

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	Randall
Reader Aleksei	Don
Monk Philaret	Norma
Matushka Priscilla	James
Elizabeth • Marie	Eileen
Marie • Virginia • Thomas	
John • Luke • Katherine	

Catechumens: Andrew, David,
Michael, Sergio, Rachel,
Jennifer, and Rebecca

The repose and salvation of –

Archpriest Vadim (May 16)

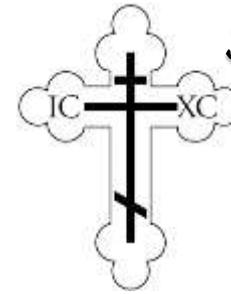
Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

This Saturday, June 23, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, July 15, 2:00 PM – Wedding!

Sunday, July 29 – Parish Council

*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, June 17, 2018

All Saints of Britain & Ireland



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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Martyr Nectan of Hartland

Saint Nectan was born in Wales and lived in the sixth century, but we know few details about his life. He was the oldest of the twenty-four children of Saint Brychan of Brecknock. While he was still living in Wales, God inspired him to imitate the example of Saint Anthony and other ascetics, and to embrace the monastic life.

Seeking greater solitude, Saint Nectan and his companions left Wales, intending to settle wherever their boat happened to land. Divine providence brought them to the northern coast of Devonshire at Hartland, where they lived for several years in a dense forest. The saint's family would visit him there on the last day of the year. Later, he relocated to a remote valley with a spring.

Once, Saint Nectan found a stray pig and returned it to its owner. In gratitude, the swineherd gave Saint Nectan two cows. The saint accepted the gift, but the cows were soon stolen by two robbers. Saint Nectan found the thieves who took the animals, and tried to preach to them about Christ. They became angry and cut off his head. Then the saint picked up his head and carried it for half a mile, laying it down near the spring by his cell. Seeing this, the man who killed Saint Nectan went out of his mind, but the other thief buried him. From that time, miracles began to take place at Saint Nectan's tomb.

In 937 Saint Nectan appeared on the eve of the Battle of Brunanburgh to a young man from Hartland who was in a tent near King Athelstan's pavilion. Suddenly, he felt himself afflicted with the plague which was then destroying the English army. The young man wept and called upon God and Saint Nectan to help him. His cries were so loud that he woke the king and others around him. Saint Nectan came to the young man just after midnight and touched the afflicted area of his body, healing him. In the morning, he was brought before the king and admitted that it was he who had disturbed Athelstan's sleep. The king asked gently why he had been crying out during the night. The young man explained that he felt himself stricken with the plague, and was afraid that he would die. Therefore, he entreated God and Saint Nectan to help him, and his prayer was answered.

Athelstan asked for more information about the life and martyrdom of Saint Nectan, which the young man provided. He also urged the king to turn to Saint Nectan with faith, promising that he would be victorious in battle if he did so. The king promised to honor God and Saint Nectan, and so his faith was rewarded. Not only did he win the battle, but the plague disappeared and his soldiers recovered. The first time that King Athelstan visited Hartland in Devonshire, he donated property to the saint's church. For the rest of his life, the king placed great confidence in the intercession of Saint Nectan.

Also this week: Martyrs Leontius, Hypatius, and Theodolus (June 18); HOLY APOSTLE JUDE, BROTHER OF THE LORD (June 19); Hieromartyr Methodius, Bp of Patar (June 20); Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (June 21); Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bp of Samosata; St Alban of Verulam, Protomartyr of the British Isles (June 22); Martyr Agrippina of Rome (June 23).

** APOSTLES' FAST all this week; wine and oil allowed on Tuesday and Thursday; fish, wine, and oil allowed on Saturday **

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, /
Thou didst slay hades with the splendor of Thy Godhead! /
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, /
All the powers of heaven cried out: ///
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyrs)

Thy holy martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, O Lord, /
Through their sufferings received their incorruptible crown from Thee, our God /
For having Thy strength they laid low their enemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///
Through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

Hades became afraid, O Almighty Savior, /
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! /
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, ///
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Martyrs)

Being wounded with faith in Christ, O blessed ones, /
And having drunk faithfully of His cup /
You cast the vanity of the Persians' worship to the ground /
While praying on behalf of us all, ///
O ye martyrs equal in number to the Trinity.