

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Archimandrite Irenei	Ann
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Stefan
Archpriest Ian	Travis
Archpriest Eugene	Anna
Archpriest Seraphim	John
Priest Alexander	Vivian
Reader Aleksei	Jung Sook
Matushka Elizabeth	Thomas
Virginia	Cheyenne
Kapitolina	Nancy
John • Jacqueline	Randall
Euphrosynos	Rose
John	Don
Samuel	Timothy
Catechumen Rebecca	

The repose and salvation of –

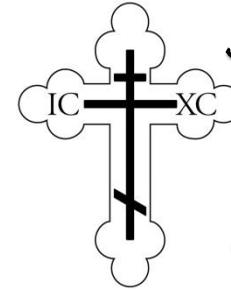
Valentina (June 15)
David (June 15)
Anna (June 17)

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

SUNDAY, JULY 3: after Liturgy - Pool Party

SUNDAY, JULY 10: PARISH COUNCIL

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

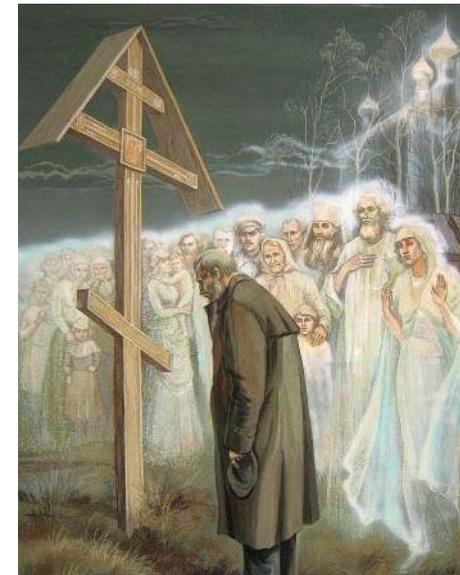


**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, June 26, 2016



The Sunday of All Saints



*“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and
let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1)*

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

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All Saints Sunday

The Mother of God and the Saints whose memory we keep today, those who are known to us because God has revealed them and because they have been understood and recognised, either by their contemporaries, or years, at times - centuries later, all the Saints are the response of the earth to the love of God. And this response is given by them not only in their own name but in the name of all creation and in our names also; because each of us has the privilege to be called by one name, our Christian name, the name of one of those Saints. And the Saints whose names are ours stand before God and pray that their name should not be made unworthy in the eyes of the Lord. The Saints of God embrace the whole of Creation in their love, in their intercession, in their prayer, in their real, continuous presence. How wonderful it is that we belong to this vast family of men, of women, of children who have understood what the Lord meant when He came, and lived, taught and died for us! They responded with their own heart, they understood with all their mind, and they accepted His message with all their determination, to overcome in themselves all that has been the cause of the crucifixion; because if only one person on earth had strayed, fallen away from God, Christ would have come to save at the cost of His life. This is His own testimony to a Saint of the early centuries who had been praying that the sinners should be confounded; and Christ appeared to him, and said, "Never pray that way! If one sinner have existed, I would have died for him."

The Saints are people who responded to love by love, people who realised that if someone can die for them, their only response of gratitude is to become such that he should not have died in vain. To take up our cross means exactly this: to turn away from all those things which are Christ's death and crucifixion, from all those things which surrounded Christ with hatred and lack of understanding. We are all free to do this, more than those who lived in His time because they could be mistaken in Him in those days; but in our days, after two thousand years, when we can read the Gospels, and see emerging from the story the stature, the Person of Christ, when we have got millions of witnesses that tell us that He truly gave His life for us, and that the only response we can give is to give our lives for one another in His name - how can't we respond?

Let us therefore, on this day make a new resolve: to listen in the way in which they listened, with all their heart, all their mind, all their will, all their self to see what happened, to hear what He said, to respond by gratitude and by determination. And then, if we offer this little to God - our gratitude and our good will - the strength, the power for us also to grow into the stature which God has willed, dreamt for us, - the power will be of God; as He had said, My strength deploys itself in weakness, My grace sufficeth... And Paul, who knew that, added, in another passage, All things are possible unto us in the power of Christ Who sustains us...

Let us make a new start, so that the Saints whose names we wear should rejoice in us, so that the Mother of God Who gave Her Son unto death that we may respond, that we may understand, that we may be saved should rejoice, and that Christ should see that it is not in vain that He lived, taught, and died. Let us be His glory, a light; it may be a small light, just like a small candle, it may be a bright light as one of the great Saints - but let us be a light that lights the world and makes it less dark! Let us be joy so that others may learn to rejoice in the Lord. Amen!

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh (June 25, 1989)

Also this week: *St. Joanna the Myrrhbearer (June 27); Translation of the Relics of the Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenarys Cyrus and John (June 28); THE HOLY GLORIOUS AND ALL-PRAISED LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL (June 29); SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY, GLORIOUS, AND ALL-PRAISED TWELVE APOSTLES (June 30); Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenarys Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs at Rome; St Cenydd, Hermit of Lancant (July 1); ST JOHN OF SHANGHAI AND SAN FRANCISCO (July 2).*

*** Apostles Fast Monday and Tuesday; wine and oil allowed on Tuesday; fish, wine, and oil allowed on Wednesday; "regular" fast on Friday ***

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Troparion – Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on *high*, O Merciful One! /
Thou didst accept the *three*-day burial to free us from our sufferings! ///
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 4 (Saints)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, /
Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood
shed throughout all the world. /
She cries to Thee, O Christ God: / Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, ///
Grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls!

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Saints)

The universe offers *Thee* the God-bearing martyrs, /
As the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. ///
Through the Theotokos *and* their prayers establish Thy Church in peace!