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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

ask for healing, and to honor this beloved "slayer of the dragon."

On this day we read Acts 9:1-19, telling of the apostle Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus. The first words, describing Paul, make him sound like a man possessed by a "dragon" himself. We read: "Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord..." Saul so hates Christians that he wants to round up any there are in Damascus, bind them, and bring them to Jerusalem to face the Temple authorities.

Paul has an inner dragon to face and conquer. He must change his whole way of thinking and acting, and do away with the hatred inside him. We too have dragons to defeat—some internal, some external. Saint George and Saint Paul remind us of that, and they also remind us that Christ can lead us, as He led them, to victory over the dragons in our path.



Announcements

❖ Due to Fr. Igor's absence next weekend, there will be no Adult Enrichment Program next Saturday, April 25 before Vespers. We will continue with it on following Saturday, May 1.

❖ Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed. Have it in memory or in health of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours: April 25th – provided by Halina Harasim in memory of departed members of her family; May 2nd – provided by Bianchini & Wanko Families – in memory of newly departed June Bianchini; May 23rd – provided by Chris Bygonaise.

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

❖ A&P Shopping Cards available today. Ask at the candle-stand. Participate and help us raise funds at NO COST to you.

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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.

Christ is Risen!

April 18, 2010

3rd Sunday of Pascha – Holy Myrrhbearing Women

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

- Panikhida – in memory of:
 - Julia Brelinsky – 40th day of Repose – offered by son Michael and Cheryl Brelinsky;
 - Steven Pirniak and Eva DeMay – Anniversary of Repose – by Olga DeMay and Helen Pirniak.
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Olga DeMay and Helen Pirniak in memory of the deceased members of DeMay and Pirniak Families. Thank you!

Schedule of Services

Saturday, April 24

6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, April 25

9:30am – Divine Liturgy followed by Panikhida offered by Halina Harasim in memory of the departed members of her family. Coffee Hour to follow.

St. George, St. Paul, and the Dragon

On April 23 we remember the Great Martyr and Wonderworker George, who was born to Christian parents in Cappadocia, toward the end of the third century.

George always knew he wanted to be a soldier. He quickly rose in the Roman army ranks, gaining the status of tribune. He enjoyed the favor of the Emperor Diocletian, who had known his family, and he was also an excellent soldier.

But Diocletian hated Christianity and brutally punished anyone identified as a follower of Jesus Christ. When George saw the way Christians were persecuted and killed, he confronted the emperor, condemning the cruel acts and proclaiming his own Christian faith. He even renounced his army commission, an act which was seen as deeply insulting to Rome and her ruler.

The emperor had George jailed and tortured. The young prisoner prayed constantly and was saved from death over and over again, despite the terrible things done to him. The sight of these miracles and of George's faithful prayer led many who witnessed them to become Christians, including the emperor's wife Alexandra. This inflamed Diocletian's fury and frustration, and in 303 he ordered his wife and George beheaded.

The well-known image of Saint George shows him thrusting a long spear into a menacing beast, a dragon, but accounts of his life don't include such an episode. Yet it is an appropriate image, because it reflects his courage in challenging powerful evil, and overcoming its might through prayer. The image reminds us that we also must stand up to evil and defend the faith. We also need to be people of prayer who can face "dragons" of various kinds rather than running away from them.

Saint George continues to be venerated today. He is the patron saint of England; the city of Moscow has several statues and other depictions of him; countless Orthodox churches are named for him. People still look to him for miracles and healing, too. Among many shrines is a small, unimposing one at Beit Jala, near Bethlehem. Visitors, both Muslim and Christian, come in great numbers to pray, to