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October 3, 2010

19th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00am – General Confession, Reading of Hours
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
*Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9
 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36*
- Molieben for the beginning of the new Church School year
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Molieben for Coffee Hour. Thank you.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, October 9
 6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, October 10
 9:10am – Reading of Hours
 9:30am – Divine Liturgy

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The Monk Dostoevsky Most Admired

On October 10 we remember Saint Ambrose of Optina, who lived from 1812 to 1891. The Russian novelist Feodor Dostoevsky said that Saint Ambrose was the model for the character of Father Zossima in his novel "The Brothers Karamazov."

The Optina Monastery was frequented by pilgrims and seekers because it was well-known for the wisdom of its spiritual directors. Dostoevsky came to the monastery in profound sorrow after the death of his young son in 1878. His meeting with Father Ambrose deeply affected him. But the novelist was only one of countless people who received spiritual nurture from Father Ambrose' loving words of guidance.

Born into a priestly family, Alexander (his birth name) had a lively, outgoing nature and liked jokes and word play. He was bright, and did very well as a seminary student, but serious illness struck him just before graduation. He made a promise to God that if he recovered, he would become a monk.

Perhaps it was his lighthearted nature that made him completely seem to forget his promise for quite a while after he regained his health. But one evening, an especially enjoyable one filled with laughter and good company, Alexander was struck by the superficiality of his life. The very next morning, telling hardly anyone, he set out for Optina (October of 1839).

Alexander received monastic tonsure in 1842, and was given the name Ambrose in honor of Saint Ambrose of Milan. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1845, and served the Divine Liturgy with joy and reverence. Not long after, though, he again became ill, and in the years that followed his health continued to deteriorate.

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter and Mary Milk, Helen Pawlush, Helen Pirniak, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber.

May God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman, Julia Brelinsky, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini.

THE DEPARTED:

Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

In spite of this, however, he became the Elder of the monastery when the revered Father Macarius died in 1860 without naming a successor. By this time, Ambrose had become well-known throughout Russia as a spiritual guide, and so many people came to speak with him that they would wait in long lines. His schedule would have been fatiguing for a person in good health, but Father Ambrose was so ill that sometimes he had to receive people hour after hour while lying down, because he was too weak to get up. Yet he never turned people away, and always listened intently. Often he would tell people their own deepest thoughts, having seen into their hearts even before they had said a word.

In 1884, Father Ambrose founded the Shamordino Monastery for women near Optina. In 1891, visiting the monastery, he continued to receive those who wished to speak with him. But in the fall of that year, his health failed completely, and he died. His funeral, attended by crowds of people, was held at Optina, and he is buried there.

Father Ambrose left many good sayings. One which especially seems to reflect his thoughts about life is this: "We must live on earth just as a wheel turns, with only one point on the ground while the rest reaches out and upward."



Today's Memorial Offering

- **Sanctuary Lamp** – in honor of Keira Canova's 4th Birthday – by Grandpa & Grandma Wanko.
- **Church Wine** – in memory of Peter Lopen Sr. – by the Lopen Family.



Announcements

- ❖ The Bayonne "R" Club will have a meeting following Liturgy today.
- ❖ Mark your calendars: We are pleased to announce that His Grace Bishop Michael will visit our parish on the Thanksgiving weekend of November 27 & 28. More details are coming up. Please save these dates and plan to attend on both days.
- ❖ A new carpet installation in our Church is coming up this month. If you would like to support this project, please make your contribution at the candle desk. Thank you.
- ❖ Sunday, October 10 the Bayonne and Jersey City 'R' Clubs are sponsoring a trip to Ellis and Liberty Islands followed by a dinner social at the Church Hall in Jersey City. See Marge Kovach if you are interested in further details.
- ❖ The Bayonne "R" Club will be holding their annual flea market on October 16 & 23. If necessary, please contact any member to arrange for pick up of donated items.
- ❖ Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed. Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hour: October 24 – sponsored by Matthew & Tonya Galati.

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