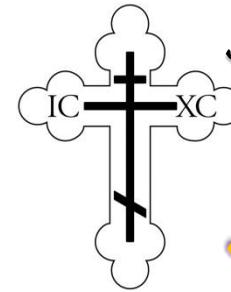
Saturday, October 22 – 2:00 PM Parish Council followed by Great Vespers

Sunday, October 23 - Q&A with Fr. Matthew, Dean, after Liturgy

Saturday, October 29 – 11:30 AM Feed My Starving Children

Until a man's earthly life finishes its course, up to the very departure of the soul from the body, the struggle between sin and righteousness continues within him. However high a spiritual and moral state one might achieve, a gradual or even headlong and deep fall into the abyss of sin is always possible. Therefore, communion of the holy Body and Blood of Christ, which strengthens our contact with Him and refreshes us with the living streams of the grace of the Holy Spirit flowing through the Body of the Church, is necessary for everyone. -- St. John the Wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco

*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, October 2, 2016



**Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr Justina,
and Martyr Theoctistus of Nicomedia**



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

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Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr Justina, and Martyr Theoctistus of Nicomedia

St Cyprian was a pagan and a native of Antioch. From his early childhood his misguided parents dedicated him to the service of the pagan gods. From age 7 until 30, Cyprian studied at the most outstanding centers of paganism: on Mount Olympus, in the cities of Argos and Tauropolis, in the Egyptian city of Memphis, and at Babylon. Once he attained eminent wisdom in pagan philosophy and the sorcerer's craft, he was consecrated into the pagan priesthood. Having discovered great power by summoning unclean spirits, he beheld the Prince of Darkness himself, and spoke with him and received from him a host of demons in attendance. Returning to Antioch, Cyprian was revered by the pagans as a prominent pagan priest, amazing people by his ability to cast spells, to summon pestilence and plagues, and to conjure up the dead.

The holy virgin Justina lived in Antioch. After turning her own father and mother away from pagan error and leading them to the true faith in Christ, she dedicated herself to fasting and prayer. When the youth Aglaides proposed marriage to her, the saint refused, for she wished to remain a virgin. Agalides sought Cyprian's help and asked for a magic spell to charm Justina into marriage. But no matter what Cyprian tried, he could accomplish nothing, since the saint overcame all the wiles of the devil through her prayers and fasting. Cyprian sent demons to attack the holy virgin, trying to arouse fleshly passions in her, but she dispelled them by the power of the Sign of the Cross and by fervent prayer to the Lord.

Cyprian, in a rage, sent down pestilence and plague upon Justina's family and upon all the city, but this was thwarted by her prayer. "If you take fright at even the mere shadow of the Cross and the Name of Christ makes you tremble," said Cyprian to Satan, "then what will you do when Christ Himself stands before you?" The devil then flung himself upon the pagan priest who had begun to repudiate him, and attempted to beat and strangle him. St Cyrian then first tested for himself the power of the Sign of the Cross and the Name of Christ, guarding himself from the fury of the enemy. Afterwards, with deep repentance he went to the local bishop Anthimus and threw all of his books into the flames. The very next day, he went into the church, and did not want to leave it, though he had not yet been baptized.

St Cyprian sought to make up for more than 30 years of service to Satan. Seven days after Baptism he was ordained reader, on the twelfth day, subdeacon, on the thirtieth, deacon. After a year, he was ordained priest. In a short time St Cyprian was elevated to the rank of bishop. He converted so many pagans to Christ that in his diocese there was no one left to offer sacrifice to idols, and the pagan temples fell into disuse. St Justina withdrew to a monastery and there was chosen abbess.

In 304, during the persecution under the emperor Diocletian, Bishop Cyprian and Abbess Justina were arrested and brought to Nicomedia, where after fierce tortures they were beheaded with the sword. St Cyprian, fearful that the holy virgin's courage might falter if she saw him put to death, asked for time to pray. St Justina joyfully inclined her neck and was beheaded first. The soldier Theoctistus, seeing the guiltless sufferings of St Justina, fell at Cyprian's feet and declared himself a Christian, and was beheaded with them.

Also this week: Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bp. of Athens, and with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon (October 3); Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bp of Athens (October 4); Martyr Charitina of Amisus (October 5); HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE THOMAS; GLORIFICATION OF ST INNOCENT, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW, ENLIGHTENER OF THE ALEUTS, AND APOSTLE TO AMERICA (October 6); Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus (October 7); Ven. Pelagia the Penitent (October 8).

** "regular" fasting all week **

Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15 (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 6 (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; / The guards *became* as dead men. /
Mary stood by Thy grave, / Seeking *Thy* most pure body. /
Thou didst capture hell, / Not being tempted by it. /
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. ///
O Lord, Who didst rise from the *dead*: glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 4 (Saint)

Like the Apostles in character, / A successor on their throne, O divinely-inspired One /
Through visions thou didst find thy work / Rightly dividing the word of truth. /
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith / Even to the shedding of thy blood ///
O Hieromartyr Cyprian, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion – Tone 6 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, /
Raised all of the *dead* from the valleys of misery with His mighty Hand, /
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. ///
He is the *savior* of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Saint)

Thou wast converted *from* the art of sorcery /
To the knowledge of God, O divinely-wise one, /
And was manifested *to* the world as a most wise physician /
Granting healing to those who *honor* thee. O Cyprian together with Justina, ///
Entreat the Master and Lover of mankind that He may save our souls.