

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
Subdeacon James	Cheyenne
Reader Aleksei	Nancy
Reader Sergei	Randall
Monk Philaret	Rose
Matushka Priscilla	Don
Marie • Virginia • Thomas	Norma
John • Luke • Katherine	James
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

The repose and salvation of –

Archpriest Paul (March 5)
Matushka Mary (February 12)

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

This Friday, March 16, 6:30 PM – Presanctified Liturgy & Potluck

Next Sunday, March 18 – Parish Council

Next Wednesday, March 21, 6:00 PM – Matins

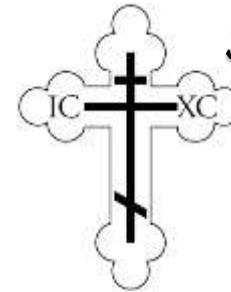
with Great Canon & Life of St. Mary of Egypt

PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 PM @ St Elias Orthodox Church, Arvada

6:00 PM @ St. Mary Holy Dormition Orthodox Church, Calhan

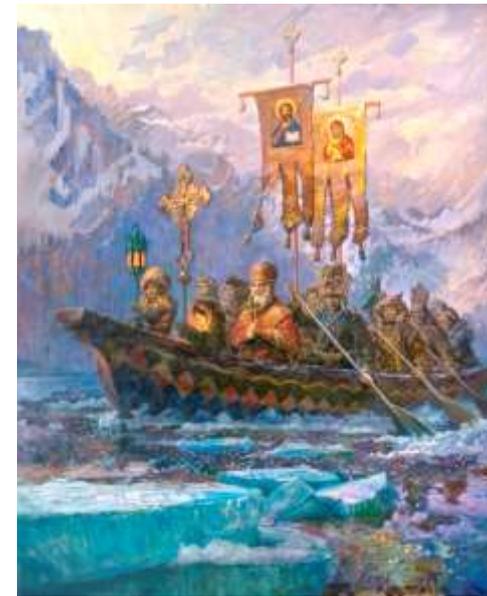
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Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Exaltation of the Cross



Pascha Procession of St Innocent by Mikbail Shankov (2010)

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

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Sermon on the Sunday of Orthodoxy at the Cathedral in San Francisco (1903)
Part 3

Needless to say, it is not everybody among us who has the opportunity or the faculty to preach the Gospel personally. And in view of this I shall indicate to you, Brethren, what every man can do for the spread of Orthodoxy and what he ought to do. The Apostolic Epistles often disclose the fact, that when the Apostles went to distant places to preach, the faithful often helped them with their prayers and their offerings. Saint Paul sought this help of the Christians especially.

Consequently we can express the interests we take in the cause of the Gospel in praying to the Lord, that He should take this holy cause under His protection, that He should give its servants the strength to do their work worthily, that He should help them to conquer difficulties and dangers, which are part of the work, that He should not allow them to grow depressed or weaken in their zeal; that He should open the hearts of the unbelieving for the hearing and acceptance of the Gospel of Christ, that He should impart to them the word of truth, that He should unite them to the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; that He should confirm, increase and pacify His Church, keeping it forever invincible, we pray for all this, but mostly with lips and but seldom with the heart.

Don't we often hear such remarks as these: 'what is the use of these special prayers for the newly initiated? They do not exist in our time, except, perhaps, in the out of the way places of America and Asia; let them pray for such where there are any; as to our country such prayers only needlessly prolong the service which is not short by any means, as it is.' Woe to our lack of wisdom! Woe to our carelessness and idleness!

Offering earnest prayers for the successful preaching of Christ, we can also show our interest by helping it materially. It was so in the primitive Church, and the Apostles lovingly accepted material help to the cause of the preaching, seeing in it an expression of Christian love and zeal. In our days, these offerings are especially needed, because for the lack of them the work often comes to a dead stop. For the lack of them preachers cannot be sent out, or supported, churches cannot be built or schools founded, the needy amongst the newly converted cannot be helped. All this needs money and members of other religions always find a way of supplying it.

Perhaps, you will say, that these people are richer than ourselves. This is true enough, but great means are accumulated by small, and if everybody amongst us gave what he could towards this purpose, we also could raise considerable means. Accordingly, do not be ashamed of the smallness of your offering. If you have much, offer all you can, but do offer, do not lose the chance of helping the cause of the conversion of your neighbors to Christ, because by so doing, in the words of St. James, 'you shall save your own soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins' (Jas 5.19-20).

Orthodox people! In celebrating the day of Orthodoxy, you must devote yourselves to the Orthodox faith not in word or tongue only, but in deed and in truth.

-- *Tikhon, Bishop of the Aleutian Islands & North America*

Also this week: *St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome; Ven. Simeon the New Theologian (March 12); Trans. of the relics of St Nicephorus, Pat. of Constantinople (March 13); Ven Benedict of Nursia (March 14); Martyr Agapius and those with him (March 15); Martyr Sabinas of Egypt, Martyr Papas of Lyconia; Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, Bp of Britain (March 16); MEMORIAL SATURDAY; Ven Alexis the Man of God; St Patrick, Bp of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland (March 17).*

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

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Cross)

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (Cross)

Troparion - Tone 7 (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death /
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise /
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy /
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, /
To proclaim that Thou art risen, ///
Granting the world great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 1 (Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people, /
And bless Thine inheritance, /
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians /
Over their adversaries, /
And by virtue of Thy Cross, ///
Preserve Thy habitation.

Kontakion – Tone 7 (Cross)

The fiery sword no longer guards the gate of Eden, /
For in a strange and glorious way the wood of the Cross has quenched its flames. /
The sting of death and the victory of hell are now destroyed, /
For Thou art come, my Saviour, crying unto those in hades: ///
“Return again to Paradise.”