

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemamonk 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 –

Eileen (August 10)
Edith (September 22)

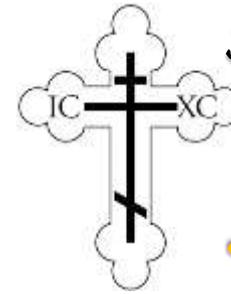
Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

Orthodoxy 101 – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM through October
This Saturday, October 13, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers & Confession

Next Sunday, October 14 – Parish Council

Friday, October 26 – Women's Retreat @ Holy Protection Monastery

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*

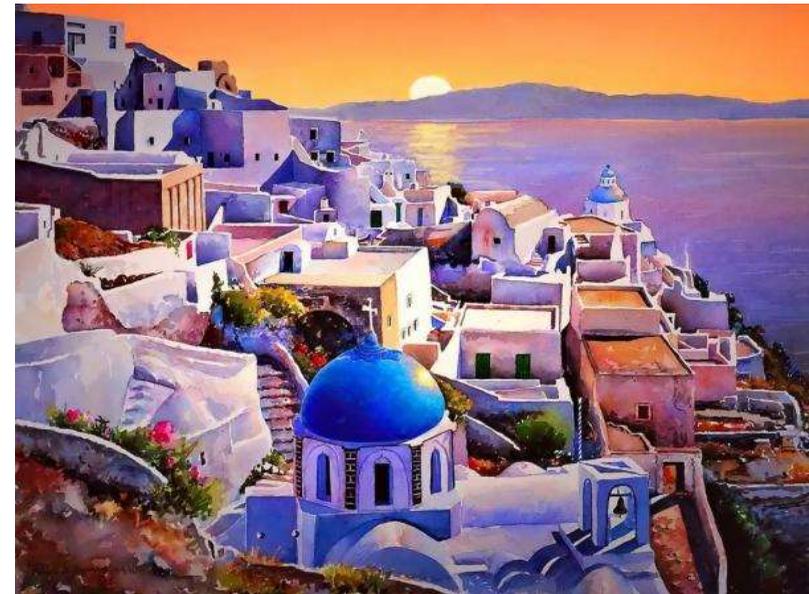


**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, October 7, 2018



Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria



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 Sergius and Bacchus in Syria

The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counsellors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state.

The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshipped only Him.

Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshipping the pagan gods.

The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "For us life is Christ, and to die is gain." The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.

Also this week: *Venerable Pelagia the Penitent (October 8); GLORIFICATION OF ST TIKHON, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW; HOLY APOSTLE JAMES (JACOB), SON OF ALPHAEUS (October 9); Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them (October 10); Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (October 11); St. Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (October 12); Martyrs Carpus, Papylus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica at Pergamus (October 13).*

** "regular" fasting this week **

Epistle: II Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16 (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 5 (Martyrs)

O Sergius the much-suffering and Bacchus the glorious, /
You are the adornment of the martyrs of Christ, /
And you are the eyes of His holy Church, /
For you enlighten the eyes of our souls. /
Entreat ye the Lord, that we may escape the darkness of sin /
And may behold the everlasting light, ///
Through your holy prayers, O glorious martyrs.

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 2 (Martyrs)

Courageously arming your mind against the enemy /
You destroyed all his lies, O all-laudable martyrs. /
And you received the trophy of victory from on-high /
And cried out with loud voices in unity of mind: ///
Behold how good and joyous it is to be with God!