

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 • Jacqueline	Randall
Euphrosynos	Rose
John • Samuel	Don
Catechumen Rebecca	Norma

The repose and salvation of –

Archimandrite Alexander (October 7)	Stephen (October 12)
Archpriest Oleg (October 18)	
Hieromonk Alexander (October 5)	
Protodeacon Alexis (October 2)	
Kapitolina (October 16)	

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

Next Sunday, November 13 – Parish Council

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – NATIVITY FAST BEGINS

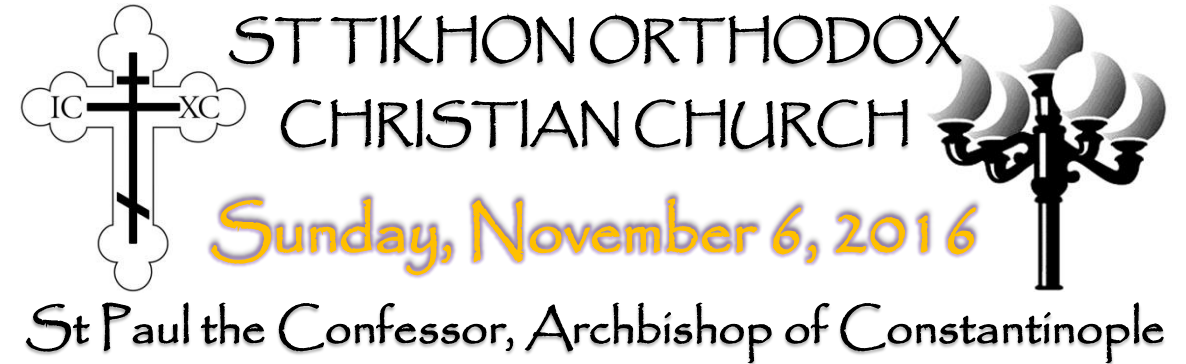
Sunday, November 20, after coffee hour – Great Vespers for the

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

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



The Church of San Giorgio Maggiore in Venice, where lie the relics of St Paul the Confessor

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

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Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople

Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople, was chosen to the patriarchal throne after the death of Patriarch Alexander (+340), when the Arian heresy had again flared up. Many of the Arians were present at the Council which selected the new Archbishop of Constantinople. They revolted in opposition to the choice of St Paul, but the Orthodox at the Council were in the majority.

The emperor Constantius, ruling over the Eastern half of the Roman Empire, was an Arian. He was not in Constantinople for the election of the Archbishop, and so it took place without his consent. Upon his return, he convened a council which illegally deposed St Paul, and the emperor banished him from the capital. In place of the saint they elevated Eusebius of Nicomedia, an impious heretic. Archbishop Paul withdrew to Rome, where other Orthodox bishops were also banished by Eusebius.

Eusebius did not rule the Church of Constantinople for long. When he died, St Paul returned to Constantinople, and was greeted by his flock with love. But Constantius exiled the saint a second time, and so he returned to Rome. The Western emperor Constans wrote a harsh letter to his Eastern co-ruler, which he sent to Constantinople along with the holy exiled archpastor. The threats worked, and St Paul was reinstated upon the archepiscopal throne.

But soon the pious emperor Constans, a defender of the Orthodox, was treacherously murdered during a palace coup. They again banished St Paul from Constantinople and this time sent him off in exile to Armenia, to the city of Cucusus, where he endured a martyr's death. When the Archbishop was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, Arians rushed upon him by force and strangled him with his own omophorion. This occurred in the year 350. In 381, the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great solemnly transferred the relics of St Paul the Confessor from Cucusus to Constantinople. In 1226, his relics were transferred to Venice.

Also this week: *Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene: Hieron, Hesychius, Nicander, Athanasius, Mamas, Barachius, Callinicus, Theogenes, Nikon, Longinus, Theodore, Valerius, Xanthius, Theodoulos, Callimachus, Eugene, Theodochus, Ostrychius, Epiphanius, Maximian, Ducitus, Claudian, Theophilus, Gigantius, Dorotheus, Theodotus, Castrichius, Anicletus, Themelius, Eutychius, Hilarion, Diodotus and Amonitus. (November 7); SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS (November 8); St Nektarios Metropolitan of Pentapolis and Wonderworker of Aegina (November 9); Apostles of the Seventy Erastus, Ohympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius (November 10); St Martin the Merciful, Bp of Tours (November 11); St John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (November 12).*

** “regular” fasting all week **

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! /
Let the earth be glad! /
For the Lord has *shown* strength with his arm! /
He has trampled down death by death! /
He has become the first-born of the dead! /
He has delivered us from the *depths* of hades, /
And has granted to the world /// Great mercy!

Troparion – Tone 3 (Saint)

Thy confession of *the* divine faith /
Showed thee, O zealot among priests, to be another Paul for the Church; /
And the righteous blood of Zechariah cries out with *Abel* and thee to the Lord. /
Beseech Christ God, O [holy] father, ///
That we be granted great mercy.

Kontakion – Tone 3 (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the *tomb*, O Merciful One, /
Leading us from the gates of death. /
On this day Adam exults as *Eve* rejoices; /
With the prophets and patriarchs ///
They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Saint)

O [hierarchy] Paul, thou didst shine forth upon the earth /
Like a star of heavenly splendor, /
And now thou dost enlighten the universal Church /
For which thou didst suffer and lay down thy life. /
And like that of Abel and Zechariah ///
Thy blood *cries out* to the Lord.