

**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
Reader Aleksei	Jung Sook
Monk Philaret	Thomas
Matushka Mary	Cheyenne
Virginia • Thomas	Nancy
John • Jacqueline	Randall
Euphrosynos	Rose
John • Samuel	Don
Catechumen Rebecca	Norma

*The repose and salvation of –*

Archpriest Oleg (October 18)

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

**This Saturday, December 3, 5:00 PM – Great Vespers**

**Sunday, December 11, after coffee hour – St. Nicholas celebration**

**Sunday, December 18 – Parish Council**

**Saturday, December 24 - Eve of the Nativity:**

**9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy followed by Great Vespers**

**5:00 PM – Vigil for the Nativity**

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



**Greatmartyr James the Persian**



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

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## Holy Great Martyr James the Persian

The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness. His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, St James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture St James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

**Also this week:** *Monk Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius, Martyrs Basil, Stephen, two Gregories, John, Andrew, Peter, Anna, and many others (November 28); Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithinia (November 29); HOLY AND ALL-PRAISED APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED (November 30); Prophet Nahum (December 1); Prophet Habakkuk (December 2); Prophet Zephaniah; St Birinius, Apostle of Wessex (December 3).*

**\* NATIVITY FAST: fish, wine, and oil allowed on Wednesday and Saturday; wine and oil allowed on Thursday \***

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:4-10 (Sunday)

**Gospel:** Luke 13:10-17 (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 (Martyr)

Thou didst astonish all by thy terrible suffering /  
And by the valor of thine endurance; /  
Thou didst wondrously offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God /  
As each of thy limbs was severed from thy body. /  
Therefore, thou didst receive a crown for thy sufferings, /  
And didst ascend to the throne of Christ God, the King of heaven. ///  
Entreat Him now, O James, that He may save our souls.

### 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 2 (Martyr)

Thou didst heed the advice of thy good wife /  
And didst meditate upon the judgment of God. /  
Thou didst despise the Persians' threats and commands /  
And didst accept thy body to be cut in pieces as a vine. ///  
Thus becoming a martyr worthy of all praise.