

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Ann
Archimandrite Irenei	Stefan
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Travis
Archpriest Eugene	Anna
Archpriest Seraphim	John
Priest Alexander	Vivian
Reader Aleksei	Jung Sook
Virginia	Cheyenne
Kapitolina	Nancy
John • Jacqueline	Randall
Euphrosynos	Rose
John	Don
Samuel	Kristie
Catechumen Rebecca	

The repose and salvation of –

Priest Vladimir (May 14)

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

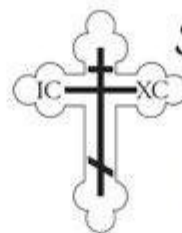
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8: 6:30 PM Vespers & Litya

THURSDAY, JUNE 9: 6:40 AM Hours & Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, JUNE 18: 5:30 PM Vespers & Litya

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19: 9:10 AM Hours, Divine Liturgy &
Kneeling Vespers for Holy Pentecost**

*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, May 29, 2016

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



*The holy, incorrupt foot of St. Photini the Samaritan Woman and Great Martyr,
Monastery of Iveron, Mount Athos*

Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Other services as announced

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Mid-Pentecost

For too many of us, perhaps, the weeks following the radiant Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ are a time of relaxation and even of indulgence; the rigors of the Fast being ended, the body revels while the spirit grows weak. But if this is unfortunately so, it is our own fault and not the fault of the Holy Church; for she never ceases to draw our minds upward and instruct us as to what thoughts and actions are appropriate for Orthodox Christians in this holy season.

Each Sunday after Easter has a special name drawn from the appointed Gospel reading; between Easter and the Ascension there are the Sundays of St. Thomas, of the Myrrh bearers, of the Paralytic, of the Samaritan Woman, of the Blind Man. Another special feast, to which too little attention is usually paid, occurs on the Wednesday of the fourth week after Easter and is called "Mid-Pentecost." This feast commemorates the event in the life of the Savior when, in the middle of the Old Testament Feast of Tabernacles, He taught in the Temple concerning His being sent from God and concerning the living water of the gifts of the Holy Spirit which all those who thirst may receive from Him (St. John 7:14-39).

As celebrated by Orthodox Christians, this feast occurs exactly midway between Easter and Pentecost and serves as a link between them. It continues the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, emphasizing His Divine nature and glory; for it was proper to no one but to God to conquer death. At the same time it reminds us of the approaching Descent of the Holy Spirit and prepares us for it, teaching us to find in Christ our God the Source of life and grace, He Who sends the Holy Spirit (St. John 16:7), and to become ourselves not merely recipients, but even givers of the gifts of the Holy Spirit: "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (St. John 7:38).

Faith has grown weak in our day, and few live up to this teaching; but even for the weakest there is at least one lesson to be learned from the teaching of this feast of Mid-Pentecost: thirst. Even while feasting on the good things of this earth that are permitted to us in this joyful season, we should yet thirst for what lies above the earth, for the Holy Spirit Whose coming we await even while we enjoy the presence among us of the Risen Lord.

Hieromonk Seraphim (Rose), May 1965

Also this week: *Ven Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (May 30); Apostle Hemerias of the Seventy (May 31); Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome (June 1); St Nicophorus the Confessor; Glorification of Ven Zabulon and Sosanna, parents of St Nina, Enlightener of Georgia (June 2); Martyr Lucilian and those who suffered with him at Byzantium (June 3); St Metrophanes, First Patriarch of Constantinople; St Edfrith, Bp of Lindisfarne (June 4).*

* "regular" fasting this week; wine and oil allowed on Wednesday and Friday *

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30
Gospel: John 4:5-42

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 8 (Midfeast)

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, /
Fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: /
"If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink" ///
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Samaritan Woman)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; /
She saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. ///
She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Midfeast)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, / Cried to all in the midst of the feast of the law: /
"Come and draw the water of immortality!" / We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: ///
"Grant us Thy bounties, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!"

ARABIC	<i>Al'Masiah qam</i>	<i>Haqqan qam</i>
CHINESE	<i>Ji-du fu-huo-le!</i>	<i>Zhen-de Ta fu-huo-le!</i>
FRENCH	<i>Christ est Ressuscité!</i>	<i>En Vérité, Il est Ressuscité!</i>
GAELIC	<i>Erid Krist!</i>	<i>G'deya! n erid she!</i>
GERMAN	<i>Christus ist auferstanden!</i>	<i>In Wahrheit ist Er auferstanden!!</i>
GREEK	<i>Christos Anesti!</i>	<i>Alithos Anesti!</i>
HAWAIIAN	<i>Ua Ala Hou 'o Kristo!</i>	<i>Ua Ala 'I 'o No 'oia!</i>
KOREAN	<i>Kristo kae-so puh-whal ha-sho sum-nida!</i>	<i>Chamuro puh-whal ha-sho sum-nida!</i>
LATIN	<i>Christus surrexit!</i>	<i>Vere surrexit</i>
LATVIAN	<i>Kristus ir augsham tsalies!</i>	<i>Patiesham vlnsh ir augsham tsalies!</i>
ROMANIAN	<i>Hristos a Inviat!</i>	<i>Adeverat a Inviat!</i>
SLAVONIC	<i>Christos Voskrese!</i>	<i>Voistinu Voskrese</i>
SPANISH	<i>Cristo ha resucitado!</i>	<i>Verdaderamente ha resucitado!</i>