

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...**

*The health and salvation of –*

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Eugene	Stefan
Priest James	John
Priest John	Vivian
Reader Aleksei	Jung Sook
Monk Philaret	Thomas
Matushka Priscilla	Nancy
Marie • Virginia • Thomas	Randall
John • Luke • Katherine	Rose
Catechumen Michael	Don
Catechumen Andrew	Norma
Catechumen Jennifer	James
Catechumen Rebecca	

*The repose and salvation of –*

Mitered Archpriest John (April 7)	Allen (March 7)
Helene (March 8)	

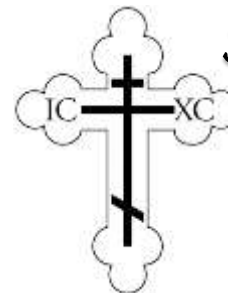
*Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.*

**Today, after Divine Liturgy – grave blessings and picnic at Chapel Hill**

*Next Sunday, April 22 – Church School*

**Saturday, April 28, 5:30 PM -- Great Vespers & Confession**

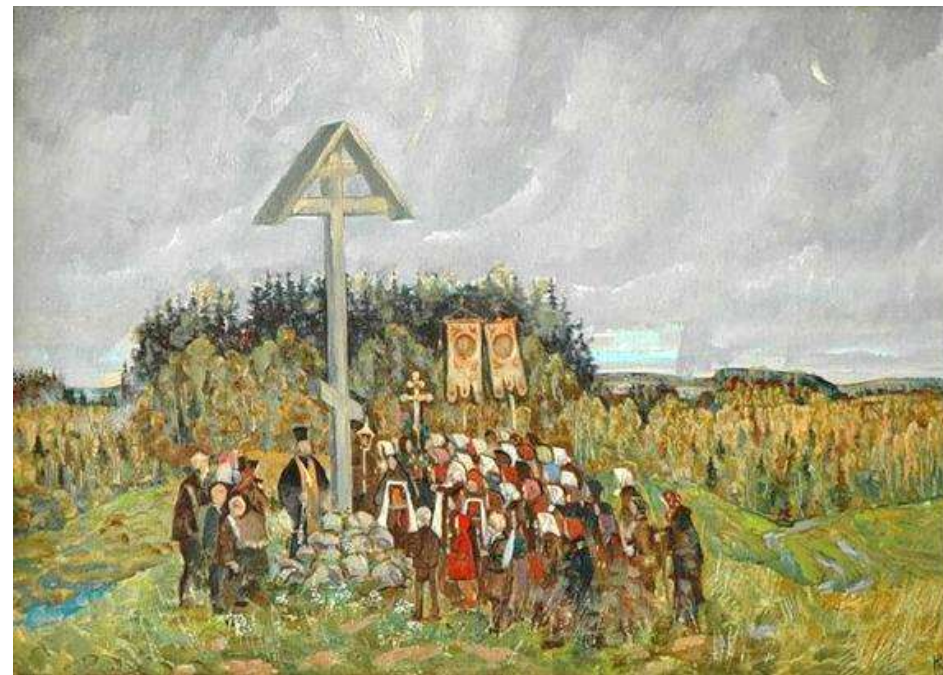
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Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,  
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*Sunday, April 15, 2018*

**St Thomas Sunday**



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

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ARABIC	<i>Al'Masiah qam !</i>	<i>Haqqan qam!</i>
CHINESE	<i>Ji-du fu-huo-le!</i>	<i>Zhen-de Ta fu-huo-le!</i>
COPTIC	<i>Ekhrestos af tonf!</i>	<i>Khen ou meth mee af tonf!</i>
FRENCH	<i>Christ est Ressuscité!</i>	<i>En Vérité, Il est Ressuscité!</i>
GAELIC	<i>Erid Krist!</i>	<i>G'deya! n erid she!</i>
GERMAN	<i>Christus ist auferstanden!</i>	<i>In Wahrheit ist Er auferstanden!</i>
GREEK	<i>Christos Anesti!</i>	<i>Alithos Anesti!</i>
HAWAIIAN	<i>Ua Ala Hou 'o Kristo!</i>	<i>Ua Ala 'I 'o No 'oia!</i>
JAPANESE	<i>Harisutosu fukkatsu!</i>	<i>Jitsu ni fukkatsu!</i>
KOREAN	<i>Kristo bu-hwal ha-sho-nay!</i>	<i>Cha-mu-ro bu-hwal ha-sho-nay!</i>
LATIN	<i>Christus resurrexit!</i>	<i>Vere resurrexit!</i>
LATVIAN	<i>Kristus ir augsham tsalies!</i>	<i>Patiesham vinsh ir augsham tsalies!</i>
ROMANIAN	<i>Hristos a Inviat!</i>	<i>Adeverat a Inviat!</i>
SLAVONIC	<i>Christos Voskrese!</i>	<i>Voistinu Voskrese!</i>
SPANISH	<i>Cristo ha resucitado!</i>	<i>Verdaderamente ha resucitado!</i>

**Also this week:** *Virgin Martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chionia, in Illyria (April 16); DAY OF REJOICING (Radonitsa); Hieromartyr Simeon, Bp in Persia, and those with him: Martyrs Abdechalas, and Ananias – Presbyters Ustbazanes, Fuscus, Ascitrea, Azades the Eunuch, and many others (April 17); Ven John, disciple of Ven Gregory of Decapolis (April 18); Ven John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine (April 19); Ven. Theodore Trichinas (“the Hair-shirt Wearer”), Hermit, near Constantinople (April 20); Hieromartyr Janaurius, Bp of Benevento and his companions (April 21).*

**\* Regular fasting this week; wine and oil allowed on Wednesday and Friday \***

**Epistle:** Acts 5:12-20 (Sunday)

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31 (Sunday)

### Troparion - Tone 7 (Sunday)

From the *sealed tomb*, Thou didst shine forth O Life! /  
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy disciples, O Christ God! /  
*Renew* in us, through them, an upright spirit, ///  
By the greatness of Thy mercy, O resurrection of all!

### Kontakion - Tone 8 (Sunday)

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, /  
When Thou didst come to *Thine* apostles through closed doors. ///  
He cried out with all: *Thou* art my Lord and my God!

### The Holy Apostle Thomas

Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that wonderful and saving event. The resurrected Lord appeared to His disciples a second time, in order to convince Thomas. The Lord said to Thomas: *Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.* And Thomas replied: *My Lord and my God* (John 20:27-28). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the apostles cast lots to see where they would each go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India. He was a little saddened that he had to go so far away, but the Lord appeared to him and encouraged him. In India, St. Thomas converted many, both aristocrats and poor, to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops.

Among others, Thomas converted two sisters to the Faith-Tertiana and Migdonia-both wives of Indian princes. Because of their faith, both sisters were ill-treated by their husbands, with whom they no longer wanted to live after their baptism. Eventually, they were allowed to go. Being freed of marriage, they lived God-pleasing lives until their repose. Prince Mazdai, Tertiana's husband, whose son, Azan, was also baptized by Thomas, condemned the apostle to death. Mazdai sent five soldiers to kill Thomas. They ran him through with their five spears, and thus the Holy Apostle Thomas rendered his soul into the hands of Christ.