

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...**

*The health and salvation of –*

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemonk Ambrose	Vivian
Archpriest Eugene	Jung Sook
Priest James	Thomas
Priest John	Randall
Reader Aleksei	Don
Monk Philaret	Norma
Matushka Priscilla	James
Elizabeth • Marie • Marie	Eileen
Virginia • Ignatius • Anne	
Thomas • John	
Katherine • Roman	
Clergy & Parishioners of Holy Myrrhbearing Women Church	
Catechumens: Andrew, David, Michael, Sergio, Rachel, Jennifer, and Rebecca	

*The repose and salvation of –*

Arthur (October 7)	Eileen (August 10)
	Edith (September 22)

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

**Orthodoxy 101 – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM through October**  
**Friday, October 26 / Saturday, October 27 -**  
**Women's Retreat @ Holy Protection Monastery**  
**Saturday, October 27, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers & Confession**

*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, October 14, 2018**

**Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**



*The relics of Saints Ambrose, Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, and Celsus in Milan*

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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## Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, and Celsus of Milan

The Holy Martyrs suffered during the reign of the emperor Nero (54-68). Saint Nazarius (son of the Christian Perpetua and the Jew Africanus) was born at Rome and was baptized by Bishop Linus. From his youth Nazarius decided to devote his life to preaching Christ and to aid wandering Christians. With this intent he left Rome and arrived in Mediolanum (Milan).

Saint Nazarius met the twins Protasius and Gervasius when he was visiting Christians in the Mediolanum prison. He so loved them that he wanted to suffer and die with them. The ruler heard that he was visiting the prisoners, so he had Saint Nazarius beaten with rods, then driven from the city.

Saint Nazarius proceeded to Gaul (modern France), and there he successfully preached Christianity and converted many pagans. In the city of Kimel he baptized Celsus, the son of a Christian woman who entrusted her child to the saint. Nazarius raised the boy in piety, and acquired a faithful disciple and coworker in his missionary labors. The pagans threw the saints to wild animals to be eaten, but the beasts would not touch them. Afterwards, they tried to drown the martyrs in the sea, but they walked upon the water as if on dry land. The soldiers who carried out the orders were so amazed that they themselves accepted Christianity and released the holy martyrs.

Saints Nazarius and Celsus went to Milan and visited Gervasius and Protasius in prison. For this, they were brought before Nero, who ordered that Saints Nazarius and Celsus be beheaded. Soon after this the holy brothers Gervasius and Protasius were also executed. The relics of all four martyrs were stolen by a Christian named Philip, and were buried in his house.

Many years later, during the reign of the holy Emperor Theodosius (408-450), Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, discovered the relics of Saints Gervasius and Protasius through a revelation from God. In the reign of Arcadius and Honorius, Saint Ambrose also discovered the relics of Saints Nazarius and Celsus. The holy relics, glorified by many healings, were solemnly transferred to the Milan cathedral.

**Also this week:** *Ven Euthymius the New (October 15); Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (October 16); Prophet Hosea (October 17); HOLY APOSTLE & EVANGELIST LUKE (October 18); Prophet Joel (October 19); Greatmartyr Artemius of Antioch; MEMORIAL (DEMETRIUS) SATURDAY (October 20).*

*\* Regular fasting this week \**

**Epistles:** Galatians 1:11-19 (Sunday) / Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)

**Gospels:** Luke 8:5-15 (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 hades, /  
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 6 (Fathers)

The Son, having shone ineffably from the Father, /  
Having two *natures* was born of a woman. /  
We do not reject His image when we gaze upon it, /  
But piously *representing* it, we honor it with faith. /  
Therefore the Church, having the True Faith, ///  
Kisses the *icon* of the incarnation of Christ.