

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Eugene	Stefan
Priest Kyrill & family	John
Archpriest Michael	Vivian
Priest James	Jung Sook
Priest John	Thomas
Reader Aleksei	Cheyenne
Monk Philaret	Nancy
Matushka Mary	Randall
Matushka Mary Sara	Rose
Marie	Don
John • Euphrosynos	Norma
Virginia • Thomas	James
John • Luke	
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

The repose and salvation of –

Dzulietta (Sept. 19)

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

Sunday, October 15 – Church school

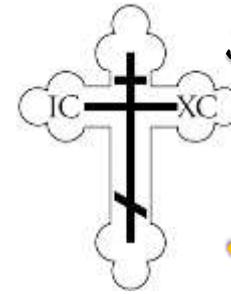
Father Alexander will be in the Holy Land, October 9 - 19

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 28 – Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, October 28, 4:00 – Choir Practice

Saturday, October 28, 5:30 – 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 8, 2017

The Venerable Pelagia the Penitent



Tomb of the Venerable Pelagia, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

**Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Wednesdays 6:30 PM – Evening Prayers & Saints of the Day
Other services as announced**

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Our Venerable Mother Pelagía the Penitent

Saint Pelagia the Penitent was converted to Christianity by Saint Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa. Before her acceptance of Christianity through Baptism, Pelagia was head of a dance troupe in Palestinian Antioch, living a life of frivolity and prostitution.

One day Pelagia, elegantly dressed, was making her way past a church where Saint Nonnus was preaching a sermon. Believers turned their faces away from the sinner, but the bishop glanced after her. Struck by the outer beauty of Pelagia and having foreseen the spiritual greatness within her, the saint prayed in his cell for a long time to the Lord for the sinner. He told his fellow bishops that the prostitute put them all to shame. He explained that she took great care to adorn her body in order to appear beautiful in the eyes of men. “We... take no thought for the adornment of our wretched souls,” he said.

On the following day, when Saint Nonnus was teaching in the church about the dread Last Judgment and its consequences, Pelagia came. The teaching made a tremendous impression upon her. With the fear of God and weeping tears of repentance, she asked the saint for Baptism. Seeing her sincere and full repentance, Bishop Nonnus baptized her.

By night the devil appeared to Pelagia, urging her to return to her former life. The saint prayed, signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and the devil vanished.

Three days after her baptism, Saint Pelagia gathered up her valuables and took them to Bishop Nonnus. The bishop ordered that they be distributed among the poor saying, “Let this be wisely dispersed, so that these riches gained by sin may become a wealth of righteousness.” After this Saint Pelagia journeyed to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. She lived there in a cell, disguised as the monk Pelagius, living in ascetic seclusion, and attaining great spiritual gifts. When she died, she was buried in her cell.

Also this week: GLORIFICATION OF ST TIKHON, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW; HOLY APOSTLE JAMES (JACOB), SON OF ALPHEUS (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, Pappylus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica at Pergamus (October 13); Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, and Celsus, of Milan (October 14).

** Regular fasting this week **

Epistles: II Corinthians 9:6-11 (Sunday)

Gospels: Luke 7:11-16 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 1 (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, /
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, /
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, /
Granting life to the world. /
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: /
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! ///
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Troparion – Tone 8 (Saint)

The image of God was *truly* preserved in thee, O mother, /
For thou didst take up thy cross and follow Christ /
By so doing thou didst *teach* us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away /
But to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal ///
Therefore thy spirit, O *holy* Pelagia, rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion – Tone 1 (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, /
Raising the world with Thyself. /
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! /
Adam exults, O Master! /
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: ///
Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Saint)

Wearing down thy body through fasting, vigils and prayer /
Thou didst earnestly beseech the Creator /
That thou mightest receive complete forgiveness of thy past deeds, /
And thou hast truly received it, O mother; ///
Thereby showing us the path of repentance.