

Saint John (Maximovitch), Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco (July 2)

The future Saint John was born on June 4, 1896, in the village of Adamovka in Kharkiv province to pious aristocrats, Boris and Glafira Maximovitch.

He and his family fled their country as the Bolshevik revolutionaries descended on the country, emigrating to Yugoslavia. There, he enrolled in the Department of Theology of the University of Belgrade. He was tonsured a monk, and then ordained a hierodeacon, in 1926. Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk ordained him hieromonk on November 21, 1926. Subsequent to his ordination he began an active life of teaching in a Serbian high school and serving, at the request of local Greeks and Macedonians, in the Greek language.



Hieromonk John was consecrated bishop on May 28, 1934, with Metropolitan Anthony serving as principal consecrator, after which he was assigned to the Diocese of Shanghai. Twelve years later he was named Archbishop of China. Upon his arrival in Shanghai, Bishop John began working to restore unity among the various Orthodox nationalities. In time, he worked to build a large cathedral church that was dedicated to Surety of Sinners Icon to the Mother of God, with a bell tower and large parish house. Additionally, he inspired many activities: building of churches, hospitals, and orphanages among the Orthodox and Russians of Shanghai. He was intensely active, constantly praying and serving the daily cycle of services, while also visiting the sick with the Holy Gifts. He often would walk barefooted even in the coldest days. Yet to avoid the appearance of secular glory, he would pretend to act the fool.

With the end of World War II and the coming to power of the communists in China, Bishop John led the exodus of his community from Shanghai in 1949. Initially, he helped some 5,000 refugees to a camp on the island of Tubabao in the Philippines, while he travelled successfully to Washington, D.C., to lobby to amend the law to allow these refugees to enter the United States. It was while on this trip that Bishop John took time to establish a parish in Washington dedicated to Saint John the Forerunner.

In 1951, Archbishop John was assigned to the Archdiocese of Western Europe with his cathedra in Paris. During his time there, he also served as archpastor of the Orthodox Church of France, whose restored Gallican liturgy he studied and then celebrated. He was the principal consecrator of the Orthodox Church of France's first modern bishop, Jean-Nectaire (Kovalevsky) of Saint-Denis, and ordained to the priesthood the man who would become its second bishop, Germain (Bertrand-Hardy) of Saint-Denis.

In 1962, Archbishop John was assigned to the Diocese of San Francisco, succeeding his long time friend Archbishop Tikhon. Archbishop John's days in San Francisco were to prove sorrowful as he attempted to heal the great disunity in his community. He was able to bring peace such that the new cathedral, dedicated to the Joy of all Who Sorrow Icon of the Mother of God, was completed.

He reposed during a visit to Seattle on July 2, 1966, while accompanying a tour of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God. He was laid to rest in a crypt chapel under the main altar of the new cathedral.

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July 2, 2023

THE PLACING OF THE THEOTOKOS' ROBE IN BLACHERNAE

COMMEMORATIONS:

SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS OF THE
ORPHAN
JUVENALY, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM
JUVENAL THE PROTOMARTYR OF AMERICA & ALASKA
THE NEW-MARTYRS OF SAMOTHRACE
ARCHBISHOP JOHN MAXIMOVITCH OF SHANGHAI AND
SAN FRANCISCO

Tone 3 - Eothinon 4

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 8:5-13

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - Tone 3 - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

APOLYTIKION FOR PLACING OF THE THEOTOKOS' ROBE - Tone 8 - O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, shelter of mankind, thou hast bestowed upon thy people a mighty investure, even thine immaculate body's raiment and sash, which by thy seedless childbirth have remained incorrupt; for in thee, nature and time are made new. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant peace to the world, and Great Mercy to our souls.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (July 9):
COFFEE HOUR	A-Ca – Bagles/Donuts	Ch-Ge – Baked Pot. Bar
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gohls – 19th Anniversary	Tinjala – Penny's birthday
USHERS:	Todd M. & Sdn. John	Bill H. & Dan M.
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex, Sarah Kaminsky	Jordan & Natalie; Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Nancy; Sze; Christian; Zach	Myriam; Conor; Daniel; Andrew

Mark Your Calendar:

VCS 2023
July 31-Aug 4

Dormition Fast - August 1-14
Daily Paraklesis

Transfiguration
August 5-6

Dormition
August 15

Nativity of the Theotokos
September 8

Elevation of the Cross
September 14

International Food Festival
September 15-16

JULY OUTREACH
COLLECTION:
Oral Care Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:
"You are the Salt
of the Earth"

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+John +Lucy
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+George
Archpriest Mark	(July Parish Diptychs)
Kh. Joyce	+Asma
George	+Albert
Jonathan	+Dorothea
Ephrem	+Irene
Nicole	+Dorothy
Raymond	+Stavros
Patrick	+Ressom
Doris	+Iwan
John	+Theresa
John	+Fuad
James	+Helen
James	+Christine
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Sophia	
Elias	
Victoria	
Alexandra	
Steve	
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends –George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	

Catechumens

Lucretia
Ryan
Christina
Alina & Elsa
Kate
Nicholas,
Rachel, Luka,
& Leo
Michael
Evan
Tiffany
Caden
Keith, Maggie,
& Eli
Andrew
Daniel
Kassandra
Michael

SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

This Week:

Monday, July 3:	Office open
Tues, July 4:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Wed, July 5:	Office open Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
Thurs, July 6:	---- <i>(Twelve Baskets Full moved to next week!)</i>
Friday, July 7:	Office open Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
Sat, July 8:	Baptism (Kyriakos) 11 a.m. Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m. Confession 7:30 p.m. Folk Dance 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 9:	ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Coffee Hour

****45th Anniversary Committee****

We're planning commemorative and festive events for St Philip Day (Nov 14) when Bp Thomas visits. If you'd like to help, please talk with Fr Noah.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for June 24: 76 Divine Services June 25: 185
Vespers for Feast: 78 Festal Liturgy: 75

OFFERINGS 6/25: Candles, \$317. Collections, \$315.70. Youth, \$.
Book Shelf Ministry, \$36. Classical School Fund, \$1,580. Mission Chapel, \$1,100. Ukraine Orphanage, \$2,940. Stewardship, \$8,056.29.
Total received: \$14,345.99.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)