

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
Reader Aleksei	Vivian
Matushka Elizabeth	Jung Sook
Virginia	Thomas
Kapitolina	Cheyenne
John • Jacqueline	Nancy
Euphrosynos	Randall
John	Rose
Samuel	Don
Catechumen Rebecca	Timothy

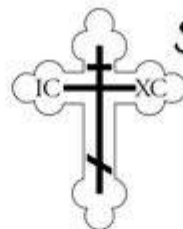
The repose and salvation of –

Mitred Archpriest Boris (June 26)
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.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 10: PARISH COUNCIL
Saturday, July 23, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers

*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, July 3, 2016

The Sunday of All Saints of North America



Welcome to Father James Worth!

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

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The First Known American Convert to Orthodox Christianity

Philip Ludwell III was a prominent figure in pre-revolutionary Virginia and a relative by blood or marriage of many great early figures in American history from George Washington to Robert E. Lee. The scion of one of the largest landholding and politically prominent families in early Virginia, he was born at Green Spring near Williamsburg on December 28, 1716. One year after his marriage to Frances Grymes in the summer of 1737, the young Ludwell travelled from Williamsburg to London, England. In 1761, the Orthodox priest in London, Fr Stephen Ivanovsky, wrote:

In 1738, during the incumbency of the late Hieromonk Bartholomew Cassano at this holy Church, an English gentleman named Ludwell, born in the American lands and living there in the province of Virginia, came to London seeking the True Faith, which he, with God's help, has swiftly found in the Holy Graeco-Russian Church. And so on the 31st of December of the same year he was confirmed in the same with the holy Chrism.

In 1740 Ludwell returned to Virginia. From 1742 to 1749 he was a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses, where he argued for higher taxes on the importation of African slaves and headed a committee to seek a cure for cancer. In 1752 he became a member of the Royal Governor's Council and served in this capacity until his death in 1767. As a member of the Council he was instrumental in obtaining a colonel's commission for a young George Washington in the Virginia militia in 1755.

Meanwhile, he continued to secretly practice his Orthodox faith, which at that time was treasonable. At some point in the 1750s he embarked upon an English translation of the "Orthodox Confession of the Catholic and Apostolic Eastern Church", composed in 1640 by Metropolitan Peter Mogila of Kiev. Ludwell dedicated his translation to "the devout Christian reader," and quoted the prophet Jeremiah: "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the Ways, and see, and ask for the old Paths, where is the good Way, and walk therein, and ye shall find Rest for your Souls."

By 1751 he had three daughters: Hannah, Frances, and Lucy. In 1753 his wife Frances died. In 1760 he moved with his daughters to London where they were received into the Orthodox Church on Holy Wednesday, 1762. In the same year, with the blessing of the Holy Synod of the Church of Russia, Ludwell's translation of Mogila's catechism was published in a cloth edition. The Holy Synod also authorized Fr Stephen Ivanovsky to give the Ludwell family the consecrated elements of bread and wine to take back to Virginia and to prepare for them appropriate forms of Orthodox prayer for use in their native land. One extant copy of what may be this ordo has been found in bound, but handwritten, form. It includes translations of the three principal Orthodox liturgies, morning and evening prayers, the service of confession and other texts.

Philip Ludwell died in London on March 14, 1767 after a long illness. His funeral rites were served at the Orthodox Church there and he was buried at the Anglican church of St Mary Stratford Bow where there was a family vault. Over two hundred years later his life and inspiring story of faith is becoming known and reshaping our view of early America.

www.ludwell.org

Also this week: St Andrew, Abp of Crete (July 4); VEN. ATHANASIUS, FOUNDER OF THE GREAT LAVRA AND CENOBITIC MONASTICISM ON MOUNT ATHOS, AND HIS SIX DISCIPLES; UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF VEN SERGIUS OF RADONEZH (July 5); Translation of the Relics of the Holy and Ven. Sisois the Great (July 6); Ven. Thomas of Mt. Maleon (July 7); SITKA ICON OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS (July 8); Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bp of Taormina (July 9).

** "regular" fasting this week **

Epistles: Romans 2:10-16 (Sunday) / Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Saints)
Gospels: Matthew 4:18-23 (Sunday) / Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saints)

Troparion – Tone 1 (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, /
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, /
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / Granting life to the world. /
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: /
"Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! ///
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Troparion – Tone 8 (Saints of North America)

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, /
The lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. /
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace ///
Through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

Kontakion – Tone 1 (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / Raising the world with Thyself. /
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! /
Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: ///
Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

Kontakion – Tone 3 (Saints of North America)

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America /
Now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. /
With them the angels glorify Him, /
And all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; ///
And together they all pray for us to the Pre-Eternal God.