

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	
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)	Edith (September 22)
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Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

This Tuesday at 6:30 PM – Orthodoxy 101

This Friday, October 26 / Saturday, October 27 -

Women's Retreat @ Holy Protection Monastery

This 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 21, 2018

Venerable Hilarion the Great



Excavations of the Tell Umm el-'Amr Monastery, Gaza

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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Venerable Hilarion the Great

Saint Hilarion the Great was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabatha. He was sent to Alexandria to study. There he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of Saint Anthony the Great, Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned to his native land to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family's inheritance to the poor, Hilarion set out into the desert surrounding the city of Maium.

In the desert the monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them with heavy labor, fasting and fervent prayer. The devil sought to frighten the saint with phantoms and apparitions. During prayer Saint Hilarion heard children crying, women wailing, the roaring of lions and other wild beasts. The monk perceived that it was the demons causing these terrors in order to drive him away from the wilderness. He overcame his fear with the help of fervent prayer. Once, robbers fell upon Saint Hilarion, and he persuaded them to forsake their life of crime through the power of his words.

Soon all of Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord granted to St Hilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this gift of grace he loosed the bonds of many of the afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying that the grace of God is not for sale. Such was the grace that he received from God that he could tell by the smell of someone's body or clothing which passion afflicted his soul. They came to Saint Hilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of Saint Hilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he instituted a strict ascetic manner of life.

About seven years before his death (ca. 372) Saint Hilarion moved back to Cyprus, where the ascetic lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself. The sacred relics did not remain long in Cyprus. When Christians in Palestine heard of his repose, they sent his disciple Hesychios, who transferred them to the Maium monastery.

Also this week: *St Averkius, Equal-to-the-Apostles (October 22); HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF THE LORD (October 23); Martyr Arethas and 4299 Martyrs with him (October 24); St Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter (October 25); HOLY AND GLORIOUS DEMETRIUS THE MYRRHUSHER OF THESSALONICA (October 26); St. Dimitrie the New, Protector of Bucharest (October 27).*

** Regular fasting this week, with fish, wine, and oil on Friday **

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 4 (Resurrection)

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 8 (Saint)

Thine abundant tears made the *wilderness* sprout and bloom /
And thy suffering made thy *labors* fruitful a hundredfold /
Thou hast become a *shining* torch over all the world ///
O our holy father *Hilarion*, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Resurrection)

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 3 (Saint)

Today we gather to sing *hymns* in honor of thee, /
O brilliant star who makest shine the grace of God in our hearts, /
Thou wast a light to *those* in darkness /
And dost lift up to heaven those who cry aloud: ///
Joy to thee, O Hilarion, model of hermits.