

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
Matushka Tamra	Don
Andrea • Justina	Norma
Virginia • Thomas	James
John • Euphrosynos • John	
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

The repose and salvation of –

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

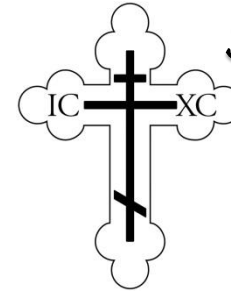
May – June: Temple Beautification Fund Drive

This Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers + Litya for the Ascension of our Lord

This Thursday, May 25, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 3, 5:30 PM – Vigil for Pentecost

*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, May 21, 2017

Sunday of the Blind Man



The Milvian Bridge, Ponte Milvio, Italy, where St Constantine beheld the Cross

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

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Saints Constantine and Helen

Constantine's parents were Emperor Constantius Chlorus and the Empress Helen. Chlorus had other children by another wife, but from Helen he had only Constantine. After his coronation Constantine fought three great battles: one, against Maxentius, a Roman tyrant; the second, against the Scythians on the Danube and the third, against the Byzantines. Before the battle with Maxentius, while Constantine was greatly concerned and in doubt about his success, a brilliant Cross appeared to him in the sky during the day, completely adorned with stars and written on the Cross were these words: "By this Sign Conquer." Astonished, the emperor ordered a large cross to be forged similar to the one that appeared to him and that it be carried before the army. By the power of the Cross he achieved a glorious victory over the enemy who was superior in members. Maxentius was drowned in the Tiber River. Immediately after that, Constantine issued the famous Edict of Milan in 313 A.D. to halt the persecution of Christians. Defeating the Byzantines, Constantine built a beautiful capital on the Bosphorus which from that time on was called Constantinople. Before that, however, Constantine succumbed to the dreaded disease of leprosy. As a cure, the pagan priests and physicians counseled him to bathe in the blood of slaughtered children. The Apostles Peter and Paul appeared to him and told him to seek out Bishop Sylvester who would cure him of this dreaded disease. The bishop instructed him in the Christian Faith, baptized him and the disease of leprosy vanished from the emperor's body. When a discord began in the Church because of the mutinous heretic Arius, the emperor convened the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, 325. A.D., where the heresy was condemned and Orthodoxy confirmed.

St. Helen, the pious mother of the emperor, was very zealous for the Faith of Christ. She visited Jerusalem, discovered the Honorable Cross of the Lord, built the Church of the Resurrection on Golgotha and many other churches throughout the Holy Land. This holy woman presented herself to the Lord in her 80th year in 327 A.D. Emperor Constantine outlived his mother by ten years. He died in Nicomedia in his 65th year in 337 A.D.

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>
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: Martyr Basiliscus, Bp of Comana (May 22); St Michael the Confessor, Bp of Synnada (May 23); LEAVETAKING OF PASCHA; St Vincent of Lerins (May 24); ASCENSION OF OUR LORD; THIRD FINDING OF THE HONORABLE HEAD OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN (May 25); Apostles Carpus and Alphaeus of the Seventy; St Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelizer of England; Venerable Bede of Jarrow (May 26); Hieromartyr Therapon, Bp of Sardis (May 27).

** "regular" fasting this week; fish, wine, and oil allowed on Wednesday, wine and oil allowed on Friday **

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 (Blind Man) / Acts 26:1-5, 12-20 (Saints)

Gospel: John 9:1-38 (Blind Man) / John 10:1-9 (Saints)

Troparion – Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, /
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, /
Born for our salvation from the Virgin; /
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, /
To endure death, / And to raise the dead ///
By His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion – Tone 8 (Saints)

Beholding the image of Thy Cróss in the heávens /
And like Paul receiving a call from Thee and not from ány man, /
Thine apostle among kings entrusted the reigning city into Thy hánds, O Lord. /
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, do Thou ever presérve it in peace, ///
For Thou alone lovest mankind.

Kontakion – Tone 3 (Saints)

Today Constantine and Helen, his mother /
Reveal to us the Cross, the awesome Treé of Christ /
Which is confusion to the Jews and a mighty weapon for áll believers /
Against their énemies ///
For truly it has appeared to us a sign of cónquest and tríumph in battle.

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Blind Man)

I come to Thee, O Christ, / Blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, /
And call to Thee in repentance: / "Thou art the most radiant Light ///
Of those in darkness!"