

**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
Priest ALEXander	Jung Sook
Subdeacon Peter	Thomas
Reader Aleksei	Cheyenne
Monk Philaret	Nancy
Matushka Mary	Randall
Matushka Mary Sara	Rose
Andrea • Justina	Don
Virginia • Thomas	Norma
John • Euphrosynos • John	Nancy
Catechumen Rebecca	James
Catechumen Jennifer	

*The repose and salvation of –*

Ion (March 18)

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

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13:**

**7:00 AM – Vespereal Divine Liturgy; 6:00 PM – Matins w/ 12 Passion Gospels**

**HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 14:**

**4:00 PM – Burial Vespers; 6:00 PM – Matins w/ Praises at Tomb**

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15:**

**10:00 AM – Vespereal Divine Liturgy**

**11:30 PM – Midnight Office, Resurrectional**

**Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy, FEAST!**

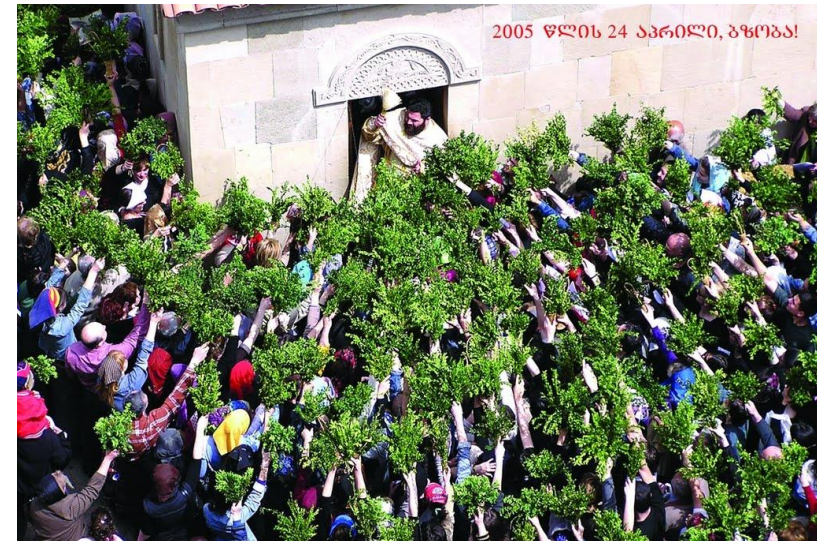
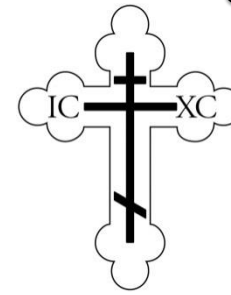
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Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,  
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

**Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem**



*Palm Sunday in Tbilisi, Georgia*

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

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## BEFORE THE SHROUD

A mournful assembly. A sorrowful sight. A dead body is before us, albeit not an ordinary dead body. Lying before us is the King of heaven and earth, the Creator of the entire universe. He died for us. We sinned, and He suffered. People transgressed the law of God, departed from God; and God, wishing to draw them to Himself in love, suffers and dies for us. God could not suffer and die in His Divinity, and therefore He was incarnate and suffered and died in His humanity, never ceasing to be God. Yet He does this all for us, in order to demonstrate His love for us.

With what gratitude must our hearts be filled for Him!

How can we worthily thank Him?

Flowers have been brought to His grave; He is surrounded with candles. The Lord does not reject these sacrifices, but He desires something else from us, and only with this will he accept our other offerings. My Son, give me thine heart (Proverbs 23: 26), said God through the Holy Scriptures of the Old Testament. The Lord awaits our heart – this is what we should present to Him. To love His commandments and teaching, and to fulfill them – this is gratitude to the One Who has suffered for us, which is pleasant and pleasing to Him.

*St John of Shanghai & San Francisco*

**\* FISH, WINE, AND OIL ALLOWED TODAY; LENTEN FAST ALL WEEK;  
WINE & OIL ALLOWED ON THURSDAY; STRICT FAST ON FRIDAY;  
WINE (BUT NOT OIL) ALLOWED ON SATURDAY \***

**Also this week:** HOLY MONDAY; Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Africanus, Maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore, Macarius, and 33 other beheaded at Carthage (April 10); HOLY TUESDAY; Hieromartyr Antipas, Bp of Pergamum, disciple of St John the Theologian (April 11); HOLY WEDNESDAY; St Basil the Confessor, Bp of Parium (April 12); HOLY THURSDAY; Hieromartyr Artemon (April 13); GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY; St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (April 14); GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY; Apostles of the Seventy: Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus (April 15).

**Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-9

**Gospel:** John 12:1-18

### Troparion - Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, /  
Thou didst confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ our God! /  
Like the children with the palms of victory, /  
We cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death; /  
Hosanna in the Highest! ///  
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

### Troparion - Tone 4

When we were buried with Thee in Baptism, O Christ our God, /  
We were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection! /  
Now we praise Thee and sing: /  
Hosanna in the highest! ///  
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

### Kontakion - Tone 6

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, /  
Carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! /  
Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: ///  
Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!