

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	Betty
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	

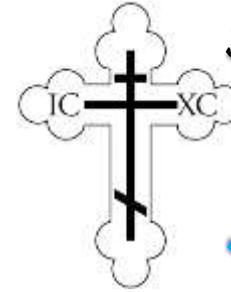
The repose and salvation of –

Daniel (August 7)

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

Orthodoxy 101 – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM through September
Friday September 8, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya
Saturday, September 9, 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
for the Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos

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



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Martyr Andrew Stratelates in Cilicia



Paros Church by Pantelis Zografos

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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Martyr Andrew Stratelates in Cilicia

The Martyr Andrew Stratelates was a military commander in the Roman army during the reign of the emperor Maximian (284-305). They loved him in the Roman army because of his bravery, invincibility and sense of fairness. When a large Persian army invaded the Syrian territories, the governor Antiochus entrusted Saint Andrew with the command of the Roman army, giving him the title of “Stratelates” (“Commander”). Saint Andrew selected a small detachment of brave soldiers and proceeded against the adversary.

His soldiers were pagans, and Saint Andrew himself had still not accepted Baptism, but he believed in Jesus Christ. Before the conflict he persuaded the soldiers that the pagan gods were demons and could not help them in battle. He proclaimed to them Jesus Christ, the omnipotent God of Heaven and earth, giving help to all who believe in Him. The soldiers went into battle, calling on the help of the Savior. The small detachment routed the numerous host of the Persians. Saint Andrew returned from the campaign in glory, having gained a total victory. But jealous men denounced him to the governor Antiochus, saying that he was a Christian who had converted the soldiers under his command to his faith.

Saint Andrew was summoned to trial, and there he declared his faith in Christ. For this they subjected him to torture. He laid himself upon a bed of white-hot copper, but as soon as he sought help from the Lord, the bed became cool. They crucified his soldiers on trees, but not one of them renounced Christ. Locking the saints away in prison, Antiochus sent the report of charges on to the emperor, unable to decide whether to impose the death sentence upon the acclaimed champion. The emperor knew how the army loved Saint Andrew, and fearing a rebellion, he gave orders to free the martyrs. Secretly, however, he ordered that each be executed on some pretext.

After being freed, Saint Andrew went to the city of Tarsus with his fellow soldiers. There the local bishop Peter and Bishop Nonos of Beroea baptized them. Then the soldiers proceeded on to the vicinity of Taxanata. Antiochus wrote a letter to Seleucus, governor of the Cilicia region, ordering him to overtake the company of Saint Andrew and kill them, under the pretext that they had deserted their military standards.

Seleucus came upon the martyrs in the passes of Mount Tauros, where they were evidently soon to suffer. Saint Andrew, calling the soldiers his brothers and children, urged them not to fear death. He prayed for all who would honor their memory, and asked the Lord to create a curative spring on the place where their blood would be shed. At the time of this prayer the steadfast martyrs were beheaded with swords. During this time, a spring of water issued forth from the ground. Bishops Peter and Nonos, with their clergy, secretly followed the company of Saint Andrew, and buried their bodies. One of the clergy, suffering for a long time from an evil spirit, drank from the spring of water, and at once he was healed. Reports of this spread among the local people and they began to come to the spring. Through the prayers of Saint Andrew and the 2593 Martyrs suffering with him, they received gracious help from God.

Also this week: Prophet Samuel (August 20); Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy (August 21); Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia and his companions (August 22); Leavetaking of the Dormition; Martyr Lupus, slave of St Demetrius of Thessalonica (August 23); Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian (August 24); Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete (August 25).

** “regular” fasting all week **

Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-11 (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has *shown* strength with his arm! / He has trampled down death by death! / He has become the first-born of the dead! / He has delivered us from the depths of hades, / And has granted to the world /// Great mercy!

Troparion – Tone 1 (Feast)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. / In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / Thou wast translated to life O Mother of Life, /// And by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Troparion – Tone 5 (Martyr)

Renouncing all earthly glory and honor / Thou didst inherit the kingdom of heaven / And didst adorn thy crown of incorruption with the precious drops of thy blood. / Thou didst lead an army of martyrs to Christ, / And standing now in His unfading light / With the assembley of the angels, O holy martyr Andrew, / In the presence of Christ, the never-setting sun. / Together with those who suffered with thee, /// Entreat God that He may save our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 3 (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / Leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / With the prophets and patriarchs /// They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Martyr)

Standing before the Lord in prayer like a star before the sun / Thou art filled with ineffable joy at beholding thy desired treasure of the kingdom. / And now, together with the angels / Thou dost sing to the immortal King throughout the ages. /// Cease not to pray for us, O martyr Andrew.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Feast)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / Who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life /// By the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.