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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

*Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross
Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos*

- 9:10am –Hours
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy

*Epistles: Gal. 6:11-18 (Sunday Before)
1Cor. 16:13-24 (Resurrection)*

*Gospels: Jn. 3:13-17 (Sunday Before)
Matt. 21:33-42 (Resurrection)*

- Fellowship** – Please come downstairs following the Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Matthew & Tonya Galati.

Schedule of Services

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:00pm – Great Vespers with Litya

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00pm – Great Vespers and Confessions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:10am – Hours

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

What Makes the Kids All Right

On September 17 we remember Saint Sophia and her martyred daughters Faith, Hope and Love. They lived in Rome, and spoke openly about their Christian faith even in a time of severe persecutions.

The four family members were arrested and ordered to worship the goddess Artemis, but refused. Sophia, a widow, encouraged the girls (not yet in their teens) to stay strong and face whatever might come. The girls were tortured and killed. Sophia, in pain from torture, was allowed to bury their broken bodies. She prayed over the graves in deepest grief, then died, anticipating a reunion with her daughters in God's Kingdom.

Sophia had taught her family not to be afraid of proclaiming the faith. Their willingness to die rather than renounce Jesus Christ surely encouraged fellow believers to do the same. Their life and death were a reaching out to others.

In the recent movie "The Kids Are All Right" there is no reaching out; everything is turned inward. The story is of a lesbian couple, Nic and Jules, who have two teenage children, a boy and a girl, both by the same sperm donor.

When Nic questions the boy, Laser, about a friend she doesn't like, her words show that she is raising the son to look at everything in terms of personal benefit. She asks him what he "gets" from the friendship. She tells Laser that the friend is undesirable because he seems "untended." It doesn't occur to her that she and her family might reach out to him, and have a part in "tending" him..

Laser and his sister Joni secretly meet their biological father, Paul. They develop a relationship with him, and finally bring him home to meet Nic and Jules. It seems that Paul may belatedly have a place in their lives, but this possibility is

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Stephen & Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber, Joseph Korin.

May God grant you Many Years!

THE DEPARTED:

Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

ruined by his immoral behavior. Nic, who is terrified of losing her primary place in the children's lives as they get closer to Paul, seizes the chance to banish him from their lives. She angrily calls him an "interloper" as she slams the door of the family's house in his face, telling him never to come back.

To Nic, Paul is an interloper because he threatens her desire to shut the world out and enclose her family safely behind that door she slams on him. But he is also Joni and Laser's father, and she will never really be able to shut that fact out.

Saint Sophia didn't try to shut the world out. She taught her family members to face the world, and to be concerned for others' salvation as well as their own. She urged them not to fear suffering for Christ. That is the only way to raise truly Christian children: by readying them to put Christ first, not by trying to shut the world out or, certainly, by trying to deny biological truth. That is also the only way it's possible to feel that the kids really are all right.



Today's Memorial Offering

- **Sanctuary Lamp** – in memory of Andrew Wanko, on his Anniversary of Death – by John and Helen Wanko



Announcements

❖ Wednesday, **September 14** is the feast of **Exaltation of the Cross**. Please consider to make a donation to decorate the Cross of the Lord with flowers. May God bless you abundantly for your support.

❖ The **Carpathian Club** will hold its **annual picnic** on **Sunday September 18, 2011** from 11am-3pm on the church grounds. The price of tickets is \$17 at the door and \$15 in advance. Please see Robert Pierce for tickets.

❖ St. Spiridon Orthodox Church in Perth Amboy, NJ will hold their **3rd Annual Russian Cultural Festival** on **Sunday, September 18, 2011** from 12pm – 7pm. For more information please see a flyer on the bulletin board.

❖ St Gregory Palamas parish in Glen Gardner, NJ is hosting a **Tricky Tray** on **Sunday, September 30th**. For more details please see a flyer on the bulletin board.

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk.

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

Birthday Greetings

and warmest wishes to Helen Wanko, Olga DeMay and to all who celebrate their birthdays in the month of September. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many, Many, Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!