

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	
Anna	
Catechumen Rebecca	

The repose and salvation of –

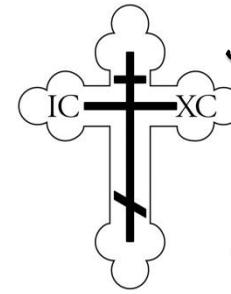
Priest Justin (June 14)
Priest Vladimir (May 14)
Valentina (June 15)
David (June 15)

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

SUNDAY, JULY 3: after Liturgy - Pool Party

SUNDAY, JULY 10: PARISH COUNCIL

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Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, June 19, 2016

HOLY PENTECOST



Patriarch Kirill Celebrates Pentecost at Holy Trinity-St Sergius Lavra

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

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The Day of the Holy Spirit

The feast in honor of the Holy Spirit, “one of the Trinity of God, one in honor, one in essence and one in glory with the Father and the Son” is celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost. This feast has been established by the Church “for the majesty of the Most Holy and Life-creating Spirit, for He is one of the Holy and Life-originating Trinity”, in reaction to the teaching of the heretics who rejected the divinity of the Holy Spirit and that He is equal-in-honor with God the Father and the God the Son. “The Holy Spirit”, as it says in the Synaxarion, “is called the Comforter because He can encourage and calm us; we received Him “in place of Christ” and through Christ we have Him; He intercedes before God for us with unspeakable sighs as the Lover of mankind, interceding for us in exactly the same way as Christ, for He is the Comforter. Therefore the Holy Spirit is called the other Comforter; wherefore the Apostle says: we have the Comforter Jesus before God. He is called according to the unity in essence; wherefore in one sense “one and the other” we understand identical and consubstantial, and the words: “one and the other” is about various natures. This Holy Spirit is one with the Father and the Son in everything; He therefore accomplishes everything with Them, even the future resurrection, and everything that He wants, He creates, sanctifies, divides, renews, sends, makes wise, anoints the prophets, and briefly to say: does everything, being all-powerful, omnipotent, good, correct, and reigning. Through him is granted every wisdom, life, activity, as He is the source of sanctification and all life. In general He has everything that Father and the Son has “except for being unbegotten and begotten”, proceeding only from the Father. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on all flesh, then the world was filled with every kind of gift, and through Him all peoples were guided to the knowledge of God, and both any illness and any infirmity are driven out”.

During the entire week after the feast of Pentecost, including Wednesday and Friday, it is permitted to eat meat; therefore this week is called fast free or all foods. This week is devoted in honor of the Holy Spirit, as the Paschal Week was in honor of the Son of God, and the decision not to fast is in accordance with the Church that confesses that the Holy Spirit is one in honor to Father and the Son.

S.V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers (2d. ed. 1900), trans. Archpriest Eugene D. Tarris

Also this week: DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; Hieromartyr Methodius, Bp of Patar (June 20); THIRD DAY OF THE TRINITY; Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (June 21); St Alban of Verulam, Protomartyr of the British Isles; Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (June 22); Martyr Agrippina of Rome (June 23); NATIVITY OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST, JOHN (June 24); LEAVETAKING OF PENTECOST; Virgin Martyr Febronia of Nisibis (June 25).

** fast-free week **

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

Troparion – Tone 8 (Feast)

Blessed art Thou, O *Christ* our God, /
Who hast revealed the *fisherman* as most wise /
By sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; /
Through them Thou didst draw the *world* into Thy net. ///
O Lover of *Man*, Glory to Thee!

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Feast)

When the Most High came down and *confused* the tongues,
He divided the nations; /
But when He distributed the *tongues* of fire, He called all to unity. ///
Therefore, with one voice, we *glorify* the all-holy Spirit!