

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

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

The repose and salvation of –

Matushka Mary (February 12)
John (January 10)

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

THIS MONDAY-THURSDAY, 6:30 PM – GREAT

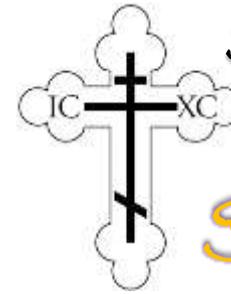
COMPLINE WITH GREAT CANON OF ST ANDREW

This Friday, February 23, 6:30 PM –

Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck

Next Sunday, February 25 – Church School

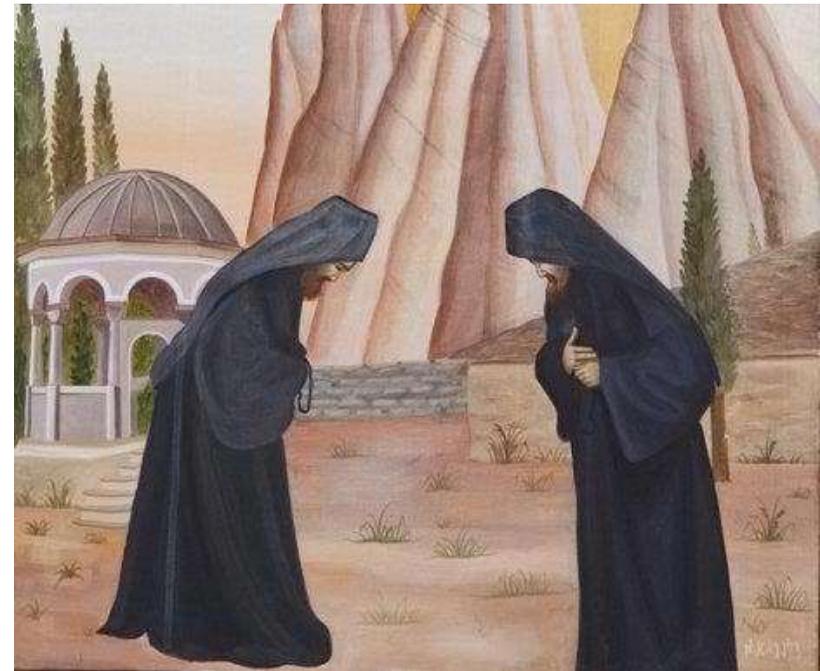
*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, February 18, 2018

The Expulsion From Paradise



Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM – Evening Prayers & Saints of the Day
Other services as announced

Rev. Alexander Vallens, *Rector*
priest@sttikhonparker.org

(303) 305-8443

19035 East Plaza Drive, Parker, Colorado 80134

www.sttikhonparker.org

The Expulsion From Paradise

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption.

Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

Also this week: *St. Colman of Lindesfarne; St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (today); CLEAN MONDAY; Martyrs Archippus, Philemon, and Apphia, Apostles of the Seventy (February 19); CLEAN TUESDAY; St. Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily (February 20); CLEAN WEDNESDAY; Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia (February 21); CLEAN THURSDAY; Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (February 22); CLEAN FRIDAY; Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (February 23); Commemoration of St. Theodore the Recruit; First and second finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist of the Lord, John (February 24).*

*** Lenten fast all this week; wine and oil allowed on Saturday ***

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21 (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.

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 6 (Triodion)

O Lord, Who art the guide to wisdom, /
The bestower of prudence, the instructor of the thoughtless,
and the protector of the poor, /
Strengthen and enlighten my heart. /
Give me the gift of expression, O Thou Who art the Word of the Father; /
For behold I will not prevent my lips from crying to Thee: ///
O Merciful Lord, have mercy on me who have fallen.

Bring your icons next Sunday, February 25

The debate over whether images of Christ, His angels, and the Saints should be venerated, or even whether they should exist, raged for over a century. Since 726 A.D, various Byzantine emperors opposed to icons (iconoclasts) had used state-sponsored violence to strip churches of images, imprisoning, mutilating, and murdering those who continued to venerate the icons. Upon the death of the last iconoclast emperor, the Synod of Constantinople in 842 affirmed the legitimacy of the Holy Icons. After the conclusion of the council there was a triumphal procession from the Church of Blachernae to Hagia Sophia, restoring the icons to the church. We will remember this event with our own procession next week after the Divine Liturgy.