

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
Matushka Lindsey	Eileen
Elizabeth • Marie	
Marie • Virginia • Thomas	
John • Katherine • Roman	
Ignatius, Macrina & family	
Clergy & Parishioners of Holy Myrrhbearing Women Church	
Catechumens: Andrew, David, Michael, Sergio, Rachel, Jennifer, and Rebecca	

The repose and salvation of –

Daniel (August 7)

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

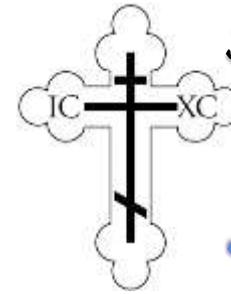
This Tuesday, August 14, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya

This Wednesday, August 15, 7:00 AM –

Divine Liturgy for the Dormition

This Saturday, August 18, NOON – Parish Picnic @ Chateau Sandbothe followed by Great Vespers

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, August 12, 2018



Translation of the Relics of St Maximus the Confessor



Abandoned church in Tsageri, Georgia where the relics of St Maximus were discovered

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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Martyrs Anicetus and Photius

The Martyrs Anicetus and Photius (his nephew) were natives of Nicomedia. Anicetus, a military official, denounced the emperor Diocletian for setting up in the city square an implement of execution for frightening Christians. The enraged emperor ordered Saint Anicetus to be tortured, and later condemned him to be devoured by wild beasts. But the lions they set loose became gentle and fawned at his feet. Suddenly there was a strong earthquake, resulting in the collapse of the pagan temple of Hercules, and many pagans perished beneath the demolished city walls. The executioner took up a sword to cut off the saint's head, but he fell down insensible. They tried to break Saint Anicetus on the wheel and burn him with fire, but the wheel stopped and the fire went out. They threw the martyr into a furnace with boiling tin, but the tin became cold.

The martyr's nephew, Saint Photius, saluted the sufferer and turned to the emperor, saying, "O idol-worshipper, your gods are nothing!" The sword, held over the new confessor, struck the executioner instead. Then the martyrs were thrown into prison. After three days Diocletian urged them, "Worship our gods, and I shall give you glory and riches." The martyrs answered, "May you perish with your honor and riches!" Then they tied them by the legs to wild horses. Though the saints were dragged along the ground, they remained unharmed. They did not suffer in the heated bath house, which fell apart. Finally, Diocletian ordered a great furnace to be fired up, and many Christians, inspired by the deeds of Saints Anicetus and Photius, went in themselves saying, "We are Christians!" They all died with a prayer on their lips. The bodies of Saints Anicetus and Photius were not harmed by the fire, and even their hair remained whole. Seeing this, many of the pagans came to believe in Christ. This occurred in the year 305.

Translation of the Relics of St Maximus the Confessor

According to Georgian tradition, the tomb of St. Maximus the Confessor has been preserved under the altar of a small church in Tsageri, Georgia. The monastery of St. Maximus was built on the site of the ancient church dedicated to St. Arsenius. During the communist regime the tomb of St. Maximus was abandoned and the monastery destroyed. However, the saint's memory remained vivid in Georgia.

Several years ago, Archbishop Stephan of Tsageri and Lentekh initiated a series of archaeological research in the ancient church, which revealed the remains of four men. "We know that St. Maximus the Confessor and his disciples were tortured for their faith: their tongues and fingers were cut off that they might not preach any more. The fingers of the discovered bodies had been cut off and they had traces of mouth infections (which may have developed only from an open wound in their lifetime). One of them had been buried at a lower level; most probably these are the relics of St. Arsenius to whom the monastery had been originally dedicated. Those who were buried at an upper level are St. Maximus the Confessor along with his disciples St. Anastasius the Apocrysiarios and St. Anastasius the Monk."

One of the skeletons attracted special attention because it is missing the right hand and the skull seemed to be mutilated; this could have occurred after tongue pulling – a practice quite common in Byzantium. Furthermore, anthropologists have determined that the skeleton belongs to a man who died at the age of 83. The only previously known relic has been the saint's right hand, cut off during his second trial (622) and later recovered by his disciples. The hand has been preserved for centuries in the Monastery of St. Paul on Mount Athos.

Also this week: ST TIKHON OF ZADONSK (August 13); *Trans. of Relics of Ven Theodosius of the Kiev Caves (August 14); DORMITION OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY (August 15); Translation of the Image "Not-Made-By-Hands" of Our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople (August 16); Martyr Myron, Presbyter of Cysicus (August 17); Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (August 18).*

** DORMITION FAST: fish, wine, and oil allowed on Monday; fast on Tuesday; fish, wine, and oil allowed on Wednesday; "regular" fasting Thursday through Saturday **

Epistle: I Corinthians 9:2-12 (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, /
Thou didst slay hades with the splendor of Thy Godhead! /
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, /
All the powers of heaven cried out: /// O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 7 (Feast)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, /
Revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. /
Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners, ///
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyrs)

Thy holy martyrs, O Lord, /
Through their sufferings received their incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God /
For having Thy strength they laid low their enemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///
Through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

Hades became afraid, O Almighty Savior, / Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! /
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, ///
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion – Tone 7 (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, /
And Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; /
So that when they would behold Thee crucified, /
They would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, /
And would proclaim to the world /// That Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.