

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Vivian
Archpriest Eugene	Jung Sook
Priest James	Thomas
Priest John	Nancy
Reader Aleksei	Randall
Monk Philaret	Rose
Matushka Priscilla	Don
Elizabeth • Joseph • Marie	Norma
Marie • Virginia • Thomas	James
John • Luke • Katherine	Eileen
Catechumen Andrew	
Catechumen David	
Catechumen Michael	
Catechumen Jennifer	
Catechumen Rebecca	

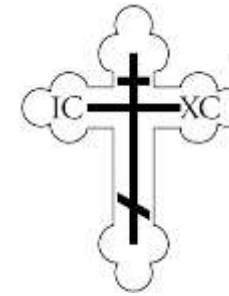
The repose and salvation of –

Archpriest Vadim (May 16)	Pauline (April 17)
Archdeacon Andrei (May 3)	
Reader John (April 20)	

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

**This Saturday, May 26, 5:30
PM – Vigil for Holy Pentecost**

*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, May 20, 2018

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council



Dmitrov Patio by Stepan Nesterchuk

**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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Venerable Zabulon and Venerable Sosana

According to Holy Tradition, Saint Nina and Great-martyr George were blood relatives. At the same time as Saint George's martyrdom, a certain nobleman, the servant of God Zabulon, arrived in Rome from Cappadocia. Zabulon began to serve in the emperor's army, and before long he was widely recognized as a courageous cavalryman and a fine soldier.

During a battle with the Franks the Lord granted victory to Zabulon—he captured the Frankish king and his suite and delivered them to the Roman emperor. The emperor sentenced the captives to death, but before they were executed they confessed their desire to be baptized into the Christian Faith. Zabulon relayed this to the emperor, and Zabulon himself became their godfather. Then he pleaded with the emperor to have mercy on his godchildren, and the emperor set them free. Nearly all the Franks were converted to Christianity as a result of Zabulon's struggles on behalf of the Faith. A 9th-century Georgian hymnographer wrote, "Her father Zabulon converted Gaul with his sword, and blessed Nina converted Georgia with the Life-giving Cross."

Some time later, Saint Zabulon journeyed to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage. While he was there he distributed all his possessions to the poor and began to serve Patriarch Juvenal of Jerusalem. There he met Sosana (Susan), the sister of the patriarch. Shortly thereafter they were joined in marriage by the patriarch.

The newly wedded couple moved to Cappadocia, where they had a baby girl whom they named Nina. While raising Nina, Saint Sosana served God and the needy with great dedication. When Nina reached the age of twelve, her parents sold all their possessions and moved back to Jerusalem. With the blessing of Patriarch Juvenal, Zabulon departed for the wilderness to begin a life of asceticism. The place where he labored is known only to God. With the patriarch's blessing, Sosana ministered to the poor and infirm.

On December 10, 1996, the Georgian Orthodox Church declared Zabulon and Sosana, the parents of Saint Nina, confessors of the Christian Faith. Living during a time when pagan religions were still widely practiced and Christians were often persecuted, they converted many people and then abandoned worldly things to follow God alone.

Also this week: HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES EMPEROR CONSTANTINE AND HIS MOTHER, HELEN (May 21); Martyr Basiliscus, Bp of Comana (May 22); St Michael the Confessor, Bp of Synnada (May 23); St Vincent of Lerins (May 24); THIRD FINDING OF THE HONORABLE HEAD OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN (May 25); MEMORIAL SATURDAY; Apostles Carpus and Alphaeus of the Seventy; St Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelizer of England; Venerable Bede of Jarrow (May 26).

* "regular" fasting this week; wine and oil allowed on Wednesday; fish, wine, and oil allowed on Friday *

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

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 4 (Ascension)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / Granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing they were assured / That Thou art the Son of God, /// The Redeemer of the world!

Troparion — Tone 8 (Fathers)

Most glorious art *Thou*, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the *Holy* Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided *us* to the True Faith./// O greatly compassionate *One*, glory to Thee!

Kontakion — Tone 8 (Fathers)

The Apostles' preaching *and* the Fathers' doctrines / Have established *one* Faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, *woven* from heavenly theology; /// Great is the mystery of *piety* which it defines and glorifies.

Kontakion — Tone 6 (Ascension)

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, / And unite earth to heaven: / Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God / Not being parted from those who love Thee, / But remaining with them and crying: /// "I am *with* you, and no one will be against you!"