

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

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| Abducted Bishops Paul & John | Pauline |
| Hieroschemamonk Ambrose | Ann |
| Archpriest Ian | Stefan |
| Archpriest Eugene | John |
| Reader Aleksei | Vivian |
| Monk Philaret | Jung Sook |
| Matushka Mary | Thomas |
| Matushka Mary Sara | Cheyenne |
| Andrea | Nancy |
| Virginia • Thomas | Randall |
| John • Jacqueline | Rose |
| Euphrosynos | Don |
| John • Samuel | Norma |
| Catechumen Rebecca | Michael |

The repose and salvation of –

Subdeacon Nikolai (December 31)

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

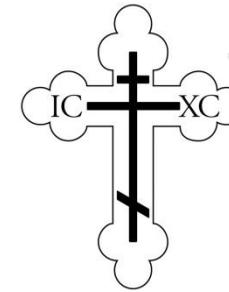
Be sure to complete 2017 pledge cards!

Saturday, January 28. 5:30 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Don't be left high & dry! Get a premium 6 oz. holy water bottle for only \$12!

*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 8, 2017



Afterfeast of Holy Theophany



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

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The Holy Martyrs Julian and Basilissa

Julian and Basilissa were of noble and wealthy parents. United in marriage, they vowed to live chastely as brother and sister. They distributed all of their property to the poor and both were tonsured. Julian founded a monastery and Basilissa founded a convent. Julian had about ten-thousand monks and Basilissa about a thousand nuns. When a terrible persecution began under Diocletian, Basilissa implored God that none of her nuns would become frightened of the tortures and would not fall away from the Orthodox Faith. The Lord heard the prayers of His worthy handmaiden and, in the course of six months, received unto Himself all the nuns, one by one and finally their abbess Basilissa. Before her death, Basilissa had a vision of her sisters [nuns] from the other world. To her, all of them appeared to her radiant and joyful as angels of God and beckoned their spiritual mother to come to them as soon as possible. Unlike Basilissa's convent, Julian's monastery was set ablaze by the persecutors and Julian was inhumanly tortured and died from the most difficult sufferings. During his tortures, the Lord watched over him and strengthened him so that he heroically endured, preserved his Faith and glorified the Name of Christ. Beheaded along with Julian were Celsus and Maronilla, the son and wife of the tormentor Marcian, who witnessing Julian's heroism in suffering and torture, were themselves converted to the Faith of Christ. Also beheaded were twenty Roman soldiers; seven brothers from that town; the presbyter Anthony; and a certain Anastasius, whom Julian at the time of his torture, resurrected from the dead by prayer. All suffered honorably for Christ and became citizens of the heavenly kingdom about the year 313.

St Domnica

During the reign of Emperor Theodosius, Domnica, unbaptized, came from Carthage to Constantinople with four other pagan maidens. Patriarch Macarius baptized them and gave his blessing to them to live as nuns. With great zeal, St. Domnica gave herself up to a life of asceticism and in that zeal did not waver until her death in extreme old age. She died in the Lord about 474 A.D. She was so enlightened by the Holy Spirit that she was able to discern events in the future and through prayer to work miracles.

Also this week: *Martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene in Armenia (January 9); St Gregory, Bp of Nysa (January 10); VEN THEODOSIUS THE GREAT, THE CENOBLARCH (January 11); Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her (January 12); St Hilary, Bp of Potiers (January 13); St. Nina, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of the Georgians (January 14).*

*** REGULAR FASTING THIS WEEK; WINE AND OIL ALLOWED ON WEDNESDAY ***

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

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

Troparion – Tone 4 (Sunday)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel /
The joyous message of Thy Resurrection; /
They cast away the ancestral curse /
And elatedly told the apostles: /
Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, ///
Granting the world great mercy.

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 belovèd 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.

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Sunday)

My Savior and Redeemer as God /
Rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. /
He has shattered the gates of hades, /
And as Master, /// He has risen on the third day!

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.