

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemonk Ambrose	Vivian
Archpriest Eugene	Jung Sook
Priest John	Thomas
Reader Aleksei	Randall
Monk Philaret	Don
Matushka Priscilla	Norma
Matushka Joan	James
Elizabeth • Marie • Marie	
Virginia • Ignatius • Anne	
Thomas • John • Theodore	
Katherine • Roman • Lukina	

Catechumens: Andrew, David,
Michael, Sergio, Rachel, Rick,
Jennifer, and Rebecca

The repose and salvation of –

Bishop Athanasios (January 4)	Rob (January 11)
Vassilios (January 13)	

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

Contact Father to schedule your house blessing

Next Sunday, February 17 – Mission Council

Tuesday, February 19 – NO Women's Group

Saturday, February 23, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers & Confession

*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, February 10, 2019



**Sunday of Zacchaeus
Hieromartyr Haralambos**



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 Haralambos (Charalampus) the Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly

Saint Charalampus, Bishop of Magnesia (Asia Minor), successfully spread faith in Christ the Savior, guiding people on the way to salvation. News of his preaching reached Lucian, the governor of the district, and the military commander Lucius. In 202 AD, the saint was arrested and brought to trial, where he confessed his faith in Christ and refused to offer sacrifice to idols.

Despite the bishop's advanced age (he was 113 years old), he was subjected to monstrous tortures. They lacerated his body with iron hooks, and scraped all the skin from his body. During this the saint turned to his tormentors, "I thank you, brethren, that you have restored my spirit, which longs to pass over to a new and everlasting life!" Seeing the Elder's endurance and his complete lack of malice, two soldiers (Porphyrius and Baptus) openly confessed Christ, for which they were immediately beheaded with a sword. Three women who were watching the sufferings of Saint Charalampus also began to glorify Christ, and were quickly martyred.

The enraged Lucius seized the instruments of torture and began to torture the holy martyr, but suddenly his forearms were cut off as if by a sword. The governor then spat in the face of the saint, and immediately his head was turned around so that he faced backwards. Then Lucius entreated the saint to show mercy on him, and both torturers were healed through the prayers of Saint Charalampus. During this a multitude of witnesses came to believe in Christ. Among them also was Lucius, who fell at the feet of the holy bishop, asking to be baptized.

Lucian reported these events to the emperor Septimus Severus (193-211), who was then at Pisidian Antioch (western Asia Minor). The emperor ordered Saint Charalampus to be brought to him in Antioch. Soldiers twisted the saint's beard into a rope, wound it around his neck, and used it to drag him along. They also drove an iron nail into his body. The emperor then ordered them to torture the bishop more intensely, and they began to burn him with fire, a little at a time. But God protected the saint, and he remained unharmed.

Full of wickedness, Septimus Severus and an official named Crispus hurled blasphemy at the Lord, mockingly summoning Him to come down to the earth, and boasting of their own power and might. The Lord sent an earthquake, and great fear fell upon all, the impious ones were both suspended in mid-air held by invisible bonds, and only by the prayer of the saint were they put down. The dazed emperor was shaken in his former impiety, but again quickly fell into error and gave orders to torture the saint. Finally, the emperor sentenced Saint Charalampus to beheading with a sword. During Saint Charalampus' final prayer, the heavens opened and the saint saw the Savior and a multitude of angels. The holy martyr asked Him to grant that the place where his relics would repose would never suffer famine or disease. He also begged that there would be peace, prosperity, and an abundance of fruit, grain, and wine in that place, and that the souls of these people would be saved. The Lord promised to fulfill his request and ascended to heaven, and the soul of the hieromartyr Charalampus followed after Him. By the mercy of God, the saint died before he could be executed. Galina buried the martyr's body with great honor.

Also this week: Priest-Martyr Blaise (February 11); St Meletius, Abp. of Antioch; Iveron Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos (February 12); Ven. Martinian of Caesarea (February 13); Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (February 14); St Onesimus, Apostle of the Seventy (February 15); St Nicholas, Equal of the Apostles and Archbishop of Japan (February 16).

** Regular fasting this week **

Epistle: I Timothy 4:9-15 (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 4 (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel /
The joyous message of Thy Resurrection; /
They cast away the ancestral curse /
And elatedly told the apostles: /
Death is overthrown! /
Christ God is risen, ///
Granting the world great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyr)

Thy holy martyr Haralambos, O Lord, /
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God /
For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4 (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God /
Rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. /
He has shattered the gates of hades, /
And as Master, ///
He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion - Tone 8 (Martyr)

Perfected by the grace of the priesthood, O glorious one, /
Thou didst splendidly adorn the *Church* with thy divine sufferings /
Which thou didst bravely endure with *joy* for the sake of Christ. /
Thou art truly an honored *luminary* enlightening all the ends of the earth ///
O Haralambos, as *thou* art invincible.