

# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF JULY 2, 2017



**St. John of San Francisco**

### SUNDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### St. John of San Francisco

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour / Open Pool

### SATURDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>

5:00p.m. Bible Study  
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour / Open Pool



#### READER SCHEDULE

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 Nicholas Borodulia  
**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Megan Borodulia



#### Safety First

Please be attentive to our children's safety; especially in the parking lot and pool. Parents are asked to please stay with their children at all times or leave them in the supervision of another adult.

First-aid boxes are available in both bathrooms.

#### Vacation Planning

An online directory of Orthodox churches in North America is available at [orthodoxyinamerica.org](http://orthodoxyinamerica.org). Everyone needs a vacation sometime, but who really wants or can afford a vacation from God? If you don't have the internet, ask your priest to help find you a parish while away.



#### Blessing of Chariots – Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

It is a custom of Orthodox Christians to have their cars blessed both when newly acquired and on or near the feast of the Prophet Elias (July 20<sup>th</sup>), as he ascended as if into heaven on a fiery chariot.

#### Have a Question About Orthodoxy or Parish Life?

Reach Fr. John at: 302-537-6055 or [frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org](mailto:frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org).

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 5/31/17					CASH FLOWS IN JUNE 2017					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 7/2		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Available	Restricted	Savings
37,682	35,855	3,203	500	+4,530	5,984	8,222	0	0	-2,777	1476	5,724	0

## SAINT JOHN OF SHANGHAI AND SAN FRANCISCO

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

Saint John (Maximovitch) of Shanghai and San Francisco was a noted Eastern Orthodox ascetic and hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR) who was active in the mid-20th century. He was a pastor and spiritual father of high reputation, a Fool-for-Christ, and a reputed wonderworker to whom was attributed great powers of prophecy, clairvoyance and healing.

### Life

St. John was born Michael Maximovitch in 1896 in the village of Adamovka in Kharkov province in what was then southern Russia to the same family as that of St. John of Tobolsk whom he was said to resemble in several respects. From 1907 to 1914 he attended Poltava Military School, and received a degree in law from Kharkov Imperial University in 1918. He was evacuated to Belgrade with his family in 1921, where in 1925 he graduated from Belgrade University with a degree in theology.

In 1926 he was tonsured a monk and ordained a hierodeacon by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky), who gave him the name of John after his saintly relative. Later that same year he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk. For several years afterward he worked as an instructor and tutor, and then in 1934 he was ordained a bishop and assigned to the diocese of Shanghai.

### Shanghai

In Shanghai, Bishop John found an uncompleted cathedral and an Orthodox community deeply divided along ethnic lines. Making contact with all the various groups, he quickly involved himself in the existing charitable institutions and personally founded an orphanage and home for the children of indigents. It was here that he first became known for miracles attributed to his prayer, and as a public figure it was impossible for him to completely conceal his ascetic way of life. Despite his actions during the Japanese occupation, when he routinely ignored the curfew in pursuit of his pastoral activities, the Japanese authorities never harassed him. As the only Russian hierarch in China who refused to submit to the authority of the Soviet-dominated Russian Orthodox Church, he was elevated to the rank of archbishop by the Holy Synod of ROCOR in 1946.

When the Communists took power in China, the Russian colony was forced to flee, first to a refugee camp on the island of Tubabao in the Philippines and then mainly to the United States and Australia. Archbishop John traveled personally to Washington, D.C. to ensure that his people would be allowed to enter the country.

### Western Europe

In 1951 he was assigned to the archdiocese of Western Europe with his see first in Paris then in Brussels. Thanks to his work in collecting lives of saints, a great many pre-Schism Western saints became known in Orthodoxy and continue to be venerated to this day. His charitable and pastoral work continued here as it had in Shanghai, even among a much more widely scattered flock.

