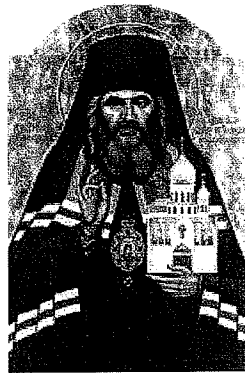




The Olive Shoots
St. Symeon Orthodox Church
September 29, 2013

✙Saint John Maximovitch✙



“O Holy Father John, Pray for us!”
- Prayer to St. John

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Saturday, October 5- Vespers at 6:00 PM
Saturday, October 5- Baptism at 3:00 PM



Troparion to St John in Tone 6

Glorious apostle to an age of coldness and unbelief, invested with the grace-filled power of the saints of old, divinely illumined seer of heavenly mysteries, feeder of orphans, hope of the hopeless, thou didst enkindle on earth the fire of love for Christ upon the dark eve of the day of judgment. Pray now that this sacred flame may also rise from our hearts.

Kontakion of St John in Tone 8

Chosen wonderworker and superb servant of Christ who pourest out in the latter times inexhaustible streams of inspiration and multitude of miracles, we praise thee with love and call out to thee: Rejoice, holy Hierarch John, wonderworker of the latter times.

Today's Bible Verse-

“And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise”- Luke 6: 31

What does this mean?

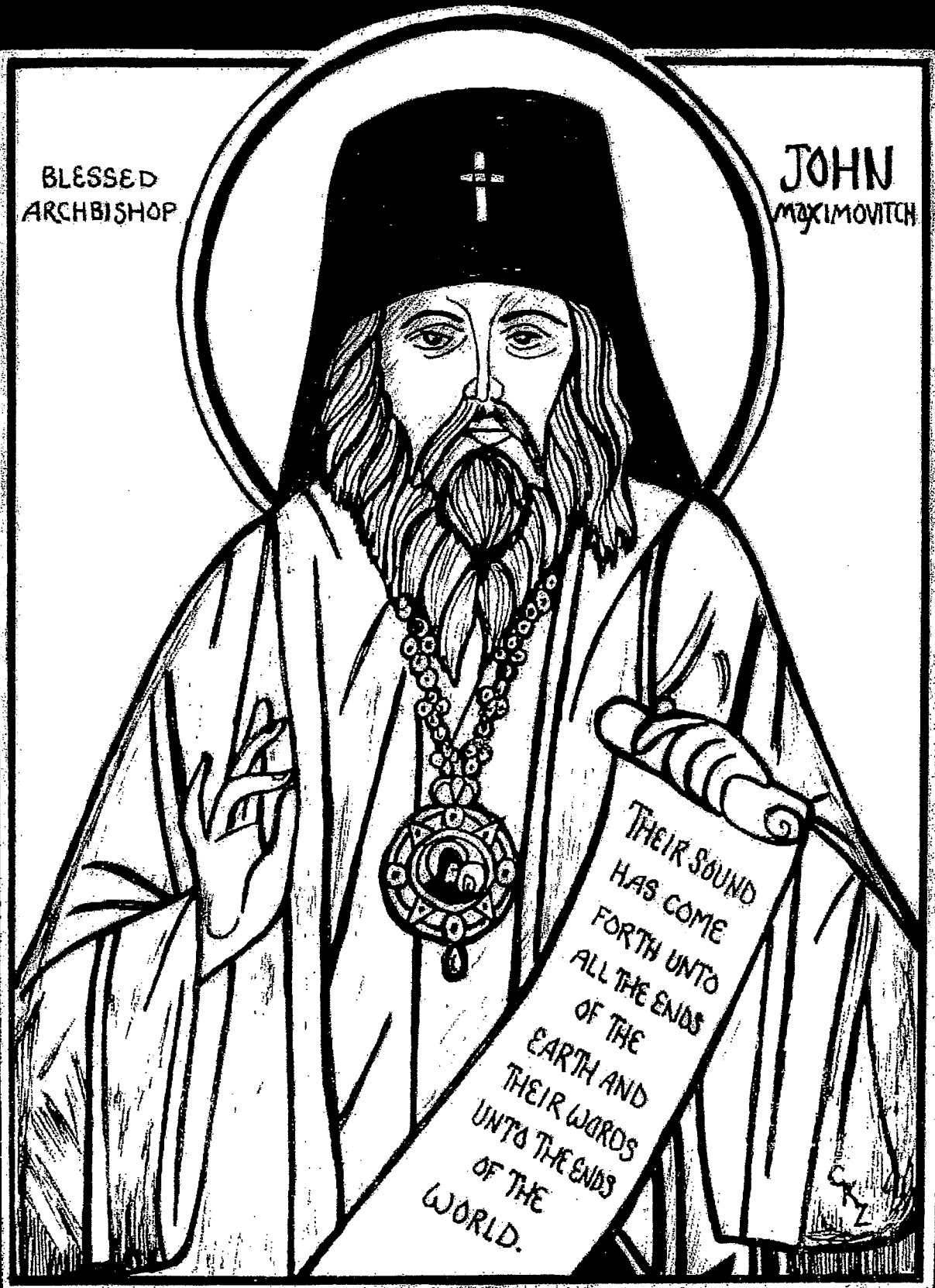
(This is often times called the Golden Rule)
Do unto others as you would have them do to
you.

St. John the Wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco

Today we celebrate the uncovering of the relics of St. John. They were found in 1993. St. John was born on June 4, 1869 with the name of Michael. He was born in a village of Adamovka (add-a-mof-ka) in southern Russia. He had two brothers and a sister. As a child, he was very sick and hated to eat. He believed Archangel Michael was his heavenly protector and he prayed to him for help. at the age of eleven, Michael entered the Poltava Military Academy. Eleven years later he graduated from Kharkov Imperial University with a law degree. In 1921, Michael's family had to move to Belgrade, Serbia because of a war in Russia. He sold newspapers to get money and used that money to pay for education. He graduated from a university with a degree in theology in 1925. One year later, in 1926, he was tonsured a monk and given the name John. During the same year, he became a priest. On May 8, 1934 he was consecrated a Bishop and was assigned the Diocese of Shanghai. St. John loved children, and he opened an orphanage to help the sick and suffering children from the streets of Shanghai that were poor and didn't have a family. He served over 1,500 children while he was in charge of the orphanage. He always prayed to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk to protect the children. Shortly after the orphanage opened, the land around it was attacked. St. John decided to take the children to America. St. John became a teacher at the seminary and would often times stay up late and put the blankets that had fallen to the floor on the seminarians. St. John was known for his special deeds. In 1949, 5000 Russians were forced to leave China. They moved to a small island in the Philippines that was often struck by typhoons. When St. John was on the island, the typhoons would usually move and miss the homes of the people. As soon as the people moved to the US and Australia, the island was struck by typhoons. On November 21, 1962, the feastday to of the Entrance of The Theotokos into the temple, St. John was sent to the cathedral in San Francisco, California. Under his direction, the building of the cathedral as finished. St. John died on July 2, 1966, a few hours after serving the Divine Liturgy. Twenty-eight years later, he was canonized a saint and became known as St. John the Wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco. *O Holy Father John, Pray for us!*

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