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May 16, 2010

**7th Sunday of Pascha – Holy Fathers
of the First Ecumenical Council.
Afterfeast of the Ascension**

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

- Panikhida – in memory of Eva Benda, mother of Benedict & Theodore Benda, and of Ksenia Tomaszkevicz, mother of Eva Benda, – on their 25th Anniversary of the Repose, offered by Benda Family.
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Benda Family. Thank you!

Schedule of Services

Saturday, May 22 – MEMORIAL SATURDAY

9:30am – Divine Liturgy – Reading of names from Parish Memorial List followed by Panikhida for All our Departed

4:45pm – Adult Enrichment Program

6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, May 23 – PENTECOST

9:30am – Divine Liturgy followed by Vespers with Kneeling Prayers

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Seeing Saint Paul

On May 22 we read Chapter 28 in Acts. It's the book's final chapter, and it offers us several glimpses into the life and character of Saint Paul.

The chapter first describes a winter sea voyage, a fierce storm and shipwreck on the island of Malta. Fortunately, the island's inhabitants welcome their wet, cold visitors with a fire. Paul shows himself to be one who serves rather than waiting to be served; he helps the others gather sticks and heaps them on the blaze. The heat draws a viper out of Paul's bundle of sticks, and it attaches itself to his hand. When he shakes it off and is unharmed, the natives see that he can't be overcome either by shipwreck or a possibly poisonous snake. They decide he is a god.

But Paul simply continues to serve. He heals the father of the island's "chief man" and after that others who are sick. The grateful islanders load him and his companions with provisions and gifts when they finally set sail again.

The voyage ends at Puteoli, and Paul continues by land to Rome. But his entrance into the capital city isn't what he must have envisioned, for he comes as a prisoner. Yet just as he favorably impressed the Maltese, he impresses those guarding him. Rather than being put in the common military prison, he is "allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier that guarded him" (16).

Paul does in Rome what he has faithfully done in every city, calling the local Jewish community together. He assures them that he respects their faith, "since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain" (20). Then, with his usual unflinching energy, he speaks with them "from morning till evening, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets" (23).

Some are convinced by Paul's words; others are not and they argue among themselves. Paul then quotes the words of Isaiah to explain why the Gospel will be preached to the Gentiles rather than the Jews who refuse to believe. Jesus has quoted these same

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!

words to His disciples in Matthew's Gospel, adding, "Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear" (13:14-16).

The final verses show us that Paul, as always, attracts many and diverse people. He welcomes all who come, preaching to those who don't yet believe, and teaching believers who want to learn more.

The Book of Acts does not describe the end of Paul's life. Tradition tells us that he was released and then made or directed further missionary journeys. Later he was rearrested, condemned, and executed under Nero.

Saint John Chrysostom wasn't worried by the lack of a certain conclusion in Acts. He wrote that Luke "leaves the reader thirsting so that thereafter he guesses for himself...For to know everything makes one sluggish and dull."



Announcements

❖ Today, Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 12 Noon there will be an Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction at St. Mary's Church (89 West 29th Street, Bayonne, NJ). Tickets (\$10.00) are available at the candle desk.

❖ Next Saturday, May 22nd we will continue with our Adult Enrichment Program. At 4:45pm in our Church Hall we will watch and discuss the fourth part of video book "Eastern Christianity: The Byzantine Tradition".

❖ Please, note, that starting on Sunday, May 30, (Memorial Day weekend) and until Sunday, September 5, (Labor Day weekend) *all* Divine Liturgies (both on Sundays and on Feast days that fall in the middle of the week) will begin at 9am.

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

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

Greetings

Happy Birthday to Lindsay Wanko, Danielle Kovach and to all who will celebrate their birthday in the month of May!

Congratulation to Lindsay Wanko on the special occasion of her graduation from college!

God Bless all of you with good health and happiness for Many, Many, Many Years! Многая лета!

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.