

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemonk Ambrose	Vivian
Archpriest Eugene	Jung Sook
Priest James	Thomas
Priest John	Randall
Reader Aleksei	Don
Monk Philaret	Norma
Matushka Priscilla	James
Elizabeth • Marie • Marie	Eileen
Virginia • Ignatius • Anne	
Thomas • John	
Katherine • Roman	
Clergy & Parishioners of Holy Myrrhbearing Women Church	
Catechumens: Andrew, David, Michael, Sergio, Rachel, Jennifer, and Rebecca	

The repose and salvation of –

Betty (August 15)

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

Orthodoxy 101 – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM through October

Sunday, October 7 – Church School

Saturday, October 13, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers & Confession

Sunday, October 14 – Parish Council

*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 23, 2018
Conception of the Prophet Forerunner & Baptist John



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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Conception of the Venerable Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist of the Lord, John

The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest Saint Zachariah and his wife Saint Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child. Once, when Saint Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

Saint Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, "Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words"

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

Also this week: *Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut (September 24); Repose of Ven Sergius, Abbot and Wonderworker of Radonezh and All Russia (September 25); Repose of Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (September 26); Martyrs Callistratus and his company (September 27); Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine; Synaxis of the Saints of the Kiev Caves (September 28); Ven. Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine (September 29).*

** "regular" fasting this week, with fish, wine, and oil allowed on Wednesday and wine and oil allowed on Friday **

Epistles: II Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Sunday) / Galatians 4:22-31 (Forerunner)

Gospels: Luke 5:1-11(Sunday) / Luke 1:5-25 (Forerunner)

Troparion – Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on *high*, O Merciful One! /
Thou didst accept the *three*-day burial to free us from our sufferings! ///
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 4 (Forerunner)

Rejoice, O barren one /
Who had not given birth, /
For behold, today hast thou conceived the One who is the dawn of the Sun /
Who will illumine the whole world suffering in blindness, /
Shout for joy, O Zachariah, /
And boldly cry aloud: ///
Truly the One to be born is the prophet of the Most-High.

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Resurrection)

By rising from the *tomb*, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. /
Eve exults in *Thy* Resurrection, ///
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion – Tone 1 (Forerunner)

Zachariah rejoices greatly with his wife Elizabeth, /
For she has rightly conceived the Forerunner, John, /
Whom the archangel announced with great joy. ///
Let us worthily honor him for he is truly an initiate of the mystery of grace.