

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	
Catechumen Andrew	
Catechumen David	
Catechumen Michael	
Catechumen Jennifer	
Catechumen Rebecca	

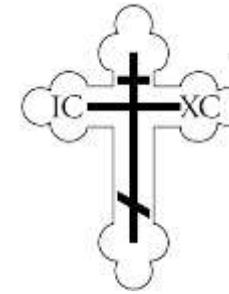
The repose and salvation of –

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.

Sunday, June 10 – Parish Council
Saturday, June 16, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers
Sunday, June 17, 9:00 AM –
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

*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 27, 2018

Holy Pentecost



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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Holy Pentecost

On this feast according to the custom, temples and homes of the faithful relating to the characteristics of this feast are also decorated with trees, grass and flowers. This is how the Old Testament Church celebrated Pentecost, offering on this day a beginning of the harvest (Lev.23:10-22; Num. 28:26). In accordance with these customs of the Old Testament Church, probably, the room on Zion in which the Apostles received the Holy Spirit on this feast was also decorated. From here this custom was also spread throughout all the Church. The thought of the appearance of God as three strangers to Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre, where the tent of the patriarch stood, could also have influenced this custom. Celebrating the Holy Trinity, before Whom Abraham once bowed down in the Oaks of Mamre, ancient Christians on the day of the Holy Trinity spread tree branches and flowers in the temples to see that in this way the decorated temple of God more obviously represents the Oaks of Mamre and the tent of Abraham where once the Triune God had the good will to appear. Now branches and flowers are offered to God as the beginning of the renewing Spring. But at the same time they serve together as a symbol of the Church of Christ, which with the appearance of the grace of the Holy of Spirit flourished in it, according to the expression in the church hymns, like a white lily. It also points out the renewal of the people by the power of the descent of the Holy Spirit, (serving as a symbol of His very grace which we ask for on this day and which, being recognized by true believing souls, smells sweet to them through a great variety of spiritual gifts and pious deeds), and for the future resurrection of our dead brethren for which we especially pray on this day.

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The sending down of the Holy Spirit to earth is so great a gift that it includes everything within it for the Christian. Without the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit we would not even receive the clear knowledge of the actions of the Son of God Himself on earth. Without the co-activity of the Holy Spirit the preaching of the Gospel would not have spread so quickly in the world, due to the many obstacles, insurmountable for the ordinary power of man. Without the life-creating Holy Spirit even the faithful in the name of Jesus Christ would be dead spiritually. We have the word of God because the Holy Spirit spoke through the prophets and the apostles. The appearance of the Deity, the Church, is openly accessible to all the cursed on the earth. Because the Holy Spirit humbled with the consecration by Himself, He was

acquired by the sinful race of man, with the merits of our Lord and Redeemer. Everyone entering into this holy society receives the rebirth into the new spiritual life, because the Holy Spirit, once having been poured out, permanently remains in the Church of Christ.

-- excerpted from S.V. Bulgakov, *Manual for Church Servers*, 2nd ed. (Kharkov, 1900), pp. 608-18, trans. Archpriest Eugene D. Tarris

Also this week: DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (May 28); THIRD DAY OF THE TRINITY (May 29); Ven Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (May 30); Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (May 31); Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome (June 1); Leavetaking of Holy Pentecost; St Nicephorus the Confessor; Glorification of Ven Zabulon and Sosanna, parents of St Nina, Enlightener of Georgia (June 2).

** fast-free week **

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

Troparion – Tone 8 (Feast)

Blessed art Thou, O *Christ* our God, /
Who hast revealed the *fisherman* as most wise /
By sending down *upon* them the Holy Spirit; /
Through them Thou didst draw the *world* into Thy net. ///
O Lover of *Man*, Glory to Thee!

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Feast)

When the Most High came down and *confused* the tongues,
He divided the nations; /
But when He distributed the *tongues* of fire, He called all to unity. ///
Therefore, with one voice, we *glorify* the all-holy Spirit!

