

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

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

The repose and salvation of –

Protodeacon Gregory (July 1)
Gerasim (June 19)

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

Next Sunday, July 16 – Parish Council

Saturday, July 22, 4:00 PM – choir practice

Saturday, July 22, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers + confession

Saturday, August 12 / Sunday, August 13 – archpastoral visit

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



ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday, July 9, 2017
Hieromartyr Pancratius of Taormina



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

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Hieromartyr Pancratius the Bishop of Taormina in Sicily

The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth. The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself. The miracles astonished him, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, especially with the holy Apostle Peter. It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter.

After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Saint Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily.

Saint Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people. In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith. Saint Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr.

Also this week: Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Far Caves, founder of monasticism in Russia (July 10); Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-Praised (July 11); Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra (July 12); Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel (July 13); Apostle Aquila of the Seventy (July 14); HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR (July 15).

** 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 (Hieromartyr)

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 Pancratius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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 8 (Hieromartyr)

Thou didst shine like a brilliant star for the people of Taormina /
And thou didst suffer for the sake of Christ. ///
Standing now before Him, *pray* for them that honor thee, O blessed Pancratius.