

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...**

*The health and salvation of –*

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

*The repose and salvation of –*

Archimandrite Alexander (October 7)	Stephen (October 12)
Archpriest Gregory (September 28)	
Archpriest Oleg (October 18)	
Hieromonk Alexander (October 5)	
Protodeacon Alexis (October 2)	
Peter (September 26)	
Kapitolina (October 16)	

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

**Sunday, November 13 – Parish Council**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – NATIVITY FAST BEGINS**

**Also please take the time to listen to this Ancient Faith Podcast:**

[www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/faithencouragedlive/how\\_to\\_make\\_your\\_parish\\_welcoming](http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/faithencouragedlive/how_to_make_your_parish_welcoming)

*Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff talks with Fr. Barnabas Powell about making parishes welcoming to guests.*

*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 30, 2016

Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia



*"In the Church," by Nikolai Bogdanov-Belsky (1939)*

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

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## The Hieromartyr Zenobius, Bishop of Aegea, and his sister Zenobia

\* “regular” fasting all week \*

The Hieromartyr Zenobius, Bishop of Aegea, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr’s death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised in the holy Christian Faith by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their inherited wealth giving it to the poor. For his beneficence and holy life the Lord rewarded Zenobius with the gift of healing various maladies. He was also chosen bishop of a Christian community in Cilicia.

As bishop, St Zenobius zealously spread the Christian Faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian began a persecution against Christians, Bishop Zenobius was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licius. “I shall only speak briefly with you,” said Licius to the saint, “for I propose to grant you life if you worship our gods, or death, if you do not.” The saint answered, “This present life without Christ is death. It is better that I prepare to endure the present torment for my Creator, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him for the sake of the present life, and then be tormented eternally in Hades.”

By order of Licius, they nailed him to a cross and began the torture. The bishop’s sister, seeing him suffering, wanted to stop it. She bravely confessed her own faith in Christ before the governor, therefore, she also was tortured. By the power of the Lord they remained alive after being placed on a red-hot iron bed, and then in a boiling kettle. The saints were then beheaded. The priest Hermogenes secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs in a single grave.

St Zenobius is invoked by those suffering from breast cancer.

**Also this week:** *Apostles of the Seventy: Stachys, Amplias, Narcissus, Apelles, Aristobulus; HIEROMARTYR ARCHPRIEST JOHN KOCHUROV (October 31); Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother St Theodota (November 1); Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus, and Anempodistus of Persia (November 2); Martyrs Aceptsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aithalas the Deacon, of Persia (November 3); Ven. Joannicius the Great (November 4); Martyr Galacteon and his wife Epistemis, at Emesa (November 5).*

**Epistle:** II Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Sunday)

**Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39 (Sunday)

### Troparion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, /  
Thou didst slay hades with the splendor of Thy Godhead! /  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, /  
All the powers of heaven cried out: ///  
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

### Troparion – Tone 4 (Saints)

Thy holy martyrs, Zenobius and Zenobia, 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.

### Kontakion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

Hades became afraid, O Almighty Savior, /  
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! /  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, ///  
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

### Kontakion – Tone 8 (Saints)

With inspired hymns let us honor the two martyrs for the Truth /  
And the preachers of true devotion, Zenobia and Zenobius, /  
The brother and sister who lived together and suffered as one, ///  
And together as martyrs, they received their incorruptible crowns.