

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)
Pauline (November 17)

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

Next Sunday, December 17 – Nativity Play

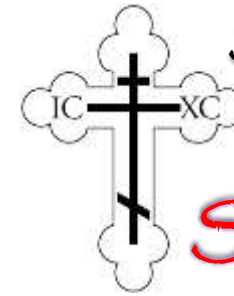
Sunday, December 24 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Great

Vespers for the Eve of the Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24 – 5:00 PM Nativity Vigil

Monday, December 25 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

*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, December 10, 2017

**Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes
and Eugephus of Alexandria**



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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The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS

Saint Menas was sent by the emperor Maximian from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians.

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint EUGRAPHUS, the secretary of Saint Menas, and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.

The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria. Saint Joseph the Hymnographer composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.

***Also this week:** Ven. Daniel the Stylite (December 11); St Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bp of Tremithus (December 12); REPOSE OF VEN HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF AMERICA (December 13); Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and Callinicus of Apollonia (December 14); Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bp of Illyria, and his mother Martyr Anthia (December 15); Prophet Haggai (December 16).*

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

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, /
Thou didst slay Hades with the splendor of Thy Godhead! /
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, /
All the powers of heaven cried out: ///
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 8 (Martyrs)

Having mortified the ragings of the fiery passions, O martyrs of Christ, /
You received the grace to heal the sick and work wonders
both in this life and after death. /
For it is wondrous indeed that your naked bones should manifest such miracles. ///
Therefore, let us glorify our Creator and only God!

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

Hades became afraid, O Almighty Savior, /
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! /
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, ///
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Martyrs)

At the melodious sound of thy words, O Menas, /
Hermogenes was led up from the depths of perdition and set upon the rock of life; /
And EUGRAPHUS, after denouncing the Emperor, / Was beheaded rejoicing! ///
Earnestly pray now, that all who lovingly honor thee may be saved.

Kontakion – Tone 1 (Martyrs)

Let us rejoice with holy hymns of praise /
In honor of Menas the glorious, /
And his companions EUGRAPHUS and Hermogenes /
For they have honored the Lord and fought for His glory. /
Thus, counted worthy to be among the bodiless angels in heaven ///
They shed down upon us their wondrous miracles.