

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Eugene	Stefan
Priest Kyrill & family	John
Priest James	Vivian
Priest John	Jung Sook
Priest Alexander	Thomas
Subdeacon Peter	Cheyenne
Reader Aleksei	Nancy
Monk Philaret	Randall
Matushka Mary	Rose
Matushka Mary Sara	Don
John • Euphrosynos	Norma
Virginia • Justina	James
Thomas • John	
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

The repose and salvation of –

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

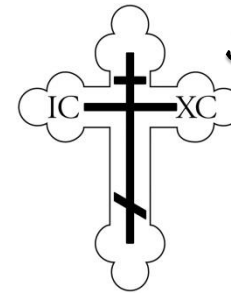
All this month: Temple Beautification Fund Drive

This Saturday, June 24:

4:00 PM – choir practice

5:30 PM – Great Vespers & confession

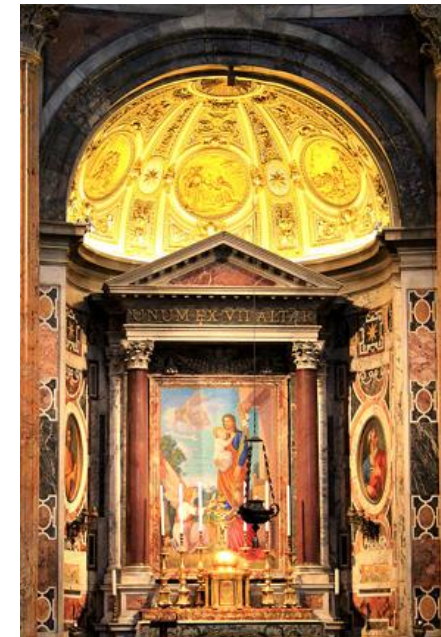
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Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Sunday of All Saints of North America



The Relics of the Apostles Jude and Simon within St Joseph's Altar in St Peter's Basilica, Rome

**Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Other services as announced**

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The Holy Apostle Jude, the Brother of the Lord

The Holy Apostle Jude, one of the twelve apostles of Christ, is descended from King David and Solomon, and was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed (Sunday after the Nativity of the Lord) by his first wife.

The Holy Apostle John the Theologian writes in his Gospel, "... neither did his brethren believe in Him" (John. 7:5). Saint Theophylact, Archbishop of Bulgaria, explains this passage. He says that at the beginning of the Lord Jesus Christ's earthly ministry, Joseph's sons, Jude among them, did not believe in His divine nature. Tradition says that when Saint Joseph returned from Egypt, he began to divide his possessions among his sons. He wanted to allot a share to Christ the Savior, born miraculously and incorruptibly from the All-Pure Virgin Mary. The brothers were opposed to this because Jesus was born of another mother. Only James, later called "The Brother of God," offered to share his portion with Him.

Jude came to believe in Christ the Savior as the awaited Messiah, and he followed Him and was chosen as one of the twelve Apostles. Mindful of his sin, the Apostle Jude considered himself unworthy to be called the Lord's brother, and in his Epistle he calls himself merely the brother of James.

The Holy Apostle Jude also had other names: the Evangelist Matthew terms him "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddeus" (Mt. 10:3). The Holy Evangelist Mark also calls him Thaddeus (Mark 3:18), and in the Acts of the Holy Apostles he is called Barsabas (Acts 15: 22). This was customary at that time.

After the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, Saint Jude traveled about preaching the Gospel. He propagated the faith in Christ at first in Judea, Galilee, Samaria and Idumaia, and later in the lands of Arabia, Syria and Mesopotamia. Finally, he went to the city of Edessa. Here he finished the work that was not completed by his predecessor, Saint Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy. There is a tradition that Saint Jude went to Persia, where he wrote his catholic Epistle in Greek. In the Epistle much profound truth was expressed in a few words. The Holy Apostle Jude died as a martyr around the year 80 near Mt. Ararat in Armenia, where he was crucified and pierced by arrows.

Also this week: HOLY APOSTLE JUDE, BROTHER OF THE LORD (June 19); Hieromartyr Methodius, Bp of Patar (June 20); Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (June 21); St Alban of Verulam, Protomartyr of the British Isles (June 22); Martyr Agrippina of Rome (June 23); NATIVITY OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST, JOHN (June 24).

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

Epistles: Romans 2:10-16 (Sunday) / Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Saints)

Gospels: Matthew 4:18-23 (Sunday) / Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saints)

Troparion – Tone 1 (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, /
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, /
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / Granting life to the world. /
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: /
"Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! ///
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Troparion – Tone 8 (Saints of North America)

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, /
The lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. /
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace ///
Through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

Kontakion – Tone 1 (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / Raising the world with Thyself. /
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! /
Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: ///
Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

Kontakion – Tone 3 (Saints of North America)

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America /
Now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. /
With them the angels glorify Him, /
And all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; ///
And together they all pray for us to the Pre-Eternal God.