

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
Elizabeth • Marie	Eileen
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 –

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

**TOMORROW, August 6, 7:00 AM –
Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration**

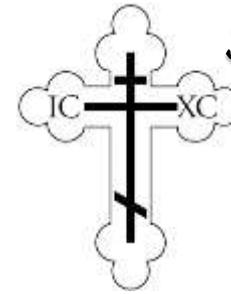
Next Sunday, August 12 – Parish Council

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

Wednesday, August 15, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Dormition

Saturday, August 18 – Parish Picnic @ Sandbothe Manor

*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 5, 2018



Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord



The shrine of Saints Cuthbert and Oswald at Durham Cathedral, England

**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 Oswald, King and Martyr

Saint Oswald was born around 605, the second of the seven sons of the Anglo-Saxon king Aethelfrith, who was the first ruler to unite the provinces of Bernicia and Deira into the kingdom of Northumbria. As a young man, Oswald received Christian baptism at Iona and learned the Gaelic language. After the deaths of his father, uncle, and elder brother, it fell to him to defend the kingdom against invasion by King Penda of Mercia and King Caedwalla of Cwynedd (North Wales).

In 634 Oswald assembled an army and prepared for battle at Heavenfield (Hefenfelth) near the Roman Wall seven miles north of Hexham. The night before, he set up a great wooden cross on the field and, although only a few of his men were Christians, Oswald ordered the army to kneel and pray to the true and living God to grant them victory. Later that night, the king had a vision of St Columba of Iona, who stretched his cloak over the sleeping soldiers and promised that they would triumph the next day.

For the next five years Britain was blessed with a rare period of stability. While governing his earthly realm, Saint Oswald also labored to attain a heavenly crown and to bring his people into the Kingdom of God. Turning to the Celtic monks of Iona, rather than the Roman clergy at Canterbury, Oswald invited missionaries to proclaim the Gospel to his subjects.

Saint Aidan was consecrated bishop and sent to Northumbria, but since he was not yet fluent in the Anglo-Saxon tongue, King Oswald would accompany him on his missionary journeys, translating the bishop's words and playing an active role in the evangelization of his kingdom. People flocked to receive baptism, drawn partly by Aidan's preaching, and partly by King Oswald's example of godliness and virtue.

Saint Oswald was a devout and sincere Christian who was often seen sitting with his hands resting palms upwards on his knees in a gesture of prayer. He granted land and money for the establishment of monasteries, and he was famous for his generosity to the poor. One year, after attending the services of Pascha, King Oswald sat down to a meal with Bishop Aidan. Just as the bishop was about to bless the food, a servant came in and informed the king that a great number of needy folk were outside begging for alms. The king ordered that his own food be served to the poor on silver platters, and that the silver serving dishes be broken up and distributed to them. Aidan, deeply moved by Saint Oswald's charity, took him by the right hand and said, "May this hand never perish." According to tradition, Saint Oswald's hand remained incorrupt for centuries after his death. Saint Bede says that the hand was kept in the church of Saint Peter at Bamburgh, where it was venerated by all.

Saint Oswald was killed in battle against the superior forces of King Penda on August 5, 642 at Maserfield. Before his death, he prayed for the souls of his soldiers, which has become an English proverb: "O God, be merciful to their souls," said Oswald when he fell."

Penda had St Oswald's body dismembered, and his head and arms were displayed on poles. Many miraculous healings took place at the site of the battle. Pilgrims took earth from the place where

Saint Oswald fell, and many sick people were healed by mixing some of the dust with water and drinking it. Portions of his relics were distributed to several churches across Europe. Today Saint Oswald's head is in Durham Cathedral in Saint Cuthbert's coffin, but the rest of his relics seem to have been lost.

***Also this week:** TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (August 6); Martyr Dometius of Persia (August 7); St. Emilian the Confessor, Bp of Cyzicus (August 8); GLORIFICATION OF VENERABLE HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA (August 9); Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome (August 10); Virgin Martyr Susanna Martyr; Archdeacon Euplus of Catania (August 11).*

**** DORMITION FAST: fish, wine and oil allowed on Monday and Thursday; wine and oil allowed Tuesday and Saturday ****

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 4 (Forefeast)

Let us go forth to meet the transfiguration of Christ /
Let us brightly celebrate the Forefeast, O ye faithful, and exclaim: /
The day of divine gladness is come upon us, /
The Master ascends upon Mount Tabor ///
To shine forth the beauty of His divinity.

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 4 (Forefeast)

All human nature shines forth divinely today / Because of the divine transfiguration, ///
Crying out in gladness: Christ is transfigured, saving all!