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May 23, 2010

8th Sunday of Pascha – HOLY PENTECOST

- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy & Vespers with Kneeling Prayers
Epistle: Acts 2:1-11
Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12
- Molieben of thanksgiving on the closing of the Church School year.
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Chris Bygonaise for the health and salvation of his mother Alina on her Birthday. Thank you!

This week is a fast-free week, thus, there is no fasting on Wednesday and Friday.

Schedule of Services

Monday, May 24 – Day of the Holy Spirit

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 29

4:45pm – Adult Enrichment Program

6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, May 30 – All Saints

Please, note: TIME CHANGE!

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

He Both Succeeded and Failed

On May 26 we remember Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelist of England and first Archbishop of Canterbury.

Augustine of Canterbury is sometimes confused with the more well-known theologian, Augustine of Hippo, who articulated many of the Roman Catholic Church's teachings. But the work of Augustine of Canterbury was mission rather than writing.

A Roman, born in the later sixth century, Augustine entered a Benedictine monastery while young. He served under Pope Gregory, whom we know as Gregory Dialogos, the compiler of the Presanctified Liturgy. The Pope had hoped to convert the pagan "Angles"—inhabitants of England—for several years. He would say of them, "The Angles indeed are worthy to be angels of God." So when he heard that many Angles were ready to accept the Christian faith if they could have good teachers, he seized the opportunity, appointing Augustine to lead a group of about forty missionaries to go and preach the faith in England. The men set out in June of 596.

As they traveled through Gaul (now France) the locals told them unpleasant tales about the uncouth English, wild and ignorant people who couldn't be taught anything. This discouraged the missionaries so much that some wanted to give up and turn back. Augustine felt the same, and offered to return to Rome and tell Pope Gregory about the enormous difficulties they were sure to face. He went, but the Pope was not about to give up on his long-cherished hope. He said, "Go, in God's name! The greater your hardships, the brighter your crown." So Augustine rejoined his companions, and they made their way to Paris, where they spent the winter. When spring arrived, they set sail from a port city (possibly Boulogne) and landed on the Isle of Thanet, near Ramsgate in England.

King Ethelbert came from the royal capital of Canterbury, described then as squalid and half in ruins, to meet them. He was gracious, but he wasn't remotely interested in this new faith they had come to preach. He gave them a building to live in, wished them well, and

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Walter and Mary Milk, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Benedict and Eva Benda, Theodore Rocca, Alexei, Nicholas, Frank, Michael and Elizabeth Zuber, Valentina Benda, Andrew Koch, Cindy Boswell, Olga DeMay, Helen Pirniak, Marianne Guagenti, Mikolaj, Avery, Sophie and Georgette Saba, George Silberman, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Helen Pawlush, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Evelyn Morely, Jaser and Gazie Nesheiwat, Anne Hueston, Cathryn Christensen, Walter Epps, David Smith

May God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Agnes Silberman, Julia Brelinsky, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini

THE DEPARTED:

Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara **Memory Eternal!**

said they were free to gain as many converts as they could.

As time went on, King Ethelbert became deeply impressed with Augustine's gentle manner and simple teaching. Encouraged by his Christian wife, the king asked to receive instruction, and then baptism. On Christmas Day in 597 more than 10,000 people were also baptized by Augustine, now Archbishop.

Yet this same man whose unassertive way of teaching converted a king was completely unsuccessful in his attempts to introduce uniform liturgical practices across the country. The Celtic bishops of South Britain found him to be overbearing and arrogant, and refused to cooperate with his suggestions.

To the king he seemed humble and gentle; to some English bishops he seemed a too-proud Roman. Saints do struggle, and seldom please every person. That they can still be pleasing to God gives hope to the rest of us.



Today's Memorial Offering

- Sanctuary Lamp – in honor of Lindsay Wanko's 22nd Birthday – by Grandma & Grandpa Wanko



Announcements

❖ This week there is no fasting on Wednesday and Friday. The Apostle's (Ss. Peter & Paul) Fast this year is from Monday, May 31st and until June 29th - the Feast of the Holy Apostles, our Patron Saints.

❖ Next Saturday, May 29th we will continue with our **Adult Enrichment Program**. At 4:45pm in our Church Hall we will watch and discuss the fifth, last part of video book "Eastern Christianity: The Byzantine Tradition".

❖ Please, note, that starting next **Sunday, May 30**, (Memorial Day weekend) and until **Sunday, September 5**, (Labor Day weekend) **all** Divine Liturgies (both on Sundays and on Feast days that fall in the middle of the week) will begin at **9am**.

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours: May 30th – provided by Robert Pierce – in honor of his wife Alla and all their family; June 6th – provided by Matthew & Tonya Galati; June 13th – by Marianne & Carmine Guagenti; June 27 – provided by RBO on St. John's Day.

❖ Available at the candle desk are memorial candles, Altar wine and bread to be sponsored in prayerful intentions of your loved-ones.

Welcome to our Parish

We warmly welcome all families, friends and guests to our parish. We are glad to pray with you here today. Over the past eighty-six years, hundreds of people have called Ss. Peter and Paul their home. If this parish is the kind of a spiritual home you have been searching for, we would love to have you become a part of our family.