

## **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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### **BULLETIN OF JULY 1, 2012**

#### **SUNDAY/JULY 1**

**4th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)**

**St. John of Rila**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

6:30p.m. Vespers

#### **MONDAY/JULY 2**

**St. John Maximovitch (+1966)**

**Archbishop of San Francisco**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### **TUESDAY/JULY 3**

7-8:00p.m. Lemonade and Conversations  
in the rectory – all invited!

#### **WEDNESDAY/JULY 4**

6:30p.m. Memorial for (+) Justina Sokol

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to

**St. Elizabeth of Moscow (July 5)**

#### **SATURDAY/JULY 7**

5:30p.m. Vespers

#### **SUNDAY/JULY 8**

**5th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 4)**

**Kazan Icon of the Theotokos**

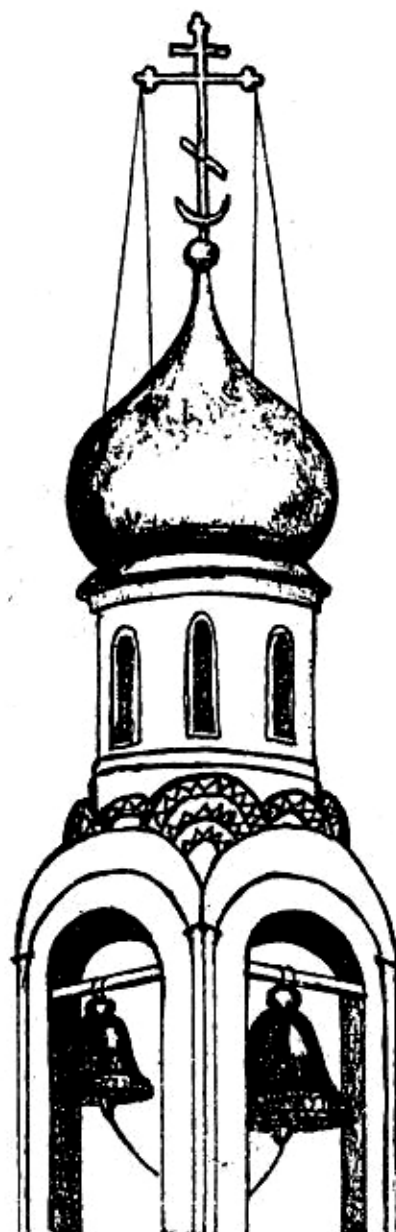
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

#### **MONDAY/JULY 9**

7:00p.m. One Year Memorial for

(+) Sandy Filippini



### **Offerings for the week of July 1**

**Olive Oil** – in memory of Michael; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Joan and Sandy; for a safe journey for Mary Alexandria.

**Wine** – in memory of Justina; in memory of Gheorghe, Floarea, Elena, Valeria, Elena, Grigore and Petre Grigore.

**Litya Breads** – for the health of Ekaterina.

### **Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!**

July 01, 1929 Semeon Romanovsky

July 01, 1999 John Kulina Sr.

July 02, 1931 Theodore Yurgel

July 02, 1973 Mae Wilhousky

July 03, 1923 Anna Kliaga

July 03, 1973 Susan Ostapovich

July 05, 1925 Athanasius Demchuk

July 05, 1970 Alexis Fedchin

July 07, 1984 Anna Cohen

### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

July 01 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri

July 08 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko and Hando

July 15 - Peterson, Bakaletz and Mattei

### **Ushers Schedule**

July 01 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz

July 08 - T. Gorbatuk and J. Stone

July 15 - P. Parsells and C. Dunaenko

### **Incense Fragrances In Usage**

Week of July 01 “Optina”

Week of July 08 “Violet”

Week of July 15 “Nazareth”

### **Namesday Greetings**

St. John Maximovitch/July 2: Richard Webber

Many Blessed Years!

### **Parish Council Meeting**

July 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday at 7:00p.m.

### **Traveling or Vacationing**

To find the nearest Orthodox Church go to: [www.orthodoxyinamerica.com](http://www.orthodoxyinamerica.com). A “Prayer for Travelers” may be requested at the end of the Sunday Divine Liturgy, ask when you venerate the Cross.

### **“Opening Weekend” – Christ the Savior Church in Berlin, Maryland**

On Saturday and Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, with the participation of Metropolitan Jonah, the blessing of the new church property will take place. Father John Parsells and parishioners extend an invitation for you to join them in this joyous celebration. See the website for details, photos and directions. [www.orthodoxdelmarva.org](http://www.orthodoxdelmarva.org)

### **Lemonade and Conversations**

On July 3, 10 and 24 from 7-8p.m. you are invited to – depending on weather and numbers of attendees – to the gazebo or rectory for an hour of conversations about “anything under the sky” and some cold lemonade. An evening opportunity to meet informally and just talk.

