

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...**

*The health and salvation of –*

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemonk 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 • Roman	
Clergy & Parishioners of Holy Myrrhbearing Women Church	
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.*

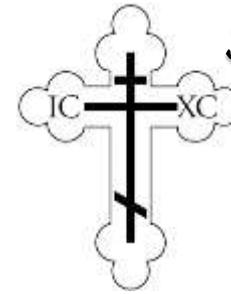
**This Saturday, July 28, 4:00 PM – choir practice**

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

**Next Sunday, July 29 – Parish Council**

*Dormition Fast begins Wednesday, August 1*

*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 22, 2018**



**Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene; Translation  
of the relics of the Hieromartyr Phocas**



*The face of St Mary Magdalene, as reconstructed from her relics (see link inside)*

**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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## St Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene was one of the myrrh-bearing women and “equal to the apostles”. She was from the tribe of Issachar, born in the town of Magdala along the shore of Lake Gennesaret. She was tormented by seven evil spirits from which the Lord Jesus freed her and made her whole. St Mary was a faithful follower and servant of the Lord during His earthly life, and stood beneath the Cross on Golgotha and grieved bitterly and mourned with His mother, visiting His sepulchre three times. When the Lord resurrected she saw Him twice: once alone and the other time with the other myrrh-bearing women. She travelled to Rome and appeared before Tiberias Caesar, presenting him with a red colored egg and greeting him: “Christ is Risen!” At the same time, she accused Pilate before Caesar for his unjust condemnation of the Lord. Caesar accepted her accusation and transferred Pilate from Jerusalem to Gaul where, the unjust judge died of a dread disease. Mary Magdalene returned to Ephesus to St. John the Theologian, whom she assisted in the work of preaching the Gospel. With great love toward the resurrected Lord, and with great zeal, she proclaimed the Holy Gospel to the world as a true apostle of Christ. She died peacefully in Ephesus and, according to tradition, was buried in the same cave in which the seven youths miraculously slept for hundreds of years. The relics of St. Mary Magdalene were later transferred to Constantinople.

In 2017, French forensic scientists reconstructed St. Mary Magdalene’s face from her relics: <https://www.news.com.au/technology/science/human-body/is-this-mary-magdalene-forensic-reconstruction-of-a-holy-relic-puts-a-face-to-the-skull-of-a-saint/news-story/5fd8b2f77646fe3ea8eb02c5a70c387b>

## Hieromartyr Phocas

The relics of St. Phocas were moved from Pontus to Constantinople about 404 A.D. Today, we remember one miracle. The Arabs captured a man named Pontinus, shackled him, bound his hands to his back, and left him to die. Lying the ground, unable to move, Pontinus cried out: “O Holy Martyr Phocas have mercy on me and save me!” Saying this he fell asleep and, in a dream, saw St. Phocas approaching him, touched him by the hand and said: “The Lord Jesus Christ forgives you!” When the man awoke, he found himself loosed from all bonds and free. When he went home he took St. Phocas as the patron of his household.

**Also this week:** *Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia (July 23); Martyr Christina of Tyre (July 24); Repose of the Righteous Anna (July 25); REPOSE OF ST YAKOV (JACOB), ENLIGHTENER OF THE PEOPLES OF ALASKA (July 26); GREAT MARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON (July 27); Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmas (July 28).*

*\* Regular fasting this week \**

**Epistle:** I Corinthians 1:10-18 (Sunday)

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:14-22 (Sunday)

## Troparion – Tone 7 (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise /  
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy /  
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, /  
To proclaim that Thou art risen, /// Granting the world great mercy.

## Troparion – Tone 1 (Saint)

In keeping with His commandments and laws, O Mary Magdalene, /  
Thou didst follow after Christ who, for our sake was born of the Virgin. /  
Therefore, keeping today the feast of thy memorial ///  
Through thy supplications we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

## Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyr)

Like the apostles in character, /  
A successor on their throne, O Divinely-inspired One /  
Through visions thou didst find thy work /  
Rightly dividing the word of truth. /  
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /  
Even to the shedding of thy blood ///  
O Hieromartyr Phocas, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

## Kontakion – Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, /  
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! /  
Hades is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: /  
“The Savior has come to those in faith; ///  
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

## Kontakion – Tone 3 (Saint)

Standing before the Cross of the Savior with many others, /  
Suffering and shedding tears together with the Mother of God, /  
Thou didst offer these words in praise, /  
O glorious saint Mary Magdalene: /  
“What is this strange wonder that I see? /  
How is it that He who sustains all creation wills to suffer on the Tree? ///  
Glory to Thy power, O Lord!”

## Kontakion – Tone 6 (Martyr)

As a hierarch thou didst offer sacrifice to God, /  
In the end, offering thyself as a living sacrifice to Him; /  
Being condemned under the law thou didst bear witness to Christ God /  
And accepting death thou wast given strength by the angels /  
Who cried out to thee: Come with us, O hierarch Phocas, ///  
For no one can stand against us.