

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...**

*The health and salvation of –*

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

*The repose and salvation of –*

Protodeacon Keith (October 26)

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

***Nativity Fast begins this Wednesday, November 15***

**Monday, November 20, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya**

**Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for  
the Entrance of the Most-Holy Theotokos**

**Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers**

**Thursday, November 23, 9:30 AM – Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy**

*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. John the Merciful and Venerable**

**Nilus the Myrrh-Gusher**



*The Relics of St John, Patriarch of Alexandria in  
St. Martin's Cathedral, Bratislava, Slovakia*

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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## St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria

John was born on the island of Cyprus, and was raised as a true Christian from childhood. At the insistence of his parents, he married and had children. However, by God's providence, his wife and children passed from this world into the next. Renowned for his compassion and piety, John was chosen as Patriarch of Alexandria and governed for ten years as a model of meekness, charity and love for his fellow men. He said: "If you desire nobility, seek it not in blood but in virtues, for this is true nobility." All the saints have been distinguished by mercifulness, but St. John was completely dedicated to this wonderful virtue. Once, while celebrating the Liturgy, he remembered the words of Christ, *Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift* (Matthew 5:23-24), and he remembered that one of the clergy in that church had a grievance against him. He quickly left the Holy Gifts, approached that priest, fell before him, begged for forgiveness. And only when he had made peace with this man did he return to the table of oblation. Another time, as he was on his way to the Church of Saints Cyrus and John, it happened that he met a needy and unfortunate widow who spoke to him at length about her misfortune. The patriarch's escorts became bored by the woman's lengthy complaint, and urged the bishop to hurry to the church for the service, intimating that he could hear the woman's story afterward. John said to them: "And how will God listen to me, if I do not listen to her?" When the Persians attacked Egypt, Patriarch John boarded a boat to escape from danger. Along the way he fell ill and, when he arrived in Cyprus, he reposed at his birthplace, in 620 AD. After he entered the Kingdom of his Lord, his miracle-working relics were translated to Constantinople, then to Budapest, and ultimately to Bratislava, Slovakia.

## The Venerable Nilus the Myrrh-Gusher

Nilus was born in the Morea. As a hieromonk he went with his uncle to the Holy Mountain and there lived a life of asceticism as a recluse in a deserted place called "the Holy Rocks." When he entered into rest, myrrh flowed from his body in such abundance that it ran down from the top of the mountain into the sea. This miracle-working myrrh attracted ailing men from all over. A disciple of St. Nilus was so distracted by the many visitors that he complained in prayer to St. Nilus, and the flow of myrrh ceased at once. St. Nilus lived a life of asceticism in the fullest sense, like the saints of old. He entered into rest in the seventeenth century.

*Also this week: SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE (November 13); HOLY AND ALL-PRAISED APOSTLE PHILIP (November 14); **NATIVITY FAST BEGINS**; Ven Paisius Velichkovsky (November 15); HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW (November 16); St. Gregory the Wonderworker of Neo-Casarea; St Hilda, Abbess of Whitby (November 17); Election of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America to the Patriarchal Throne (November 18).*

*\* Regular fasting this Monday and Tuesday; **NATIVITY FAST BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY**; fish, wine, and oil allowed on Thursday and Saturday \**

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:4-10 (Sunday)

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37 (Sunday)

## Troparion – Tone 6 (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; / The guards *became* as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / Seeking *Thy* most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell, / Not *being* tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. /// O Lord, Who didst *rise* from the dead: glory to Thee!

## Troparion – Tone 8 (St John)

By endurance thou didst *gain* thy reward, venerable Father; / Thou didst persevere in *prayer* unceasingly; / Thou didst love the poor and *provide* for them in all things. /// Blessed John the Merciful, *intercede* with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

## Troparion – Tone 8 (Ven Nilus)

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 Nilus, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

## Kontakion – Tone 6 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, / Raised all of the *dead* from the valleys of misery with His mighty Hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. /// He is the *savior* of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

## Kontakion – Tone 2 (St John)

Thou didst distribute thy wealth to the poor / And in return obtained wealth from heaven, John the Merciful. /// Therefore, we honor thee and celebrate thy memory, O namesake of mercy.

## Kontakion – Tone 8 (Ven Nilus)

By thy vigilant prayer thou didst *cut* away the undergrowth of the body's insurgent passions. / As thou hast boldness *before* the Lord, free me from every danger so that I may cry to thee: /// "Rejoice, universal father Nilus."