

**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
Reader Aleksei	Jung Sook
Monk Philaret	Thomas
Matushka Mary	Cheyenne
Elizabeth • Virginia	Nancy
Thomas • John	Randall
Jacqueline	Rose
Euphrosynos	Don
John • Samuel	Norma
Catechumen Rebecca	

*The repose and salvation of –*

Archimandrite Alexander (October 7)	Stephen (October 12)
Archpriest Oleg (October 18)	
Hieromonk Alexander (October 5)	
Kapitolina (October 16)	

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

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

**Next Sunday, November 20, after coffee hour – Great Vespers for the**

**Entrance of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple**

**Monday, November 21, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the**

**Entrance of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple**

**Thursday, November 24, 9:30 AM – Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, November 27, after coffee hour – Children's Thanksgiving Program**

*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 Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople



*Return of the relics of St John Chrysostom and St Gregory Nazianzen to Constantinople (2004)*

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

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## Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

John was born in Antioch in the year 354. His father, Secundus, was an imperial commander and his mother's name was Anthusa. Studying Greek philosophy, John became disgusted with Hellenic paganism and adopted the Christian Faith as the one and all-embracing truth. Patriarch Meletius of Antioch baptized John, and his parents also subsequently received baptism. Following his parents' repose, John was tonsured a monk and lived a strict life of asceticism. He then wrote a book, *On the Priesthood*, after which the Holy Apostles John and Peter appeared to him, and prophesied that he would have a life of great service, great grace, and great suffering.

When he was to be ordained a priest, an angel of God appeared simultaneously to John and to Patriarch Flavian (Meletius's successor). While the patriarch was ordaining John, a shining white dove was seen hovering over John's head. Glorified for his wisdom, asceticism and power of words, John was chosen as Patriarch of Constantinople at the behest of Emperor Arcadius. As patriarch, he governed the Church for six years with unequalled zeal and wisdom. He sent missionaries to the pagan Celts and Scythians and eradicated simony in the Church, deposing many bishops guilty of this vice. He extended the charitable works of the Church and wrote a special order of the Divine Liturgy. He shamed the heretics, denounced Empress Eudoxia, interpreted Holy Scripture with his golden mind and tongue, and bequeathed the Church many precious books of his homilies.

The people glorified him, the envious loathed him, and the Empress, on two occasions, sent him into exile. John spent three years in exile, and reposed as an exile on the Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross, September 14, 407, in the town of Comana in Georgia. Before his repose, the Holy Apostles John and Peter appeared to him again, as did the Holy Martyr Basiliscus in whose church he received Communion for the last time. His last words were, "Glory be to God for all things," and with that, the soul of the golden-mouthed patriarch was taken into Paradise. His head reposes in the Church of the Dormition in Moscow, and his body reposed in the Vatican in Rome until 2004, when it was returned to the Patriarchate of Constantinople.

**Also this week:** *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 (November 18); St Philaret, Metropolitan of Moscow (November 19).*

**\* NATIVITY FAST begins on Tuesday; fish, wine, and oil allowed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday \***

**Epistles:** Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday) / Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Saint)

**Gospels:** Luke 10:25-37 (Sunday) / John 10:9-16 (Saint)

### 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)

Grace shining forth from thy lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. /  
It has shown to the world the riches of poverty; /  
It has revealed to us the heights of humility. /  
Teaching us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, /  
Intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to 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 6 (Saint)

From heaven thou didst receive the grace of God, /  
Teaching us by thy words to worship the One God in Trinity /  
We worthily praise thee, O Blessèd John Chrysostom, well pleasing to God, ///  
For thou art a teacher revealing things divine.