

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemonk Ambrose	Vivian
Archpriest Eugene	Jung Sook
Priest James	Thomas
Priest John	Randall
Reader Aleksei	Don
Monk Philaret	Norma
Matushka Priscilla	James
Elizabeth • Marie • Marie	
Virginia • Ignatius • Anne	
Thomas • John • Theodore	
Katherine • Roman	
Clergy & Parishioners of Holy Myrrhbearing Women Church	
Catechumens: Andrew, David, Michael, Sergio, Rachel, Jennifer, and Rebecca	

The repose and salvation of –

Archpriest Joseph (November 9)
Protodeacon Dennis (November 11)
Matushka Helen (November 11)

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

This Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya

This Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for Entrance of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple

This Wednesday, November 21 at 6:30 PM – Great Vespers

This Thursday, November 22 at 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

This Saturday, November 24, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers & Confession

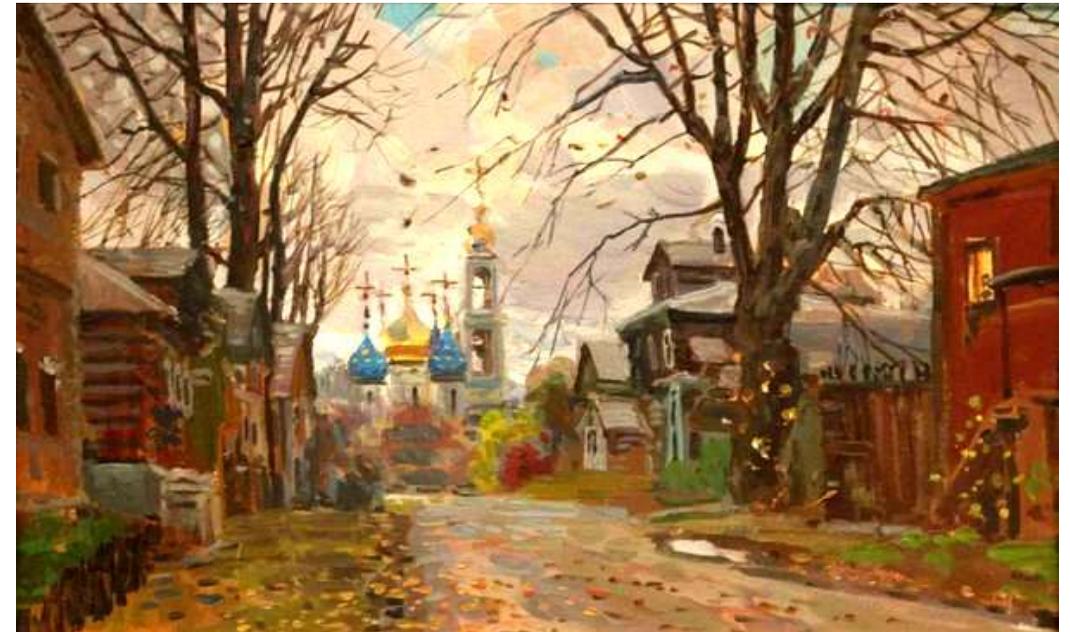
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Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Martyrs Plato and Romanus



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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Martyr Plato of Ancyra

Plato was from the town of Ancyra in Galatia. He was a Christian by birth and upbringing. While in his youth, he showed great perfection in every virtue. Plato did not conceal his faith in Christ the Lord, but preached it openly, denouncing idolaters because of their worshiping lifeless objects in place of the Living Creator. For this, he was brought to trial before governor Agrippinus, and was interrogated and harshly tortured by him. When the governor counseled him to avoid death and save his life by worshiping the idols, Plato said: "There are two deaths, the one temporal and the other eternal; so also are there two lives, one of short duration and the other without end." Then Agrippinus subjected him to even harsher tortures. Among other tortures, red-hot cannon balls were set on the saint's naked body; then they cut strips from his skin. "Torture me more harshly," the martyr cried out to the torturers, "so that your inhumanity and my endurance may be seen more clearly." When the torturer reminded the martyr that his namesake, Plato the philosopher, was a pagan, the martyr replied: "I am not like Plato, nor is Plato like me except in name. I learn and teach the wisdom of Christ, but Plato was a teacher of wisdom that is foolishness to God." Plato was thrown into prison, where he remained for 18 days without food and water. When the guards were amazed that Plato was able to live in hunger for so long, he told them: "You are satisfied by meat, but I, by holy prayers. Wine gladdens you, but Christ the True Vine gladdens me." He was beheaded in about 266 A.D. and received his wreath of eternal glory.

Holy Martyr Romanus

St. Romanus was a deacon of the church in Caesarea and zealously preached the Gospel in Antioch. One day, there was an idolatrous feast. The Eparch of Antioch, Asclpiades, went to enter a pagan temple to offer sacrifices, but Romanus stood in the way and said: "You sin, O Governor, when you go to the idols. The idols are not gods--Christ is the only true God." The enraged eparch subjected Romanus to tortures and had him flogged and scraped without mercy. During this, St. Romanus saw a child by the name of Barulas, and said to Asclpiades: "Even this small child has more understanding than you, old man, for he knows the true God and you do not." The eparch questioned Barulas about his faith, and he confessed Christ the Lord as the One True God, contrary to false idolatry. Asclpiades commanded that young Barulas be beheaded, and St. Romanus be strangled in prison. Thus, both of these martyrs inherited the Kingdom of Christ in 303 A.D.

Also this week: St Philaret, Metropolitan of Moscow (November 19); Venerable Gregory the Decapolite (November 20); ENTRANCE OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE (November 21); Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St Paul (November 22); RIGHT-BELIEVING GREAT PRINCE ST ALEXANDER NEVSKY (November 23); Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria (November 24).

** NATIVITY FAST: Wine and oil allowed on Tuesday and Thursday; and fish, wine, and oil allowed on Wednesday and Saturday **

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on *high*, O Merciful One! /
Thou didst accept the *three*-day burial to free us from our sufferings! ///
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyrs)

Thy holy martyrs, Plato and Roman, 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 8 (Resurrection)

By rising from the *tomb*, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. /
Eve exults in *Thy* Resurrection, ///
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion – Tone 3 (Martyrs)

Thy holy memory *delights* the universe /
And summons us, the faithful, to gather in joy. /
So now we honor *thee* with hymns of praise /
And we call out to thee, O holy martyr Plato: ///
Save us, thy people, from our enemies.