

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 –

Daniel (August 7)	Betty (August 15)
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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
This Friday September 8, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya
This Saturday, September 9, 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
for the Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos

*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 2, 2018
Holy Martyr Mamas & Venerable John the Faster



Mystras 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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Holy Martyr Mamas

He was born in Paphlagonia of renowned Christian parents, Theodotus and Rufina. His parents were cast into prison for Christ's name. His father died first in prison, and as soon as Rufina bore Mamas, she also died. Thus the newborn child was left alone between the dead bodies of his parents. However, God the Provider sent an angel to a noble widow, Ammia. Ammia saw the angel in a dream: he told her to go to the prison and take the child in. The local eparch granted Ammia permission to bury the dead and to take the child to her home.

When Mamas reached his fifth year, he began to talk and his first word was "Mama!"-for which he received the name "Mamas." In school, Mamas displayed unusual intelligence, and as he had been reared in a Christian spirit, he did not hide his faith, but confessed it to the other children and laughed at the idols.

During the reign of Aurelian there was a bitter persecution of Christians. The pagans did not even spare the Christian children. Mamas was fifteen years old when he was brought before the emperor. The emperor told him that he needed only to deny Christ verbally. Mamas replied: "Neither in my heart nor with my lips will I renounce my God and King, Jesus Christ." The emperor ordered him to be beaten, burned with torches, and finally thrown into the sea. But an angel of God saved him, and took him to a high mountain near Caesarea. There he lived in solitude and prayer. Even the wild beasts were tamed by his sanctity. He was finally discovered by his persecutors and subjected to torture again. When he had overcome torture both by fire and by wild beasts, St. Mamas was run through with a trident by a pagan priest. Thus he gave his holy soul to God, to Whom he had been faithful during all of his tortures. From his relics many healings of the sick have taken place.

Venerable John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople

He was at first a goldsmith, but because of his great and many acts of mercy-and by God's providence-he was ordained a priest. Once, when he was a young man, John was walking with Eusebius, an old monk from Palestine. Suddenly, a bodiless voice spoke to Eusebius: "Abba, do not walk to the right of the great John." It was the voice of God, foretelling the great service to which John would shortly be called.

After the Blessed Eutychius, John was chosen to be Patriarch of Constantinople. He did not want to accept this but, having been frightened by a certain heavenly vision, he accepted. He was a great faster, intercessor and miracle-worker right up to his death. He reposed in the year 595. After his death, his only personal possessions were found to be a wooden spoon, a linen shirt and an old garment. His writings on repentance and confession are well known.

Also this week: Hieromartyr Anthimus of Nicomedia; St. Phoebe, Deaconess at Cenchreae near Corinth (September 3); Hieromartyr Babylas, Bp of Antioch; Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (September 4); Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of St John the Baptist (September 5); Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae (September 6); Martyr Sozón of Cilicia (September 7); NATIVITY OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY (September 8).

** "regular" fasting all week **

Epistle: II Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / Born for our salvation from the Virgin; / For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / To endure death, / And to raise the dead /// By His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyr)

Thy holy martyr Mamas, O Lord, / Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God / For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies / And shattered the powerless boldness of demons /// Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

Troparion – Tone 4 (Hierarchy)

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, / A model of humility and teacher of abstinence, / So thou didst win the heights of humility, riches by poverty; / O holy hierarchy, father John, /// Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hades, O my Savior, / Shattering its gates as Almighty; / Resurrecting the dead as Creator, / And destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, /// And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Kontakion – Tone 3 (Martyr)

Shepherd thy people in life-giving pastures / With the staff given thee by God. / And crush the invisible enemies beneath the feet of those who praise thee. / For we always have thee as our fervent intercessor, /// O holy martyr Mamas.