### San Francisco

In 1962 he was once again reassigned by the Holy Synod to the see of San Francisco. Here too he found a divided community and a cathedral in an unfinished state. Although he completed the building and brought some measure of peace to the community he became the target of slander from those who became his political enemies, who went so far as to file a lawsuit against him for alleged mishandling of finances related to construction of the cathedral. He was exonerated, but this was a great cause of sorrow to him in his later life.

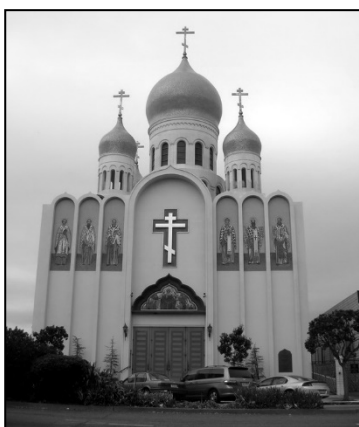


**Born:** June 4, 1896  
Kharkov, Russia

**Died:** July 2, 1966 (O.S.)  
Seattle, WA

**Canonized:** July 2, 1994  
San Francisco, CA

**Feastday:** July 2<sup>nd</sup>



Joy of All Who Sorrow Cathedral  
Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA

## Death and Veneration

On July 2, 1966 (June 19 on the Julian calendar) St. John died while visiting Seattle at a time and place he was said to have foretold. He was entombed in a sepulcher beneath the altar of the cathedral he had built in San Francisco dedicated to the Theotokos, Joy of All Who Sorrow on Geary Boulevard in the Richmond district. In 1994 he was solemnly glorified on the twenty-eighth anniversary of his death. His unembalmed but incorrupt relics now occupy a shrine in the cathedral's nave. His feast day is celebrated on the 2nd of July. He is beloved and celebrated worldwide, with portions of his relics located in Serbia, Russia, Mount Athos, Bulgaria, and other countries of the world.

## Teachings of the Saint

Holiness is not simply righteousness, for which one is accounted worthy to enjoy blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Rather holiness is such a height of righteousness that one is so filled with the grace of God that it overflows to others... Great is their blessedness which proceeds from personal experience of the glory of God. Filled to overflowing with a love for men, which proceeds from a love for God, the Saints are responsive to the needs of men and to their supplications, and become mediators and intercessors for them before God.

What greater benefit can one bring his neighbor than to prepare him for life everlasting... This is not an easy task. One has to do battle with human nature, which has been corrupted by sin. One often encounters misunderstanding, and sometime deliberate opposition.

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## VACATION FROM GOD?

*Fr. Robert Popichak*

Ah, summertime! Each of us looks forward to the time of year where we get a break from our daily work and school routine.

In the United States, we call it vacation. Other countries call it holiday. Irrelevant of the name, it brings images of leisure time, travel, friends, family, and sometimes adventure.

Whether it is a trip to the shore, a cabin in the mountains, a tent in a park, a luxury hotel, or a cruise on the open seas, we all need a break from our normal routine to recharge our personal batteries.

As each of us is different, we all have our own idea of what constitutes the best use of our time away from the office or the classroom.

As I write this, my family is preparing to go to a beach on the east coast for several days—our first true long vacation since our sons were born. Planning, sorting, arranging, packing—all of these take time and preparation. Maps are reviewed, online searches are made for attractions and sites of interest, arrangements to stop mail and newspaper delivery are made...all in the name of an orderly change. The destination is finalized, GPS loaded with our destination address, a temporary home is set for our Dachshund, and the car is packed...now what?

We spend a great deal of our lives looking forward to a break from the norm—whether it's the typical long summer vacation from school or the ever-so-short week or two away from our jobs, it seems that planning for that getaway obsesses us for many weeks before the actual event.

Time away...from what? We never seem to give much thought about our spiritual lives when we plan a vacation...it's just a Sunday or two missing church—God will understand! There are 50 other Sundays and other holy days to visit with Him...and of course, since He loves us, we don't have to worry about Him! He'll be right there when we get back...and if we need Him on our trip, He'll be there as well!

