

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	
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.

Next Sunday – St. Nicholas Program

Fr Matthew Tate visits December 8 & 9

Sunday, December 9 – Parish Council

*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, November 25, 2018

Hieromartyr Clement the Pope of Rome

Leavetaking of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos Into the Temple



Great Lavra of the Kiev Pechersk (Caves)

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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Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome

Clement was born at Rome into a rich and illustrious family. Separated from his parents during childhood, Clement was raised by strangers. The youth received a fine education, was surrounded by luxury, and had access to the imperial court. But these comforts brought him no joy, and pagan wisdom failed to attract him. He began to ponder the meaning of life.

When the news of Christ and His teaching began to reach the capital, St Clement left his home and went to Alexandria, where met the holy Apostle Barnabas. Listening to his words with deep attention, he perceived the power and truth of the Word of God. Arriving in Palestine, St Clement was baptized by the holy Apostle Peter and became his zealous disciple and constant companion, sharing his toil and sufferings with him. Shortly before his own sufferings and death, St Peter consecrated St Clement as Bishop of Rome.

The virtuous life, charitable works, and prayerful activity of St Clement converted many to Christ. He once baptized 424 people on the day of Pascha. Among the baptized were people of all social classes: slaves, officials, and even members of the imperial family. The pagans, seeing the success of his apostolic preaching, denounced St Clement to the emperor Trajan, accusing the saint of insulting the pagan gods. The emperor banished St Clement to the Crimea, to work at a stone quarry near the city of Cherson. Many of the saint's disciples followed after him voluntarily, preferring to go into exile rather than live without their spiritual father. St Clement found many Christian believers in Cherson, sentenced to labor under harsh conditions amidst a scarcity of water. He prayed together with the condemned, and the Lord appeared to him in the form of a lamb and revealed the location of a spring, from which gushed forth a veritable river of water. This miracle attracted a multitude of people to St Clement. Hearing the zealous preacher, hundreds of pagans were converted to Christ. Each day 500 or more men were baptized. And there in the stone quarry, a church was built in which he served as priest.

The apostolic activity of the saint aroused the wrath of the emperor Trajan, and he ordered that St Clement be drowned. In 101 AD, they threw the martyr into the sea with an anchor tied to his neck. The saint's faithful disciples Cornelius and Fibius asked the people to pray that the Lord would permit them to see the martyr's body. The sea drew back a distance of three miles from the shore and the people walked out on the seabed until they found a marble cave shaped like a church. There they found the incorrupt body of their archpastor in this "Angelic Church" formed by God. After this, each year on the anniversary of St Clement's martyric death the sea receded, and for seven days Christians were able to venerate his holy relics.

During the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Nicephorus (802-811), by divine providence, the sea failed to withdraw, and the relics of St Clement became inaccessible for 50 years. In the time of the emperor Michael and his mother Theodora (855-867), Saints Cyril and Methodius visited Cherson. When they learned of the concealed relics of St Clement, they asked Bishop George of Cherson to pray that the Lord would show them the relics of the hieromartyr.

Saints Cyril and Methodius walked along the shore in procession with the clergy who came with them from Constantinople. Through the fervent prayers of everyone gathered there, the holy relics of St Clement miraculously appeared on the surface of the sea at midnight. They solemnly took them to the Church of the Holy Apostles at Constantinople. A portion of the relics were then brought to Rome by Saints Cyril and Methodius, but a large portion of the relics was later brought to Kiev by the holy Prince Vladimir. They now rest in the Great Lavra of the Kiev Caves.

A lesson from London earlier this year – St Clement reminds you to always double-check before throwing something away: <http://catholicherald.co.uk/news/2018/05/02/bone-of-pope-st-clement-found-in-bin/>

Also this week: *Ven Alypius the Stylite (November 26); Great Martyr James the Persian (November 27); Monk Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius, Martyrs Basil, Stephen, two Gregories, John, Andrew, Peter, Anna, and many others (November 28); Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithinia; New-Martyr Philoumenos of Jacob's Well (November 29); HOLY AND ALL-PRASED APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED (November 30); Prophet Nabum (December 1).*

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

Epistles: Ephesians 5:9-19 (Sunday) / Hebrews 9:1-7 (Feast)

Gospels: Luke 13:10-17 (Sunday) / Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 (Feast)

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 Lover of mankind!"

Troparion – Tone 4 (Feast)

Today is the preview of the good will of God, / Of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. / The Virgin appears in the temple of God, / In anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. / Let us rejoice and sing to her: / Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment /// Of the Creator's dispensation!

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyr)

Truly didst thou amaze the whole world with the miracles of God, / O holy hieromartyr, father Clement, / For thou didst save the people who took refuge from the waters of the sea / In the Church of God where thy wondrous relics repose; / And, through thine intercessions and in a manner surpassing all understanding / The flooding waters returned to their shore on the day of thy memorial. /// O all-wondrous father Clement, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

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 (Martyr)

Thou art revealed to all as a branch of the vineyard of Christ / Arrayed in sanctity and exuding the sweetness of wisdom through thy supplications before the Lord. / Therefore, we offer these, our spiritual hymns, like robes of royal purple to thee /// And we sing: Save thou thy servants, O holy hierarch, father Clement.

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Feast)

The most pure temple of the Savior; / The precious bridal chamber and Virgin; / The sacred treasure of the glory of God, / Is led today into the house of the Lord. / With her she brings the Grace of the Divine Spirit, / Of her the angels of God sing in praise: /// Truly she is the tabernacle of heaven!