

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...**

*The health and salvation of –*

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Eugene	Stefan
Priest Kyrill & family	John
Priest James	Vivian
Priest John	Jung Sook
Reader Aleksei	Thomas
Reader Sergei	Cheyenne
Monk Philaret	Nancy
Matushka Mary	Randall
Matushka Mary Sara	Rose
Marie • Barbara • Kyra	Don
John • Euphrosynos	Norma
Virginia • Thomas	James
John • Luke	
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

*The repose and salvation of –*

Mitred-Archpriest Michael (Nov. 11)  
Protodeacon Keith (October 26)

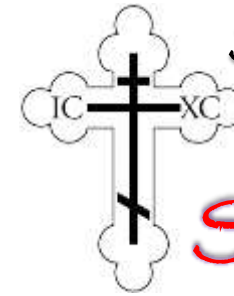
*Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.*

**This Monday, November 20, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya  
for the Entrance of the Most-Holy Theotokos**

**This Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the  
Entrance of the Most-Holy Theotokos**

**This Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers**  
*This Thursday, November 23, 9:30 AM – Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy*

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,  
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,  
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ST TIKHON ORTHODOX  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

The Prophet Obadiah (Abdia)

Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea



Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck  
Wednesdays 6:30 PM – Evening Prayers & Saints of the Day  
Other services as announced

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## The Prophet Obadiah (Abdia)

The Holy Prophet Obadiah [or Abdia] is the fourth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, and he lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sichein, and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. In those days the whole of Israel had turned away from the true God and had begun to offer sacrifice to Baal, but Obadiah faithfully served the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in secret.

When Ahab's wife, the impious and dissolute Jezebel, hunted down all the prophets of the Lord (because of her quarrel with the Prophet Elias), Obadiah gave them shelter and food (III/I Kingdoms 18:3). Ahab's successor King Okhoziah [Ahaziah] sent three detachments of soldiers to arrest the holy Prophet Elias. One of these detachments was headed by Saint Obadiah. Through the prayer of Saint Elias, two of the detachments were consumed by heavenly fire, but Saint Obadiah and his detachment were spared by the Lord (IV/II Kingdoms 1).

From that moment Saint Obadiah resigned from military service and became a follower of the Prophet Elias. Afterwards, he himself received the gift of prophecy. The God-inspired work of Saint Obadiah is the fourth of the Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and contains predictions about the New Testament Church. The holy Prophet Obadiah was buried in Samaria.

### Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea, in Cappadocia

The Holy Martyr Barlaam lived in Antioch of Syria. During Diocletian's persecution against Christians, the aged Saint Barlaam was arrested and brought to trial, where he confessed himself a Christian. The judge, wanting to compel the saint to renounce Christ, ordered that Saint Barlaam be brought to the pagan altar. His right hand was placed over it, and a red-hot censer burning with incense was put into his hand. The torturer thought that a physically weak old man could not endure the pain and would drop it on the altar. In this way he would involuntarily be offering sacrifice to the idol. However, the saint held on to the censer until his hand fell off. After this, the holy Martyr Barlaam surrendered his soul to the Lord.

**Also this week:** *St Philaret (Drozdov), Metropolitan of Moscow (today); Venerable Gregory the Decapolite (November 20); ENTRANCE OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE (November 21); Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St Paul (November 22); REPOSE OF THE RIGHT-BELIEVING GREAT PRINCE ST ALEXANDER NEVSKY, IN SCHEMA ALEKSY (November 23); Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria (November 24); Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome (November 25).*

**\* NATIVITY FAST THIS WEEK: fish, wine, and oil allowed on Tuesday and Saturday; wine and oil allowed on Thursday \***

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:14-22 (Sunday)

**Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21 (Sunday)

### Troparion – Tone 7 (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death /  
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise /  
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy /  
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, /  
To proclaim that Thou art risen, ///  
Granting the world great mercy.

### Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyr)

Thy holy martyr Barlaam, O Lord, /  
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God /  
For having Thy strength, he laid low his enemies /  
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///  
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

### Kontakion – Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, /  
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! /  
Hades is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: /  
“The Savior has come to those in faith; ///  
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### Kontakion – Tone 4 (Martyr)

Thou wast revealed to possess amazing strength /  
By which thou didst endure thy trial by fire. /  
Thou wast sacrificed to Christ as an offering of sweet smelling incense /  
And having received thy crown of honor from Him ///  
Intercede for us, O glorious martyr Barlaam.