

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Eugene	Stefan
Archpriest Michael	John
Priest Kyrill & family	Vivian
Priest James	Jung Sook
Priest John	Thomas
Reader Aleksei	Cheyenne
Reader Sergei	Nancy
Monk Philaret	Randall
Matushka Mary	Rose
Matushka Mary Sara	Don
Marie	Norma
John • Euphrosynos	James
Virginia • Thomas	
John • Luke	
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

The repose and salvation of –

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

Next Sunday, October 1 – Church school

Sunday, October 8 – Parish Council

Sunday, October 15 – Church school

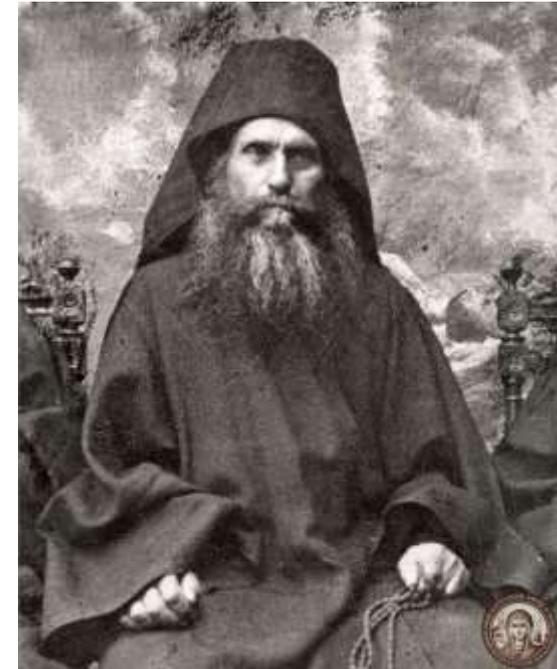
Father Alexander will be in the Holy Land, October 9 - 19

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 28 – Feed My Starving Children

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



Holy New Martyrs of Alaska



Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Wednesdays 6:30 PM – Evening Prayers & Saints of the Day
Other services as announced

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St Silouan the Athonite

He was born Simeon Ivanovich Antonov in 1866, of pious parents in the village of Sovsk in Tambov, Russia. After a period of military service, at the age of 27 he renounced the things of this life, and with the prayers of Saint John of Kronstadt to speed him on his way, he went to the monastic state of Mount Athos. There, he became a monk at the Russian Orthodox Monastery of St Panteleimon, and was given the name Silouan (the Russian version of the Biblical name Silvanus).

Thus he gave himself to God with all his soul. In a short time, he not only received the gift of unceasing prayer from the Most Holy Mother of God, but was also granted ineffably to see the living Christ in the chapel of the Holy Prophet Elijah, which was next to the monastery's flour mill. But this first grace was taken away, and the saint was constrained by anguish and great grief. He offered up prayers and strong supplications with tears unto Him that was able to save him from death, being taught by God through a voice from above that gave him this commandment: "Keep thy mind in hell, and despair not." This he observed as an infallible rule, and after long years of spiritual trial, he acquired great humility and inner stillness. He prayed and wept for the whole world as for himself, and he put the highest value on love for enemies.

The saint was wondrously meek and lowly in heart, a fervent advocate before God for the salvation of all, and unequalled among teachers. Though barely literate, he was sought out by pilgrims for his wise counsel, and became widely known as an elder. The writer and mystic Thomas Merton has described Silouan as "the most authentic monk of the twentieth century." Saint Silouan passed over from death to life on September 24, 1938. His life and writings have been published by his disciple, Archimandrite Sophrony.

***Also this week:** Repose of Ven Sergious, Abbott 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); Hieromartyr Gregory of Greater Armenia (September 30).*

**** Regular fasting this week ****

Epistles: II Corinthians 6:1-10 (Sunday)/ Romans 8:28-39 (Martyrs)

Gospels: Luke 5:1-11 (Sunday) / Luke 21:12-19 (Martyrs)

Troparion – Tone 7 (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death /
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise /
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy /
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, /
To proclaim that Thou art risen, ///
Granting the world great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyrs)

Today Alaska rejoices and America celebrates /
For the New World has been sanctified by martyrdom. /
Kodiak echoes with songs of thanksgiving; /
Iliamna and Kenai observe the festival of faith. /
The apostle and martyr Juvenaly is glorified /
And Peter the Aleut is exalted by his voluntary sacrifice, /
In their devotion and love for the Lord /
They willingly endured persecution and death for the Truth. ///
Now in the kingdom of heaven they intercede for our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, /
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! /
Hades is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: /
"The Savior has come to those in faith; ///
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Martyrs)

Today Valaamo joins Alaska in celebrating this joyous feast /
As her spiritual son Juvenaly embraces the new martyr Peter with love. /
Together they suffered for the Lord in America /
And united the Old World with the New by their voluntary sacrifice. ///
Now, forever they stand before the King of glory and intercede for our souls.