

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...**

*The health and salvation of –*

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

*The repose and salvation of –*

Jacqueline (February 18)

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

**This Wednesday, March 29, 5:30 PM – 40<sup>th</sup>  
day pannikhida for Jacque Kemper**

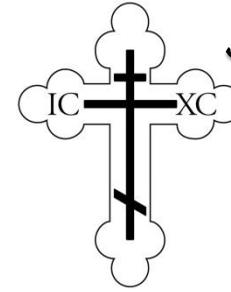
**This Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 PM – Matins with Great  
Canon of St Andrew of Crete & Life of St Mary of Egypt**

**PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

**5:00 PM @ St. Luke Orthodox Church, Erie**

**6:00 PM @ St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox, Pueblo**

*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, March 26, 2017**

**St John Climacus**

**Leavetaking of the Annunciation**



*Deir El-Malak Ghobrial (Monastery of the Archangel Gabriel), Fayoum Oasis, Egypt*

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

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## Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel

The Archangel Gabriel was chosen by the Lord to announce to the Virgin Mary about the Incarnation of the Son of God from her, to the great rejoicing of all mankind. Therefore, on the day after the Feast of the Annunciation, the day on which the All-Pure Virgin is glorified, we give thanks to the Lord and we venerate His messenger Gabriel, who contributed to the mystery of our salvation.

Gabriel, the Holy Archistrategos (Leader of the Heavenly Hosts), is a faithful servant of the Almighty God. He announced the future Incarnation of the Son of God to those of the Old Testament; he inspired the Prophet Moses to write the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), he announced the coming tribulations of the Chosen People to the Prophet Daniel (Dan. 8:16, 9:21-24); he appeared to Saint Anna (July 25) with the news that she would give birth to the Virgin Mary.

The Holy Archangel Gabriel remained with the Holy Virgin Mary when she was a child in the Temple of Jerusalem, and watched over her throughout her earthly life. He appeared to the Priest Zachariah, foretelling the birth of the Forerunner of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist.

The Lord sent him to Saint Joseph the Betrothed in a dream, to reveal to him the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God from the All-Pure Virgin Mary, and warned him of the wicked intentions of Herod, ordering him to flee into Egypt with the divine Infant and His Mother.

When the Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before His Passion, the Archangel Gabriel, whose very name signifies “Man of God” (Luke. 22:43), was sent from Heaven to strengthen Him.

The Myrrh-Bearing Women heard from the Archangel the joyous news of Christ’s Resurrection (Mt.28:1-7, Mark 16:1-8).

Mindful of the manifold appearances of the Holy Archangel Gabriel and of his zealous fulfilling of God’s will, and confessing his intercession for Christians before the Lord, the Orthodox Church calls upon its children to pray to the great Archangel with faith and love.

***The founding of the Monastery of the Archangel Gabriel in the Fayoum:*** A 5th century magician from Persia, named Ibrashet, who secretly married the daughter of the king without the king’s knowledge. A child named Oor (Ar), who was raised secretly, was the result of the matrimony. At the age of three, Oor’s mother died, and when Oor was about eight years old, we are told that the king finally found out about the child, who then ordered the father and son to appear in the royal court. Apparently afraid of the possible consequences, however, father and son fled first to Jerusalem, and then on to Egypt, where they settled in the Naqlun Desert next to the Fayoum. Only a short time later, Oor’s father died, leaving the son alone. We are told that Oor then learned the way to God and received a vision of the Holy Mother Mary, along with the Archangels Michael and Gabriel who asked him to build a church in the desert.

***Also this week:*** *Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica (March 27); Ven. Hilarion the new, Abbot of Pelecete (March 28); Hieromartyr Mark, Bp of Arethusa, Martyr Cyril the Deacon, of Heliopolis, and others who suffered under Julian the Apostate (March 29); Ven. John Climacus of Sinai (March 30); ST INNOCENT, THE METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW, ENLIGHTENER OF THE ALEUTS AND APOSTLE TO THE AMERICAS (March 31); Ven. Mary of Egypt (April 1).*

**\* LENTEN FAST ALL THIS WEEK; WINE AND OIL ALLOWED ON  
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY \***

**Epistles:** Hebrews 6:13-20 (Sunday) / Hebrews 2:11-18 (Feast)

**Gospels:** Mark 9:17-31 (Sunday) / Luke 1:24-338 (Feast)

### 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 4 (Feast)

Today is the beginning of our salvation. / The revelation of the eternal mystery: /  
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin / As Gabriel announces the good tidings of grace. /  
Together with them let us cry to the Theotokos: / Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, ///  
The Lord is with thee.

### Troparion – Tone 4 (Archangel)

O foremost leader of the heavenly hosts / We who are unworthy beseech thee /  
By thy prayers to encompass us / With the shadow of thine immaterial glory. /  
We fall down before thee, and cry out ceaselessly: / Deliver us from all danger! ///  
Since thou art the prince of the ranks of dominions on-High!

### Kontakion – Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, /  
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! /  
Hades is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: /  
The Savior has come to those in faith; /// Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### Kontakion – Tone 8 (Archangel)

O supreme commander of the heavenly hosts, Gabriel, /  
Our glorious intercessor and servant of the radiant, all-accomplishing, infinite and awesome Trinity, /  
Ceaselessly pray that we be delivered from every tribulation and danger ///  
So that we may sing: Rejoice, O thou protection of us thy servants!

### Kontakion – Tone 8 (Feast)

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts, /  
We thy servants delivered from all evil sing our grateful thanks to thee, O Theotokos, /  
As thou dost possess invincible might, set us from every calamity, ///  
So that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded bride!