

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

*The repose and salvation of –*

Archpriest Paul (March 5)	Allen (March 7)
Helene (March 8)	

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

**HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4:**

**6:30 PM – Matins for Holy Thursday**

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5:**

**7:00 AM – Vespertal Divine Liturgy; 6:00 PM – Matins w/ 12 Passion Gospels**

**HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 6:**

**4:00 PM – Burial Vespers; 6:30 PM – Matins w/ Praises at Tomb**

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7:**

**10:00 AM – Vespertal Divine Liturgy**

**11:30 PM – Midnight Office, Resurrectional Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy**

**PASCHA, APRIL 8:**

**2:00 – Agape Vespers followed by picnic**

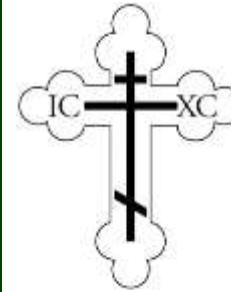
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Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,  
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

**Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem**



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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## On Luke 19:28-48

This is the description of an historical event that took place twenty centuries ago, as related by an eyewitness. But this event has more than historical significance; it also has a spiritual meaning, and therefore also a moral meaning for every modern-day Christian. According to the spiritual meaning, Jerusalem signifies the human soul, and the entry of the Lord into Jerusalem signifies the entrance of God into the soul.

The multitudes of people, crowded and pushing one against another, joyfully awaiting and greeting Christ, symbolize the noble sentiments and exalted thoughts of a person who joyfully greets God, his Savior and Deliverer. The leaders of the crowd of people, who hate Christ and want to kill Him, personify the lower desires and earthbound thoughts, which take the upper hand over man's noble nature and oppress it. Now this lower human nature rebels against God's entry into the soul, for when God is enthroned there, the lower nature will inevitably be destroyed.

The Temple in Jerusalem symbolizes the holy of holies of the human soul—that sacred place where the Holy Spirit has if only a miniscule haven even in the greatest sinner. But earthly passions penetrate there also, and lower human nature has used even it to achieve its base aims. Christ heals the soul of those sick ones who fall down before Him with faith, and this means that certain impulses of the soul, although sick, thirst for unity with God and seek for Him, the only true Doctor in the world. Christ's prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction symbolizes the destruction of any soul that God rejects, lays low, and spews forth from Himself.

No one in this world is happy unless he has opened wide the gates of his spiritual Jerusalem—his soul—and received God into himself. A godless man feels lonely to despair. The society of others does not make his loneliness go away, but only increases it. However he who has taken God into his soul will never feel lonely even in a desert. No one dies an eternal death other than one in whom God has died.

*St. Nikolai Velimirovich*

*\* Fish, wine, and oil allowed today; Lenten fast all week; wine and oil allowed on Thursday; Strict Fast on Friday; wine (but not oil) allowed on Saturday \**

**Also this week:** HOLY MONDAY; *Ven Titus the Wonderworker (April 2)*; HOLY TUESDAY; *Ven. Nikita the Confessor (April 3)*; HOLY WEDNESDAY; *Ven. Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4)*; HOLY THURSDAY; *Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon, Theodulus the Reader, and those with them, at Thessalonica (April 5)*; GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY; *St Entychius, Pat. of Constantinople (April 6)*; GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY; REPOSE OF ST TIKHON, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA, ENLIGHTENER OF NORTH AMERICA (April 7).

**Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-9

**Gospel:** John 12:1-18

**Troparion - Tone 1**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, /  
Thou didst confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ our God! /  
Like the children with the palms of victory, /  
We cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death; /  
Hosanna in the Highest! ///  
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

**Troparion - Tone 4**

When we were buried with Thee in Baptism, O Christ our God, /  
We were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection! /  
Now we praise Thee and sing: /  
Hosanna in the highest! ///  
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

**Kontakion - Tone 6**

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, /  
Carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! /  
Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: ///  
Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!