### **July Month Film – “Ss. Peter & Paul”**

This film presentation of the ministry of the Chiefs of the Apostles will be shown in two segments:

Sun. July 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:45a.m. (96 minutes–Part 1)

Tues. July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. (96 minutes–Part 2)

### **Annual Blessing of “Mobile Things”**

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday after the Divine Liturgy. Autos, bikes, skate boards, skies, roller blades, surf boards, etc. will be blessed for safe usage.

### **Annual Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our Picnic will be held in East Brunswick at 2:00p.m. Please consult the flyer (pink covered) posted in the hall and on the vestibule stand. Plan to come!

### **Your Summer Offerings**

Before you leave for vacation, please be sure to bring or mail in your Sunday Offering Envelopes. Good stewardship is on-going; as are bills to be paid.

### **Sunday Envelope Report**

Month	Budget	Tithe to Diocese
Jan.	+\$478	\$1,073
Feb.	-\$1,735	\$ 837
Mar.	-\$22	\$1,004
Apr.	+\$4,243	\$1,540
May	-\$386	\$ 925

## 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

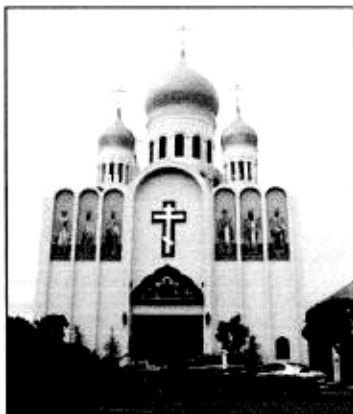
St. John was born Michael Maximovitch in 1896 in the village of Adamovka in Kharkov province in what was then southern Russia to the same family as that of St. John of Tobolsk whom he was said to resemble in several respects. From 1907 to 1914 he attended Poltava Military School, and received a degree 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.



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

### 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 law



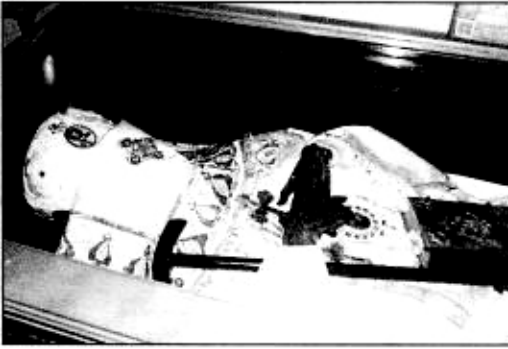
**Born:** June 4, 1896  
Kharkov, Russia

**Died:** July 2, 1966  
Seattle, WA

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

**Relics:** Joy of All Who Sorrow  
San Francisco, CA

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



Incorrupt Relics of Saint John  
Joy of All Who Sorrow Cathedral, San Francisco

suit 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.

### 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.

### Clairvoyance and Miracles

St. John loved to visit the sick and imprisoned. There are many stories of how he visited the ailing in the local hospitals, both Orthodox and non-Orthodox, often times falling down before an icon in prayer, and then assuring the ailing patient that they would recover, which of course they did. On one occasion, non-Orthodox doctors even agreed to operate on the brain of a hopelessly sick women, only on the condition that St. John be present and pray; needless to say the women recovered.

At another time, St. John stopped a woman from committing suicide when he suddenly telephoned her in the middle of the night; no one told him of her distress – he knew about it only through prayer.

Once, when the orphanage staff came to St. John in a panic because they had no more bread, St. John gathered everyone together and served an Akathist before an icon of the Mother of God. Soon afterwards a local baker arrived with a donation of bread. Then St. John warmly gazed and smiled at the orphanage personnel, as if to say, "Have faith in God and everything will be taken care of."

St. John often visited prisons and celebrated the Divine Liturgy for the convicts. On one occasion in Shanghai, he was asked to give communion to a dying man in a Russian hospital. He took another priest with him and on his arrival he spotted a gregarious young man in his twenties, playing a harmonica. This lad was to be discharged the next day. St. John called to him and said: "I want to give you communion right now." The young man immediately confessed his sins and received communion. The astonished priest asked St. John why he did not go to the one dying, but tarried instead with an obviously healthy young man. St. John answered: "He will die tonight, and the other, who is seriously ill, will live many years." It happened just as he foretold.

### 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...

### Troparion – tone 5

Like a spiritual daystar in heaven's firmament / you did encompass the whole world / and did enlighten men's souls. / Hence your name is glorified in the East and West / for you shone with the grace of the Sun of Righteousness, O John our beloved shepherd! / Wherefore cease not to entreat Christ, that He may have mercy on our souls!

