

**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 –*

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

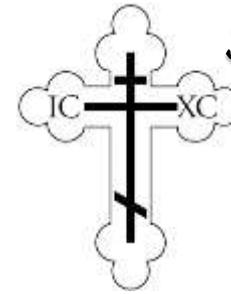
**Sunday, July 15, 2:00 PM – Wedding!**

**Saturday, July 28, 4:00 PM – Choir Practice**

**Saturday, July 28, 5:30 PM – Great  
Vespers & Confession**

**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, July 1, 2018**

**Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian**



*The relics of Saints Cosmas & Damian in St Michael's Church in Munich*

**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 Wonderworking Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian

Cosmas and Damian were born at Rome, brothers by birth, and physicians by profession. Brought up by their parents in the rules of piety, they led strict and chaste lives, and they were granted by God the gift of healing the sick. By their generosity and exceptional kindness to all, the brothers converted many to Christ. The brothers told the sick, “It is not by our own power that we treat you, but by the power of Christ, the true God. Believe in Him and be healed.” Since they accepted no payment for their treatment of the infirm, the holy brothers were called “unmercenary physicians.”

Their life of active service and their great spiritual influence on the people around them led many into the Church, attracting the attention of the Roman authorities. Soldiers were sent after the brothers. Hearing about this, local Christians convinced Saints Cosmas and Damian to hide for a while until they could help them escape. Unable to find the brothers, the soldiers arrested instead other Christians of the area. Saints Cosmas and Damian then came out of hiding and surrendered to the soldiers, asking them to release those who had been arrested because of them.

At Rome, the saints were imprisoned and put on trial. Before the Roman emperor and the judge they openly professed their faith in Christ God, Who had come into the world to save mankind and redeem the world from sin, and they resolutely refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. They said, “We have done evil to no one, we are not involved with the magic or sorcery of which you accuse us. We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, “Freely have you received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8).

The emperor, however, continued with his demands. Through the prayer of the holy brothers, imbued with the power of grace, God suddenly struck Carinus blind, so that he too might experience the almighty power of the Lord, Who does not forgive blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31). The people, beholding the miracle, cried out, “Great is the Christian God! There is no other God but Him!” Many of those who believed besought the holy brothers to heal the emperor, and he himself implored the saints, promising to convert to the true God, Christ the Savior, so the saints healed him. After this, Saints Cosmas and Damian were honorably set free, and once again they set about treating the sick.

But what the hatred of the pagans and the ferocity of the Roman authorities could not do, was accomplished by black envy, one of the strongest passions of sinful human nature. An older physician, an instructor, under whom the holy brothers had studied the art of medicine, became envious of their fame. Driven to madness by malice, and overcome by passionate envy, he summoned the two brothers, formerly his most beloved students, proposing that they should all go together in order to gather various medicinal herbs. Going far into the mountains, he murdered them and threw their bodies into a river.

***Also this week:** Placing of the Robe of the Most Holy Theotokos at Blachernae; St John of Shanghai & San Francisco (July 2); Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea in Cappadocia (July 3); St Andrew, Abp of Crete (July 4); VEN. ATHANASIUS, FOUNDER OF THE GREAT LAVRA AND CENOBITIC MONASTICISM ON MOUNT ATHOS, AND HIS SIX DISCIPLES; UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF VEN SERGIUS OF RADONEZH (July 5); Ven. Sisoës the Great (July 6); Ven. Thomas of Mt. Maleon (July 7).*

***\* Regular fasting this week \****

**Epistle:** Romans 10:1-10 (Sunday)

**Gospel:** Matthew 8:28-9:1 (Sunday)

### **Troparion – Tone 4 (Resurrection)**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel /  
The joyous message of Thy Resurrection; /  
They cast away the ancestral curse /  
And elatedly told the apostles: /  
Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, ///  
Granting the world great mercy.

### **Troparion – Tone 8 (Martyrs)**

Visit our infirmities, O holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian ///  
Freely you received and freely you give to us!

### **Kontakion – Tone 4 (Resurrection)**

My Savior and Redeemer as God /  
Rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. /  
He has shattered the gates of hades, /  
And as Master, /// He has risen on the third day!

### **Kontakion – Tone 2 (Martyrs)**

O glorious physicians and wonderworkers /  
Who have received the power of healing, /  
Extend it upon those in need /  
In your kindness towards us, hold down the enemies' pride ///  
And heal the world through your miracles.