

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Vivian
Archpriest Eugene	Jung Sook
Priest John	Thomas
Reader Aleksei	Randall
Monk Philaret	Don
Matushka Priscilla	Norma
Elizabeth • Marie • Marie	James
Virginia • Ignatius • Anne	
Thomas • John • Theodore	
Katherine • Roman	

Catechumens: Andrew, David,
Michael, Sergio, Rachel, Rick,
Jennifer, and Rebecca

The repose and salvation of –

Bishop Athanasios (January 4)
Victoria (December 11)

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

Contact Father to schedule your house blessing this month

This Thursday, January 17, 6:30 PM – choir practice

Saturday, January 26, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers & Confession

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Friday, February 1, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya

*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, January 13, 2019

The Holy Fathers Slain at Sinai & Raithu



Sundays at 9:10 AM – Hours & Divine Liturgy, followed by agape potluck

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM – Evening Prayers & Saints of the Day

Saturdays at 5:30 PM – Great Vespers

Other services as announced

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The Holy Fathers Slain at Sinai & Raithu

(commemoration transferred from January 14 due to the leavetaking of Theophany)

There were two occasions when the monks and hermits were murdered by the barbarians. The first took place in the fourth century when 40 Fathers were killed at Mt. Sinai, and 39 were slain at Raithu on the same day.

Mount Sinai, where the Ten Commandments had been given to Moses, was also the site of another miracle. Ammonios, an Egyptian monk, witnessed the murder of the 40 holy Fathers at Sinai. He tells of how the Saracens attacked the monastery and would have killed them all, if God had not intervened. A fire appeared on the summit of the peak, and the whole mountain smoked. The barbarians were terrified, and fled, while the surviving monks thanked God for sparing them. That day, the Blemmyes (an Arab tribe) killed 39 Fathers at Raithu (on the shores of the Red Sea). Igumen Paul of Raithu exhorted his monks to endure their suffering with courage and a pure heart.

The second massacres occurred nearly a hundred years later, and were recorded by an eyewitness who miraculously escaped: Saint Nilus the Faster. The Arabs permitted some of the monks run for their lives. They crossed the valley and climbed up a mountain. From this vantage point, they saw the bedouins kill the monks and ransack their cells.

Also this week: *St Nina, the Enlightener of the Georgians (January 14); Ven Paul of Thebes; Ven John Calabytes "the Hut-Dweller" (January 15); Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Glorious Apostle Peter; St Honoratus, Abp of Arles and founder of the Abbey of Lérins (January 16); VEN AND GODBEARING FATHER ANTHONY THE GREAT (January 17); Saints Athanasius the Great and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria (January 18); Ven Macarius the Great of Egypt (January 19).*

** Regular fasting this week **

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 (Sunday after Theophany)

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 (Sunday after Theophany)

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 1 (Feast)

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan /
The worship of the Trinity was made manifest; /
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee / And called Thee His beloved Son. /
And the Spirit in the form of a dove / Confirmed the truthfulness of His word. /
O Christ, our God, Who hast revealed Thyself ///
And hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyrs)

Thy holy martyrs, O Lord, /
Through their sufferings received their incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God /
For having Thy strength they laid low their enemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///
Through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyrs)

O God of our fathers / Deal with us according to Thy compassion /
Take not away Thy mercy from us / But through the prayers of our fathers ///
Guide our lives along the way of peace.

Kontakion - Tone 8 (Resurrection)

By rising from the *tomb*, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. /
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, ///
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion - Tone 2 (Fathers)

You fled the tumult of this world/ And found rest in the calm haven;/
Crowned with the blood of martyrdom and ascetic labors///
Ye now dwell together with the martyrs and the venerable ones.

Kontakion - Tone 4 (Feast)

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, / And Thy light, O Lord, hath shone on us /
Who with understanding praise Thee; / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, ///
O Light Unapproachable.