

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Vivian
Archpriest Eugene	Jung Sook
Priest John	Thomas
Deacon John	Randall
Reader Aleksei	Don
Monk Philaret	Norma
Matushka Priscilla	James
Elizabeth • Marie • Marie & child	Matthew
Virginia • Ignatius • Anne • Anna	Katherine
Thomas • John • Theodore	Natalia
Katherine • Roman • Lukina • Irina	John
Catechumens: Andrew, David, Michael, Sergio, Rachel, Rick, Jennifer, and Rebecca	

The repose and salvation of –

Hieroschemamonk Ambrose (April 6) Paul (April 8)

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

Tomorrow, April 15, 6:30 PM – choir practice

This Thursday, April 18, 6:30 PM – choir practice

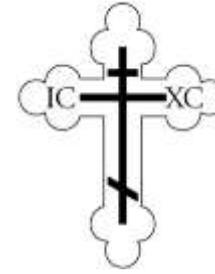
This Friday, April 19, 6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

This Saturday, April 20, 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for St Lazarus

This Saturday, April 20, 11:30 AM – Baptism of Andrew Emanuel!

**This Saturday, April 20, 5:30 PM – Vigil for the Entry
of Our Lord Into Jerusalem with Blessing of Palms**

*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, April 14, 2019

St Mary of Egypt

St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem, April 11, 1839 (David Roberts lithograph)

Sundays at 9:10 AM – Hours & Divine Liturgy, followed by agape potluck

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – Evening Prayers & Saints of the Day

Saturdays at 5:30 PM – Great Vespers

Other services as announced

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Saint Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome

A native of the Tuscany region of Italy, he received a fine education and entered into the clergy of the Roman Church. After the death of Pope Theodore I (642-649), Martin was chosen to succeed him. At the time the peace of the Church was disturbed by the Monothelite heresy (the false doctrine that in Christ there is only one will. He has both a divine, and a human will). Even the Emperor Constans (641-668) and Patriarch Paul of Constantinople (641-654) were adherents of the Monothelite heresy. The Emperor published the heretical “Pattern of Faith” (Typos), which forbade all further disputes on the issue.

Saint Martin convened the Lateran Council at Rome to condemn the Monothelite heresy. At the same time he sent a letter to Patriarch Paul, persuading him to return to the Orthodox confession of faith. The enraged Emperor ordered the military commander Olympius to bring St Martin to trial. But Olympius feared the clergy and the people of Rome who had descended upon the Council, and sent a soldier to murder the holy hierarch. When the assassin approached St Martin, he was blinded. The terrified Olympius fled to Sicily and was soon killed in battle.

In 654 the Emperor sent another military commander, Theodore, to Rome. He accused St Martin of being in secret correspondence with the enemies of the Empire, the Saracens, and of blaspheming the Most Holy Theotokos, and of uncanonically assuming the papal throne. With a detachment of soldiers, Theodore seized St Martin by night and took him to Naxos, an almost unpopulated Cyclades island in the Aegean Sea. St Martin spent an entire year there, suffering deprivation and abuse from the guards. Then they sent the exhausted confessor to Constantinople for trial.

They carried the sick man on a stretcher, but the judges callously ordered him to stand up and answer their questions. The soldiers propped up the saint, and false witnesses came forward slandering him and accusing him of treasonous relations with the Saracens. The biased judges did not even bother to hear the saint’s defense. In sorrow he said, “The Lord knows what a great kindness you would show me if you would deliver me quickly over to death.” They brought St Martin out in tattered clothes to a jeering crowd. Finally the sentence was announced: St Martin was to be deposed from his rank and executed. They bound him with chains and dragged him to prison, where they locked him up with thieves. These were more merciful to the saint than the heretics.

In the midst of all this the Emperor went to the dying Patriarch Paul and told him of the trial. He turned away from the Emperor and said, “Woe is me! This is another reason for my judgment.” He asked that Saint Martin’s torments be stopped. The Emperor again sent a notary and other persons to the saint in prison to interrogate him. The saint answered, “Even if they cripple me, I will not have relations with the Church of Constantinople while it remains in its evil doctrines.” The torturers were astonished at the confessor’s boldness, and they commuted his death sentence to exile at Cherson in the Crimea. He died there, exhausted by sickness, hunger, and deprivations on September 16, 655. He was buried outside the city in the Blachernae church of the Most Holy Theotokos; later his relics were transferred to Rome. The Monothelite heresy was condemned at the Sixth Ecumenical Council in 680.

Also this week: *Apostles of the Seventy Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus (April 15); Virgin Martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chionia, in Illyria (April 16); Hieromartyr Simeon, Bp in Persia, and those with him: Martyrs Abdechallas, and Ananias the Presbyters, Ustbazanes, Fuscus, Ascitrea, Azades the Eunuch, and many others (April 17); Ven John, disciple of Ven Gregory of Decapolis (April 18); Ven John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine (April 19); LAZARUS SATURDAY; Ven. Theodore Trichinas (“the Hair-shirt Wearer”), Hermit, near Constantinople (April 20).*

** fasting all this week with wine, oil, and caviar allowed on Saturday **

Epistles: Hebrews 9:11-14 (Sunday) / Galatians 3:23-29 (Saint)

Gospels: Mark 10:32-45 (Sunday) / Luke 7:36-50 (Saint)

Troparion – Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, /
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, /
Born for our salvation from the Virgin; /
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, /
To endure death, / And to raise the dead /// By His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion – Tone 8 (St. Mary)

In thee, O Mother, *was* preserved unimpaired that which is according to God’s image, /
For thou hast taken up the Cross and followed Christ. /
By thine actions thou hast *taught* us to despise the flesh, for it passes away, /
But to care for the soul, which *is* a thing immortal; ///
And so thy spirit, holy Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion – Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hades, O my Savior, / Shattering its gates as Almighty; / Resurrecting the dead as Creator, / And destroying the sting of death. /
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, ///
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Kontakion – Tone 3 (St. Mary)

Once thou wast defiled with *every* impurity, /
But today through repentance thou hast become the Bride of Christ. /
Desiring the life of the angels, /
Thou hast cast down the demons with the weapons of the Cross: ///
Therefore, O glorious Mary, thou wast made a bride of the Kingdom.