

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 –

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

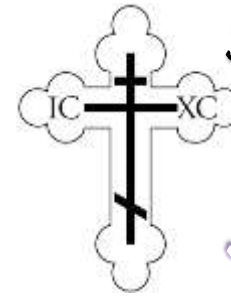
**This Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
for the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos**

This Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 PM – Small Compline & Saints of the Day

Next Sunday, August 20 – Parish Council

Saturday, August 26, noon – Parish Picnic @ Sandbothe Estate

*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 13, 2017

Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk



Welcome to Archbishop Benjamin!

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

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Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk

St. Tikhon (in the world Timofei Savelievich Sokolov), was born in 1724 into a very poor family in the village of Korotsk in the Province of Novgorod.

Timofei entered a seminary in Novgorod, completed his course work at the age of 30 and decided to enter into monasticism soon thereafter. Timofei was soon raised to the rank of archimandrite and was appointed rector of the seminary of Tver. He gave lectures on moral theology, the first time in Russian instead of the Latin commonly accepted at that time, and at the same time the lectures were so fascinating that many people from outside gathered to hear him.

At that time the Synod was choosing a bishop for Novgorod, and thrice the lot fell to him. Later he was appointed bishop of Voronezh. In Voronezh, Bishop Tikhon found a huge but neglected diocese which stretched from Orel to the Black sea. The clergy were few, and the people were wild, ignorant, and superstitious; and among the upper class, many were unbelievers. The young bishop applied himself fervently to his work; travelling, often simply on horseback, over his huge and rugged diocese. He instituted schools and preaching, none of which existed before he came.

Though his great efforts the light of the Gospel triumphed over the remaining pagan darkness of that area, but eventually the strain began to take its toll on his health. He requested and was granted permission to retire at the Monastery of the Mother of God in Zadonsk. Here, he gave away all of his possessions, save only the most necessary. He also gave away his pension. He helped all those in need, and loved to gather poor children to himself to teach them prayers, and he gave them bread and small change; he always remembered his own bitter childhood.

For prayer in solitude he locked himself in his cell, and from there his prayerful sighs, "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me!" wafted to his cell attendants. He was seen bathed in the Light of grace. Once he was vouchsafed a vision of the Crucified Lord Jesus Christ.

Saint Tikhon spent his time reading the Scriptures, the Lives of the Saints, writing, attending the services, and in constant prayer. His schedule was also punctuated with deeds of mercy, receiving visitors, and working in the garden, which he greatly loved. He never refused to receive the poor. His favorite occupation was his literary work. He would dictate to his cell attendants, usually striding about the room. His works are a favorite reading of pious Russian people to this day, and they have had a great influence on Russian religious literature and homiletics.

As the end of his earthly life neared, St. Tikhon dedicated himself to prayer and nearly complete solitude. Not long before his death, he saw in a dream that he had to climb up a tall ladder, and many people were following after him and supporting him. He understood that this ladder signified his way to the Kingdom of Heaven, and the people were those who heard him and would remember him. St. Tikhon reposed on Sunday morning, August 13, 1783. His uncorrupt relics were uncovered in 1845, and on August 13, 1861 he was added to the choir of the saints.

Also this week: FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION; 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 Cyzicus (August 17); Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (August 18); Martyr Andrew Stratelates and 2593 soldiers with him (August 19).

** DORMITION FAST today and tomorrow; fish, wine, and oil allowed today; regular fasting on Wednesday and Friday **

Epistle: I Corinthians 4:9-16 (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 1 (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, /
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, /
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / Granting life to the world. /
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: /
"Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! ///
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

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.

Kontakion – Tone 1 (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / Raising the world with Thyself. /
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! /
Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: ///
Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

Kontakion – Tone 7 (Feast) (sung by clergy)

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.