

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	John
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Vivian
Archpriest Eugene	Jung Sook
Priest John	Thomas
Deacon John	Randall
Reader Aleksei	Don
Monk Philaret	Norma
Matushka Priscilla	James
Newly-illumined Anastasia	Matthew
Newly-illumined Benjamin	Ivars
Elizabeth • Mary • Marie & child	Ruth
Virginia • Joshua • Phoebe	
Ignatius • Anne • Anna • Anne	
Thomas • John • Theodore • David	
Katherine • Roman • Joseph	
Kira • John • Ephrosynos	
Catechumens David and Rebecca	

The repose and salvation of –

Archpriest Constantine (August 14)	Nancy (July 15)
Margarita (August 6)	
Francis (August 14)	

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

This Thursday, August 22, 6:30 PM – Choir Practice

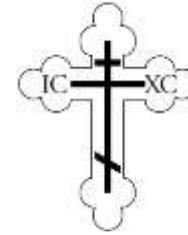
This Saturday, August 24, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers & Confession

Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 PM – Great Vespers for the Beheading of St John the Baptist

Saturday, September 8, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers &

Litya for the Nativity of the 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, August 18, 2019

Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria



Procession of Saints Florus and Laurus by Aleksandr Makovsky (1869-1924)

Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – Evening Prayers & Saints of the Day

Other services as announced

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Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria

The Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God).

The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing. Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed. They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ.

When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians. Having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, Florus and Laurus were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople. In 1200 the Novgorod pilgrim Anthony saw them. Stephen of Novgorod saw the heads of the martyrs in the Pantokrator monastery around the year 1350.

Also this week: Martyr Andrew Stratelates in Cilicia (August 19); Prophet Samuel (August 20); Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy (August 21); Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia and his companions (August 22); Leavetaking of the Dormition; Martyr Lupus, slave of St Demetrius of Thessalonica (August 23); Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian (August 24).

** regular fasting all this week **

Epistle: I Corinthians 3:9-17 (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34 (Sunday)

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 1 (Feast)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. /
In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. /
Thou wast translated to life O Mother of Life, ///
And by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Troparion – Tone 4 (Martyrs)

O come all ye faithful /
And let us worthily praise the all-blessèd Florus and the most honored Laurus, /
For they have earnestly proclaimed the uncreated Trinity to all. /
For this they suffered unto the shedding of their blood /
And earned their most glorious crowns. /
O most wise and radiant brethren in Christ, ///
Pray Christ God that He may save our souls.

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 8 (Martyrs)

The whole universe gloriously honors Florus and Laurus /
As pious victims and divinely wise martyrs for Christ. /
That we may receive grace and mercy through their prayers /
And be delivered from every trial and tribulation ///
And from wrath and sorrow on the Day of Judgment.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Feast)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, /
Who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. /
For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life ///
By the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.