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24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 9:10am – Hours, Confessions
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Eph. 2:14-22
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17
- Church School
- Panikhida in memory of:
 - Marianne Benda, on the 3rd Anniversary of her Repose, offered by Theodore and Valentina Benda.
 - Georgette Saba, on the 40th day of her Repose, offered by Nesheiwat Family
- Coffee Hour – in memory of newly-departed Georgette Saba, offered by Nesheiwat Family.

Schedule of Services

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00pm – Lecture by His Grace Bishop Michael “The True Meaning of Christmas”.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:00pm – Great Vespers and Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:30am – Divine Liturgy, followed by Annual Parish Meeting

Busybodies Need Not Apply

On December 1st we remember the prophet Nahum. He wrote triumphantly about the destruction, in the year 612 BC, of the city of Ninevah. With its great city fallen, the Assyrian Empire's long and brutal oppression of its neighbors would come to an end.

Much of Nahum's prophecy taunts the Assyrians, telling them that their overthrow is well-deserved. His closing words are, “There is no assuaging your hurt, your wound is grievous. All who hear the news of you clap their hands over you. For upon whom has not come your unceasing evil?”

Nahum also seems to tell the Assyrians that laziness contributed to their downfall: “Your shepherds are asleep, O king of Assyria; your nobles slumber” (3:18a.). This theme of dangerous laziness comes up again in New Testament readings for this day and the next: 2 Thess. 2:13-3:18.

In the first chapter of this second letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul offers his thanks that God “chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification” (2: 13). Many of those he is addressing are new converts, so he urges them to hold fast to the teaching they have received by his preaching or his letters. There are those among them, he cautions, who do not have faith. But he reassures them that despite these faithless people, “God is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from evil” (3: 3).

Paul had preached in Thessalonica's synagogue, as he did in every place he stopped, for several weeks. Working with Timothy and Silas, he had attracted many Jewish converts. There were also Gentiles who had joined the Jewish faith, but were convinced by his preaching to become Christians. This created a serious problem; some resentful Jewish leaders maligned Paul and accused him of all sorts of moral and ethical failings. The new converts felt surrounded by hostile

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

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

THE DEPARTED:

Peter Kalada, Benedict Benda, Georgette Saba, Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone. June Bianchini. Marianne Benda.

Annual Parish Meeting

is next Sunday, December 4th after the Divine Liturgy. Please plan on attending – your presence is necessary.

opponents.

Another problem was that some of the new Christians had been misled into believing that the Day of the Lord had already come. Therefore, there was no need to prepare for it, and no need to do any work. Paul strives tells the Thessalonians they must “keep away from any brother who is living in idleness and not in accord with the tradition you received from us” (3:6). He also describes the example of his own life: “with toil and labor we worked night and day” (3: 8).

He refers to these idlers as “mere busybodies.” They are so lazy that rather than find something productive to do, they spend their time interfering with others' work. Paul has no patience with these people. He commands that everyone should work and earn an honest living. He urges those who are working as they should to keep away from those who refuse to do so. Yet Paul truly wants every one of God's beloved to be saved. So he tells the Thessalonians not to treat an idle busybody as an enemy, “but to warn him as a brother” (3:15).

Today's Memorial Offering



- *Sanctuary Lamp* – in honor of Stephen Wanko's Birthday – by daughters Lauren & Lindsay.
- *St. John's Cross* – in honor of Kenneth Bianchini's Birthday – by Grandpa & Grandma Wanko.

• *St. Nicholas Cross* – in honor of Stephen Wanko's Birthday – by Mom & Dad.

• *Triple Candelabra* – in memory of Marianne Benda, on the 3rd Anniversary of Repose – by Mom & Dad Benda.

• *Candles on the Altar* – in memory of Benedict Bedna – by Maria Suckovacki.



Announcements

❖ We are in the Nativity Fast, which ends after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, December 25th. Please remember the importance of the spiritual part of the Fast – make proper preparations and receive private Confession and Holy Communion during this time.

❖ On Wed. November 30, 2011 at 7:00pm His Grace Bishop Michael will visit our parish with a special presentation – “The True Meaning of Christmas”. We will explore the meaning of this wonderful feast as conveyed to us through scripture, the liturgical services and hymns, as well as the various holy traditions of our Orthodox Church. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. Light refreshments and fellowship will be held in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Birthday Greetings

and warmest wishes to Stephen Wanko, Miroslaw Szeslawicki, and to all who celebrate their birthdays in the month of November. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many, Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

