

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)
Matushka Anna (July 4)
Valentina (June 15)
David (June 15)
Anna (June 17)
Elizabeth (July 6)

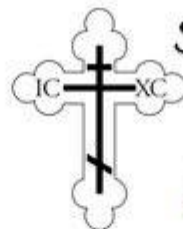
Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

This Saturday, July 23, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers

Saturday, August 6 – 9:30 Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 7 – Visit by Archbishop Benjamin

*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 17, 2016



Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils



Tsar Nicholas II receiving communion (as a priest) at his coronation (1894).

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

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Passion-Bearer Tsar Nicholas II

Saint Nicholas, the last Russian Tsar, was born in 1868. As a child, he was very religious, guileless and free from malice. He was crowned as Tsar in 1894, following the death of his father Tsar Alexander. He began his reign with lofty hopes for peace, urging other nations to reduce the size of their armies, and to seek the peaceful settlement of international disputes. The Peace Conference at the Hague in 1899 laid the groundwork for the League of Nations and the United Nations.

He married Princess Alice of Hesse, who converted to Orthodoxy and took the name Alexandra. Their children were Olga (1895), Tatiana (1897), Maria (1899), Anastasia (1901), and Alexis (1904).

The glorification of St Seraphim of Sarov took place on July 19, 1903, and Tsar Nicholas attended the ceremonies at Sarov with his family. At that time he was given a letter written by St Seraphim more than seventy years before, which seemed to disturb him. Although the Sovereign never revealed the letter's contents, it is believed that it was a prophecy of the bloodshed that would engulf Russia in less than fifteen years.

St Nicholas was executed by the Bolsheviks at Ekaterinburg on July 4/17, 1918 along with his family and servants. The prisoners were awakened late at night and ordered to get dressed for travel. They went down to the cellar of the home in which they were being held, waiting for the word to leave. The Tsar sat on a chair in the middle of the room holding his son Alexis in his lap, while his wife and daughters stood around them.

The executioners entered the room and read out the order for their execution. Sts Nicholas and Alexandra died under the hail of bullets, but the children did not die right away. They were stabbed and clubbed with the butts of rifles. Their bodies were taken to an abandoned mine, cut into pieces, then piled in front of the mine. Sulphur and gasoline were poured on the bloody mound and set on fire. When the fire went out two days later, whatever remained of the bodies was thrown into the mine and grenades were tossed into it. Then the ground was plowed so that no trace of the disposal of the bodies remained.

Also this week: *Nin Martyrs Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Barbara (July 18); Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Seraphim of Sarov (July 19); HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH (July 20); Prophet Ezekiel (July 21); Holy Myrrbearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene (July 22); Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia (July 23).*

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

Epistles: Romans 6:18-23 (Sunday); Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)

Gospels: Matthew 8:5-13 (Sunday); John 17:1-13 (Fathers)

Troparion – Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! /
For the Lord has shown strength with his arm! /
He has trampled down death by death! /
He has become the first-born of the dead! /
He has delivered us from the depths of hell, /
And has granted to the world /// Great mercy!

Troparion – Tone 8 (Fathers)

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! /
Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! /
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith! ///
O greatly-compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion – Tone 3 (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, /
Leading us from the gates of death. /
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; /
With the prophets and patriarchs ///
They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Fathers)

The apostles' preaching and the father's doctrines have established one Faith
for the Church/
Adorned with the robe of Truth, woven from heavenly theology, ///
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy.