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Christ is Risen!

May 2, 2010

5th Sunday of Pascha Samaritan Woman

9:00am – General Confession

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

- **Blessing of Vestments**, generously donated by Helen and John Wanko in memory of beloved daughter June Bianchini.
- **Panikhida** – in memory of newly departed **June Bianchini**, offered by the Wanko and Bianchini Families
- **Fellowship** – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Bianchini and Wanko Families in memory of newly departed June Bianchini. Thank you!

Schedule of Services

Saturday, May 8

6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, May 9

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Saint Arsenius, Monk and Wise Teacher

May 8 is the day we commemorate Saint Arsenius the Great, a revered example of monasticism and also a teacher who knew how to inspire and encourage.

Born to a cultured Roman family in 354, Arsenius received an excellent education. He chose not to follow the worldly paths open to him, and was ordained a deacon. Quiet and retiring, he was content to serve in that capacity in one of Rome's churches.

But Emperor Theodosius knew of his learning, high moral character, and prayerful life. The Emperor felt he had found the perfect man to serve as tutor to his two sons, and summoned Arsenius to the imperial court.

Arsenius did his best with the two high-spirited boys. But for such a lover of silence, with no wish to be singled out or even noticed, court life was a painful burden rather than an honor. The court constantly bustled with activity and chatter. People frequently noticed him—he had, after all, been chosen to educate young men who might one day be rulers.

It all became too much, and he decided to heed the interior voice that kept urging him to go and find silence and solitude. He changed from his court dress into simple clothes, made his way to the coast and boarded a ship sailing for Egypt.

Once there, Arsenius headed for the desert with its famous monasteries. He joined one, after proving himself to the elders, and spent the rest of his life in a remote desert cell where he wove baskets and prayed, joining others only for the Divine Liturgy at the monastery church.

Yet this man who so loved to be alone with God also had a generous willingness to teach the many who heard of his great spiritual labors and came to him for counsel. "The Prologue from Ochrid" gives us the story of a monk who came to Arsenius with a serious problem: when he read Scripture, he didn't feel the power of the words, and he felt no sweetness in his heart.

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!

Arsenius didn't dismiss the monk with a curt, "Try harder!" Instead he used a memorable image as a way of encouraging the man to keep reading, even if the words didn't touch his heart. A snake charmer, he said, doesn't understand the words he is saying, but the snake understands and is tamed by them. Similarly, if you keep the words of Scripture on your lips, the demons who understand and hate those words of the Holy Spirit will flee. At the same time—and here he wisely promised his monk-student a satisfying result—the Holy Spirit who inspired those words will also understand, and will be quick to help you.

We can remember Saint Arsenius for this example of good teaching, but he has also left another lesson that can apply to many of us: "I have often regretted the things I have said, but I have never regretted my silence.



Today's Memorial Offering

- **Sanctuary Lamp** – in memory of Joseph Macinsky – Anniversary of Repose – by Mary Macinsky



Announcements

❖ Archpriest Michael [Dahulich], Bishop-elect of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey of the Orthodox Church in America, was tonsured to the Lesser Schema at Saint Tikhon's Monastery on Great and Holy Tuesday, March 30, 2010. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah presided at the tonsuring. The following day, Father Michael was elevated to the rank of Archimandrite in anticipation of his consecration to the episcopacy on the second weekend of May. Great Vespers and Archimandrite Michael's Nomination will be celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Jersey City, NJ, on Friday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m., with the consecration Divine Liturgy to be celebrated on Saturday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m. On Sunday, May 9 Bishop Michael will celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, New York, NY at 9:30 a.m.

❖ There will be no **Adult Enrichment Program** next Saturday, May 8th due to consecration of our Bishop-elect Archimandrite Michael Dahulich. We will continue following Saturday, May 15th.

❖ **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: 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.

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.