Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:
Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMey, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter and Mary Milk, Helen Pawlusz, Helen Pimlak, Antonina Potko, Matilda Skirpik, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zubr.

May God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:
Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman, Julia Brelinksiy, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini.

The departed:
Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara.

This is one of the icons in which the Theotokos is shown full length and standing, rather than holding her Son. He appears above her head, crowned, as the King of heaven and earth. In His left hand He holds the Book of the Gospels, and with His right He blesses the people — young, old, poor, rich — who are reaching out to His Mother. Flowers of Paradise, and angels on either side of the Theotokos, remind us that both the heavenly and earthly realms are part of the scene.

Many stories of miracles and healings are associated with the icon. One of the best-known events took place in Saint Petersburg, Russia in 1888. Searing thunderstorms had struck the city and the surrounding area. A bolt of lightning struck the chapel in which the icon was housed. The bolt was so powerful that it set the interior walls on fire, burned most of the icons, and shattered the collection box. Only the icon of the Mother of God, the Joy of All Who Sorrow, was not ruined or even affected. An ear-splitting clap of thunder knocked the icon to the floor, and some copper coins which had been in the collection box became permanently fused to it. But the image on the icon was intact.

The news that this single icon had been spared the destruction of the chapel and its contents spread through Saint Petersburg, and by evening crowds of people had gathered to venerate it. It was not long before people began coming from all over Russia, and as they prayed before it, many were healed of diseases and injuries.

It is easy to “put ourselves into” this icon, in which the Theotokos inclines her head slightly to one side, so as to listen attentively to us as we ask her to pray for us. One of the hymns expresses our request to her in this way: “Enlighten our hearts with devout purpose and raise your prayer to your Son for the salvation of our souls.” She is the Mother who sees us, understands, has compassion, and willingly asks her Son Jesus Christ to have mercy.

October 24, 2010

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

- 9:10am – Reading of Hours
- 9:25am – Churching of newly Chrismated Jacob Galati
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
  Epistle: Gal. 6:11-18
- Church School
- Coffee Hour – in honor of Jacob Galati, on his Chrismation – by Matthew & Tonya Galati. Thank you.
- Parish Council meeting

Schedule of Services
Saturday, October 30
6:00pm – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, October 31
9:10am – Reading of Hours
9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Today’s Memorial Offering

- Sanctuary Lamp – in memory of Stephen Brelinksiy – by John and Helen Wanke.
- Church Wine – in memory of Peter Lopen Sr. – by the Lopen Family.
- Church Bread – in memory of John, Pauline & Ludmila Prokopenko – by Irene Lawrence.

Announcements

- Mark your calendars: We are pleased to announce that His Grace Bishop Michael will visit our parish on the Thanksgiving weekend of November 27 & 28. His Grace will attend Great Vespers on Saturday, November 27, and will serve Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 28. Please save these dates and plan to attend on both days.
- A new carpet installation in our Church is this week (October 27-29). You still have chance to support this project; please make your contributions at the candle desk.
- St. Mary’s A.C.R.Y. Chapter #36 is holding their Annual Luncheon & Card Party on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at St. Mary’s Orthodox Church (89 West 29th St.) Tickets are available at the candle desk. For more information please see a flyer posted in the narthex.

Congratulations

to Jacob Galati, who yesterday was received into Orthodoxy through the service of Holy Chrismation. May God bless and preserve you and your parents in good health for Many, Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

Welcome to our Parish

We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors to our parish. It is our joy to have you with us today. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Igor at the end of the Liturgy and join us for Fellowship down in the Church Hall.