Sometimes, we fail to plan for the most important part of our vacations—the spiritual recharge. My most restful, peaceful, relaxing, and recharging vacation was nearly twenty years ago. Pressures from my work were immense—the personalities were grinding my nerves to nothing—all was NOT WELL! I NEEDED a vacation!

For some reason, unknown to me at the time, I decided to visit a friend in Northeastern Pennsylvania—in the Pocono Mountains. Since their family worked as well, I would spend a weekend with them, then do something I had never thought of before—spend a week at a monastery! Arrangements were made and I arrived at the Orthodox Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. I was shown to my room, met my mentor for the week, Hieromonk Juvenaly—the monastery librarian, then was given the schedule of services...beginning with compline, vespers, and dinner. Church services were nice—quiet, peaceful, NO PEWS! Dinner was quiet as well...and my night's sleep as restful as I had ever experienced.

At 4 AM, the alarm went off, I got dressed, then up the hill in the dark to the chapel for Matins and Liturgy...which began at 5 AM! I went up the road in the dark—no hint yet of the sunrise. The church was empty except for a monk lighting candles...and the smell! Beeswax candles were burning throughout the church—it truly smelled heavenly. The silence filled everything as I stood in the

back, just letting it permeate every cell in my body, until the arrival of other monks and laity. Matins and Liturgy were just a bit more special, the words a little clearer, the hymns a little easier to sing, the prayers ever so much more REAL.

At the end of the Liturgy, when I went forward to kiss the cross and receive the Antidoron, I truly did not want it to end. I had truly been transported away from every care and concern...to be with God for those few hours in His house. Throughout the days, it seemed that there were not enough services, so I spent extra time in the church, just breathing in the scent of the candles, looking at the light on the icons, and thinking about what I was doing there. I even thought about a monastic vocation! Father Juvenaly told me that the life of an Orthodox monk was not for me—I must say I was crushed emotionally...but he said not to worry, God had definite plans for my life!

Now, two decades later, I can honestly say His plans for my life were nothing close to mine. I have loved every moment of my priesthood, but still fondly travel back to my week with God. Just the thought of it makes me smile...to truly vacation with Him, on His terms, in His house! I can take a microvacation just by thinking back to the first morning Liturgy.

As we travel to our family vacation spot, I will still think of that week. Each of us has been given the opportunity to experience God's love and creation every day of our lives. Do not pass up the chance to see Him in everything around you—trees, hills, water, birds, animals, clouds, rain, storms—all are His creation!

On your vacation, take a few minutes to thank Him for everything He has given you—your health, family friends, and all good things come from Him. Visit an Orthodox church where you find yourself—go in and look around, breathe in the smells, experience a slightly different view of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Recharge your batteries...and save those memories for when the snow flies!

May God grant you a safe journey, no matter where you roam, a safe return to home and family, and His Love and Protection along the way!

## **JULY CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **Anniversaries:**

7/4 Fr. Christian Lesinsky

### **Birthdays:**

7/13 Antonio Kokkinos

7/13 Gerald Milite

7/22 Maksimilian Morsey

7/25 Tony Patrick

7/29 Joanne Patrick

### **Namesdays:**

7/5 *St. Elisabeth the New Martyr*

Isabella Morsey

Elisabeth Parsells

7/11 *St. Olga*

Olga Bozic

7/15 *St. Vladimir*

Vladimir Bozic

7/16 *St. Valentina*

Isabelle Bekeshka

7/17 *St. Marina*

Laurie Morsey

Denise Royal

7/24 *St. Christiana*

Christiana Milite

7/25 *St. Anna*

Anna Klimitchev

7/28 *St Irene Chrysovolantou*

Alma Linda Irene Hageman

Cheryl Kokkinos

Chyrsovalantis Lony Kokkinos