

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...**

*The health and salvation of –*

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Vivian
Archpriest Eugene	Jung Sook
Priest John	Thomas
Deacon Gregory	Randall
Reader Aleksei	Don
Monk Philaret	Norma
Matushka Priscilla	James
Elizabeth • Mary • Marie & child	Matthew
Virginia • Joshua • Phoebe	Ivars
Ignatius • Anne • Anna • Anne	Ruth
Thomas • John • Theodore • Roman	
Joseph • Kira • John • Ephrosynos	
Catechumens David and Rebecca	

*The repose and salvation of –*

Archbishop Nikon (September 1)	Louis (August 18)
Archpriest Stephen (August 7)	
Archpriest Constantine (August 14)	
Archpriest John (August 15)	
Margarita (August 6)	
Francis (August 14)	
John (August 27)	
Dusica (September 2)	
Katherine (September 8)	

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

**Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 PM – Moleben with Akathist & visit of Sisters of St Elisabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus**

**Saturday, September 28, 2:30 PM – Feed My Starving Children @ Parker United Methodist Church**

**Saturday, September 28, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers & Confession**

*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, September 15, 2019**

**Greatmartyr Nicetas the Goth**



*The incorrupt hand of St Nicetas the Goth, Decani Monastery, Serbia*

Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – Evening Prayers & Saints of the Day

Other services as announced

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## Greatmartyr Nicetas the Goth

The Holy Great Martyr Nicetas was a Goth (a Germanic tribe). He was born and lived on the banks of the Danube River. The Christian faith was then already widely spread throughout the territory of the Goths. Saint Nicetas believed in Christ and accepted Baptism from the Gothic bishop Theophilus, a participant in the First Ecumenical Council. Pagan Goths began to oppose the spread of Christianity, which resulted in internecine strife.

After the victory of Fritigern, heading a Christian army and inflicting defeat on the pagan Athanaric, the Christian Faith began to spread increasingly among the Goths. The Arian bishop Ulfilas, the successor to Bishop Theophilus, created a Gothic alphabet and translated into the Gothic language many priestly books. Saint Nicetas worked intensely among his fellow Goths at spreading Christianity. By his personal example and inspired words he brought many pagans to the Christian Faith. However, after his defeat Athanaric again contrived to gather his own forces, return to his own country and regain his former power. Since he remained a pagan, he continued to hate Christians and persecute them.

Saint Nicetas endured many tortures, and died after being thrown into a fire. His body remained unharmed by the fire and was illumined by a miraculous light. By night, a friend of the martyr, a Christian named Marianus, retrieved the body of Saint Nicetas, and buried it in Cilicia. Afterwards, it was transferred to Constantinople. Part of the relics of the Great Martyr Nicetas were later transferred to the monastery of Vysokie Decani in Serbia. Saint Nicetas received an unfading crown of glory from Christ in the year 372.

***Also this week:** Holy Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-Praised (September 16); Martyrs Sophia, Faith, Hope, and Love (September 17); Ven. Hilarion of Optina (September 18); St Theodore of Tarsus, Abp of Canterbury (September 19); Greatmartyr Eustathius Placidus, his wife Martyr Theopistes, and their children Martyrs Agapius and Theopistus, of Rome (September 20); Leavetaking of the Elevation of the Cross; Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy (September 21).*

*\* regular fasting this week \**

**Epistles:** Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday after Elevation) / I Corinthians 16:13-24 (Sunday)

**Gospels:** Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday after Elevation) / Matthew 21:33-42 (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 1 (Feast)

O Lord, save thy people / And bless Thine inheritance. /  
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / Over their adversaries; /  
And by virtue of Thy Cross /// Preserve Thy habitation.

## Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyr)

Earnestly lifting up the Cross of Christ as if a sword /  
Thou didst hasten to do battle with the foe; /  
And suffering greatly in the flames for the sake of Christ /  
Thou didst commend thy holy soul to the Lord. /  
And from Him thou hast received the gift of healing, /  
O Greatmartyr Nicetas. /// Pray Christ God that He may save our souls.

## 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 2 (Martyr)

O glorious Nicetas, / Thou didst crush the power of error by thy perseverance in the faith; /  
And didst earn the crown of victory by thy struggle /  
So now, O namesake of victory, thou dost enjoy the company of angels in heaven. /  
With them, cease not to intercede with Christ God ///  
That He may save our souls.

## Kontakion – Tone 4 (Feast)

As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, /  
Grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name. /  
Make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power /  
Granting them victories over their adversaries ///  
By bestowing upon them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.