

**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.*

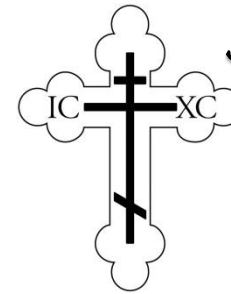
*All this month: Temple Beautification Fund Drive*

**Next Sunday, June 11 – Parish Council**

**Apostles Fast Begins Monday, June 12**

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*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 4, 2017

HOLY PENTECOST



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

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## ON THE HOLY PENTECOST

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit share one nature, one essence, one substance. That is why the Three Faces are the Trinity, one-in-substance. Humans also have one nature, one substance.

But while God is the Indivisible Trinity, divisions occur in mankind constantly.... The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have common thought, common will, common actions. What the Father desires, the Son also desires, and the Holy Spirit also desires. Whatever the Son loves, so do the Father and the Holy Spirit also love. Whatever is pleasing to the Holy Spirit, is pleasing to the Father and Son. Their actions are also common among them, all act in conjunction and in accord.

This is not so with man. We are in constant disagreement, we have differing desires. Even a small child expresses his own wishes, willfulness, disobedience to his loving parents. As he grows older, he separates from them more, and so often in our day becomes completely alienated from them. People simply don't share identical opinions, on the contrary, there are perpetual divisions in all things, quarrels and conflicts between individuals, wars between nations.

Adam and Eve, before their Fall, were in full accord and of common spirit with one another at all times. Having sinned, alienation was immediately sensed. Justifying himself before God, Adam blamed Eve. Their sin divided them and continues to divide all of mankind. Emancipated from sin, we approach God, and, filled with His grace, we sense our unity with the rest of mankind. Such unity is very imperfect and lacking, since in each person some portion of sin remains. The closer we approach God, the closer we approach each other, just as the closer rays of light are to each other, the closer they are to the Sun. In the coming Kingdom of God there will be unity, mutual love and concord. The Holy Trinity remains eternally unchanging, all-perfect, united in essence and indivisible.

The One, Indivisible Trinity ever remains the Trinity. The Father always remains the Father, the Son remains the Son, the Holy Spirit remains the Holy Spirit. Besides Their personal Properties, They all share all in common and in unity. That is why the Holy Trinity is One God.

-- St John of Shanghai & San Francisco

**Also this week:** DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (June 5); THIRD DAY OF THE TRINITY; St Boniface of Crediton, Apostle and Patron-Saint of Germany and his 52 Companion-Martyrs (June 6); 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); Leavetaking of Pentecost; St John Maximovitch, Metropolitan of Tobolsk (June 10).

*\* 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!

