



**Our Father Among the Saints John Maximovitch,
Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco
Whom the Holy Church Celebrates on June 19.**

The Holy Hierarch John Maximovitch was born in the Kharkov region in 1896, and reposed in San Francisco in 1966. In 1921, during the Russian Civil War, his family fled to Belgrade, joining the ranks of Russian exiles in Serbia, where he later became a monk and was ordained priest. In 1934 he was made Bishop of Shanghai, where he served until the Communists came to power. Thereafter he ministered in Europe, serving as Bishop first in Paris and then in Brussels, until he became Archbishop of San Francisco in 1962. Throughout his life he was revered as a strict ascetic, a devoted man of prayer, and a truly unmercenary healer of all manner of afflictions and woes. He served the Divine Liturgy daily, slept little more than an hour a day, and kept a strict fast until evening. It is doubtful that any one man gave so much protection and comfort as he to the Russian Orthodox people in exile after the Revolution of 1917; he was an unwearied and watchful shepherd of his sheep in China, the Philippines, Europe, and America. Through his missionary labors he also brought into the Church many who had not been “of this fold.” Since his repose in Seattle, Washington in 1966, he has been especially glorified by God through signs and miracles, and his body has remained incorrupt.

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*Dismissal Hymn of the Hierarch
Plagal of the First Tone. Let us worship the Word*

LIKE a spiritual daystar in heaven's firmament, * thou didst encompass the whole world and didst enlighten men's souls. * Hence, thy name is glorified throughout the East and West, * for thou didst shine forth with the grace * of the Sun of Righteousness, O John, our beloved shepherd. * Wherefore, cease not to entreat Christ, that he show mercy and redeem our souls.

*Kontakion of the Hierarch.
Plagal of Fourth Tone. To thee, the Champion Leader*

TO thee, the pastor and protector of a countless host * of homeless orphans, widows, paupers, and afflicted souls, * do we offer anthems born of love and thanksgiving. * As a hierarch filled with grace and zeal for piety, * do thou save us from the foes of apostolic truth, * for we cry to thee: * Rejoice, O great wonderworker John.



**Saint John of Shanghai and San Francisco
the Wonderworker**

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For the Entreaty *First Tone*

WHAT ascetical labours didst thou not undertake, O stouthearted John? Fired with ardent love for thy Saviour in vigils throughout the night, and by constant fasting and prayer unceasing, thou didst manfully subdue thy flesh to the Spirit, Who deified thee with an abundance of indwelling grace. Wherefore, sanctify us who venerate thy sacred relics.

Third Tone

PUTTING away the old man by arduous labours, thou didst put on the new Man, Christ our God, O thrice-holy Father. In virtue thou didst follow the Lamb and didst prove to be a good shepherd of His flock. Thou didst gather the scattered sheep of the Saviour from the ends of the earth and didst drive off the ravening wolves of heresy and atheism and that apocalyptic beast, ecumenism, with the rod of prayer and the fire of thine instructions. Wherefore, O righteous Hierarch John, join us also to the number of the saved.

Plagal of Second Tone

TRULY, O John, thou didst prove equal to the Apostles, for receiving their grace by succession, by unsleeping labours thou didst multiply the talent that was given thee. As thou didst pass through countless lands seeking the Master's lost sheep, thou didst preach the divinity of Christ by the sanctity of thy life and didst fill the whole world with the witness of the truth. Wherefore, O bastion of the Church, keep us steadfast in the confession of the saving Faith.

Grave Tone

WHO can enumerate the multitude of thy miraculous deeds, O John, great among the Fathers? Thine entire life was a miracle, and what surpasseth the nature of men proved natural for thee. Hence, thou wast

