

**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 –*

Matushka Mary (February 12)

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

**This Friday, March 9, 6:30 PM –**

**Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck**

**Next Sunday, March 11 – Church School**

**Next Friday, March 16, 6:30 PM –**

**Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck**

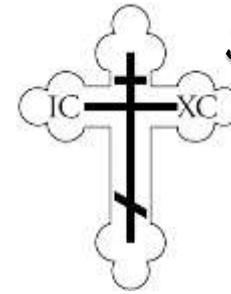
**Sunday, March 18 – Parish Council**

**PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 11**

**5:00 PM @ St Dimitrie the New Orthodox Church, Frederick**

**6:00 PM @ St. Michael the Archangel Church, Colorado Springs**

*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 4, 2018**

**St Gregory Palamas**



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 2

Holding to the Orthodox faith, as to something holy, loving it with all their hearts and prizing it above all, Orthodox people ought, moreover, to endeavor to spread it amongst people of other creeds. Christ the Savior has said that ‘neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candle stick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.’ (Mt 5.15)

The light of Orthodoxy was not lit to shine only on a small number of men. The Orthodox Church is universal; it remembers the words of its Founder: ‘Go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature’ (Lk 16.15), ‘go ye therefore and teach all nations’ (Mt 28.19). We ought to share our spiritual wealth, our truth, light and joy with others, who are deprived of these blessings, but often are seeking them and thirsting for them.

Once ‘a vision appeared to Paul in the night, there stood a man from Macedonia and prayed him, saying, come over into Macedonia, and help us,’ (Acts 16.9) after which the apostle started for this country to preach Christ. We also hear a similar inviting voice. We live surrounded by people of alien creeds; in the sea of other religions, our Church is a small island of salvation, towards which swim some of the people, plunged in the sea of life. ‘Come, hurry, help,’ we sometimes hear from the heathen of far Alaska, and oftener from those who are our brothers in blood and once were our brothers in faith also, the Uniates. ‘Receive us into your community, give us one of your good pastors, send us a Priest that we might have the Divine Service performed for us of a holy day, help us to build a church, to start a school for our children, so that they do not lose in America their faith and nationality,’ those are the wails we often hear, especially of late.

And are we to remain deaf and insensible? God save us from such a lack of sympathy. Otherwise woe unto us, ‘for we have taken away the key of knowledge, we entered not in ourselves, and them that were entering in we hindered.’ (Lk 11.52)

But who is to work for the spread of the Orthodox faith, for the increase of the children of the Orthodox Church? Pastors and missionaries, you answer. You are right; but are they to be alone?

St. Paul wisely compares the Church of Christ to a body, and the life of a body is shared by all the members. So it ought to be in the life of the Church also. ‘The whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.’ (Eph 4.16).

At the beginning, not only pastors alone suffered for the faith of Christ, but lay people also, men, women and even children. Heresies were fought against by lay people as well. Likewise, the spread of Christ’s faith ought to be near and precious to the heart of every Christian. In this work every member of the Church ought to take a lively and heart-felt interest. This interest may show itself in personal preaching of the Gospel of Christ.

And to our great joy, we know of such examples amongst our lay brethren. In Sitka, members of the Indian brotherhood do missionary work amongst other inhabitants of their villages. And one zealous brother took a trip to a distant village (Kilisno), and helped the local Priest very much in shielding the simple and credulous children of the Orthodox Church against alien influences, by his own explanations and persuasions. Moreover, in many places of the United States, those who have left Uniatism to join Orthodoxy point out to their friends where the truth is to be found, and dispose them to enter the Orthodox Church.

-- *Tikhon, Bishop of the Aleutian Islands & North America (to be concluded next week)*

**Also this week:** *Martyr Conon of Isauria (March 5); he Uncovering of the Precious Cross and the Precious Nails by Empress St. Helen in Jerusalem (March 6); Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus (March 7); St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (March 8); HOLY 40 MARTYRS OF SEBASTE (March 9); MEMORIAL SATURDAY; Martyr Quadratus and those with him (March 10).*

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

**Epistles:** Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Sunday) / Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St Gregory)

**Gospels:** Mark 2:1-12 (Sunday) / John 10:9-16 (St Gregory)

### Troparion - Tone 6 (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; / The guards *became* as dead men. /  
Mary stood by Thy grave, / Seeking *Thy* most pure body. /  
Thou didst capture hell, / Not being tempted by it. /  
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. ///  
O Lord, Who didst *rise* from the dead: glory to Thee!

### Troparion – Tone 8 (St Gregory)

O Gregory the Wonderworker, light of Orthodoxy, / Support and teacher of the Church, /  
Glory of monks and invincible protector of theologians, /  
Pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, ///  
Pray without ceasing for the salvation of our souls.

### Kontakion – Tone 8 (St Gregory)

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, /  
With one accord we sing thy praises, O Gregory inspired by God. /  
But since thou standest now in mind and spirit before the Original Mind, /  
Guide our minds to Him, O father, ///  
That we may cry to *thee*: Rejoice, preacher of grace.

### Kontakion – Tone 4 (Triodion)

The season of the virtues now has come, and the Judge is at the door. /  
Let us not hold back with darkened face, /  
But let us keep the Fast, offering tears, contrition and almsgiving; /  
And let us cry: / Our sins are more in number than the sand of the sea; /  
But, Deliverer of all, forgive each one of us, ///  
That we may receive an incorruptible crown.