

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

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| 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)
Archdeacon Andrei (May 3)

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

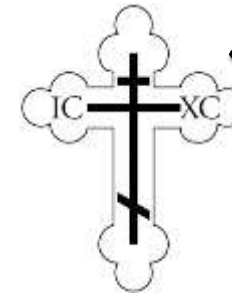
Apostles' Fast Begins tomorrow

Next Sunday, June 10 – Parish Council

Saturday, June 16, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers

**Sunday, June 17, 9:00 AM –
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**

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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 3, 2018

All Saints



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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All Saints

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints lists six categories: “Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous....”

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. Saint Maximus the Confessor is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The *Apostles* are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The *Martyrs* come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the *Prophets* are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy *Hierarchs* comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The *Monastics* are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, Saint John Climacus had a high regard for them: “Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men.”

The last category, the *Righteous*, are those who attained holiness of life while living “in the world.” Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Saints Joachim and Anna, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, Saint Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

Also this week: Righteous Martha and Mary, sisters of St Lazarus (June 4); Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bp of Tyre (June 5); St Boniface of Crediton, Apostle and Patron-Saint of Germany and his 52 Companion-Martyrs; Ven. Bessarion the Wonderworker of Egypt (June 6); Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bp of Ancyra (June 7); Translation of the Relics of the Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates; Glorification of St John of Kronstadt (June 8); St Cyril, Abp of Alexandria; St. Columba, Enlightener of Scotland (June 9).

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

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Troparion – Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on *high*, O Merciful One! /
Thou didst accept the *three*-day burial to free us from our sufferings! ///
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 4 (Saints)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, /
Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs’ blood
shed throughout all the world. /
She cries to Thee, O Christ God: /
Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, ///
Grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls!

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Saints)

The universe offers *Thee* the God-bearing martyrs, /
As the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. ///
Through the Theotokos *and* their prayers establish Thy Church in peace!