

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

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

The repose and salvation of –

Mitred-Archpriest Michael (Nov. 11)
Protodeacon Keith (October 26)
Pauline (November 17)

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

*** TOMORROW NIGHT, 6:30 PM – choir practice ***

Next Sunday, December 3 – Sunday School

Saturday, December 9, 4:00 PM – choir practice

Saturday, December 9, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers & Confession

Sunday, December 10 – 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 26, 2017

Venerable Alypius the Stylite



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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Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis

Saint Alypius the Stylite was born in the city of Adrianopolis in Paphlagonia. His mother, a Christian, was widowed early, and she sent her son to be educated by Bishop Theodore. She distributed her substance to the poor, then began to live an ascetic life near the church as a deaconess.

Saint Alypius, from his early years, wanted to devote his life to God and yearned for the solitary life, although Bishop Theodore would not give him permission to do so. Once, when Saint Alypius was accompanying his bishop to Constantinople, the holy Martyr Euphemia (September 16) appeared to him in a vision, summoning Saint Alypius to return to Adrianopolis and found a church in her name.

With contributions offered by believers in Adrianopolis, Saint Alypius did build a church in the name of the holy Martyr Euphemia, on the site of a dilapidated pagan temple infested by legions of devils. Beside the church, under the open sky, the saint erected a pillar over a pagan tomb. For fifty-three years Saint Alypius struggled upon the pillar, praying to God and teaching those who came to him.

The demons which infested the pagan cemetery fell upon the ascetic by night and pelted him with stones. Saint Alypius, wanted nothing to stand in the way of the attacks of the spirits of darkness, then even took down the boards that served him as a roof, protecting him from the rain and wind. In the face of the saint's conquering steadfastness, the demons fled the place forever, which had been sanctified by his deed of voluntary martyrdom.

Fourteen years before his death, Saint Alypius was no longer able to stand. He was compelled to lie on his side because of the weakness of his legs, and endured grievous sufferings with humble gratitude. Around the saint's pillar two monasteries sprang up: a men's monastery on the one side, and a women's monastery on the other. Saint Alypius introduced strict monastic rules for both monasteries and he directed both monasteries until his death. Saint Alypius reposed in 640, at age 118. The body of the venerable stylite was buried in the church he founded in honor of the holy Martyr Euphemia. The relics of the saint of God healed many of those who came in faith.

Also this week: *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-PRAISED APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED (November 30); Prophet Nahum (December 1); Prophet Habakkuk (December 2).*

*** NATIVITY FAST THIS WEEK: fish, wine, and oil allowed on Thursday and Saturday ***

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (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 1 (Saint)

Thou wast a pillar of *patient* endurance /
Emulating the forefathers, O ven'erable one, /
Job in suffering and Joseph *in* temptations. //
And thou didst live on earth as a bodiless angel, O our *father* Alypius. ///
Therefore, pray Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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 8 (Saint)

Today the Church hymns and *glorifies* thee, O father Alypius,/
As a boast of monastics and *perfect* exemplar of the virtues. /
And in accordance *with* thy given name, thy supplications grant the remission of sins ///
To all who lovingly *honor* thy struggles and thy great deeds.

